



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship

**October 26, 2014
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.**

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

Gracious God, we lift our voices to praise you. Quiet our distracted minds, still our restless hearts, that we might worship you with joy. Send your Holy Spirit to swirl through our thoughts and feelings, through our songs and prayers, that we might continually be re-formed into the image of the One who embodied eternal love, Jesus the Christ.

PRELUDE Erhalt uns Herr bei deinem Wort Dieterich Buxtehude
Preserve Us, Lord, Through Your Word

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT
(9:00) Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord Lawrence Curry
Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands! Serve the Lord with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!
Psalm 100:1-2
(11:00) Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us Calvin Hampton
Savior, like a shepherd lead us; Much we need your tender care. In your pleasant pastures feed us, For our use your fold prepare. Blessed Jesus, You have bought us; we are yours.

We are yours, in love befriend us, Be the guardian of our way; Keep your flock, from sin defend us, Seek us when we go astray. Blessed Jesus, Hear your children when we pray.

Let us always seek your favor; Let us always do your will; Jesus Christ, our only Savior, With your love our spirits fill. Blessed Jesus, You have loved us, love us still.

Dorothy Thrupp

Boys’ and Girls’ Choirs

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 90

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.
People: Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
Leader: So teach us to count our days, that we may gain a wise heart.
People: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
Leader: Let us worship the Lord, our God, our help in ages past and our hope for years to come...

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 210** (blue hymnal) Our God, Our Help in Ages Past *St. Anne*
***CALL TO CONFESSION**
***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison) John Calvin, Geneva, 1542
O Lord God, eternal and almighty Father, we confess and acknowledge before thy holy majesty that we are poor sinners, prone to do evil, and that in our depravity we transgress thy holy commandments without end or ceasing. Nevertheless, O Lord, we are grieved that we have offended thee; and we condemn ourselves and our sins with true repentance, beseeching thy grace to relieve our distress. O God and Father most gracious and full of compassion, have mercy upon us in the name of thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. And as thou dost blot out our sins, increase in us day by day the grace of thy Holy Spirit. Amen.

***RESPONSE** Take, O Take Me as I Am John L. Bell
***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***RESPONSE** Celtic Alleluia (*sing twice*) Fintan O’Carroll

TO EXPERIENCE GOD’S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING Deuteronomy 34:1-4; Psalm 90; Deuteronomy 34:5-12
A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Amy Rawe
Children age 4 through 2nd grade are invited to go downstairs for Children’s Worship.
SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 22:34-40
SERMON Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

“Love will endure – if I can let you go”
from “Autumn Sonnets” by May Sarton

***HYMN NO. 260** (blue hymnal) (9:00) A Mighty Fortress Is Our God *Ein’ feste Burg*
***HYMN NO. 384** (blue hymnal) (11:00) O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go *St. Margaret*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison)
From “The Confession of 1967” Presbyterian Church USA
The life, death, resurrection and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church’s mission. His life as a human being involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to humanity commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all the sufferings of humankind

so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of people in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God’s judgement on humankind’s inhumanity and the awful consequences of its own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God’s renewal of humanity’s life in society and of God’s victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS (11:00) Vernon and Gail Bruner

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ... The Lord’s Prayer
During the Prayers of the People there will be a time of silence. You are invited to use this time for personal reflection, confession, thanksgiving, and prayer.

THE OFFERING
Please sign and pass the Friendship Register found on the pew nearest the center aisle.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM
(9:00) Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us Calvin Hampton
(The text is found at the Introit.)
(11:00) Fight the Good Fight With All Thy Might John Gardner
Fight the good fight with all thy might, Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right; Lay hold on life, and it shall be Thy joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God’s good grace, Lift up thine eyes and seek his face; Life with its way before us lies, Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside, lean on thy guide: His boundless mercy will provide; Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove Christ is its life, and Christ its love.

Faint not, nor fear, his arms are near; He changeth not, and thou art dear; Only believe, and thou shalt see That Christ is all in all to thee. Amen.
J. S. B. Monsell

Chancel Choir
Grace Lee, Piano
***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology *Lasst uns erfreuen*
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; alleluia; Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**
TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 260** (blue hymnal) (11:00) A Mighty Fortress Is Our God *Ein’ feste Burg*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**
All time belongs to God. This hour of worship, set aside, belongs to God. This afternoon. The rest of this day. The rest of this week. All of your time belongs to God. For *you* belong to God.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 586** (blue hymnal) Amen
Danish melody

***POSTLUDE** Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott Johann Gottfried Walther
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Vicki Mayfield and Jerry Faerber
CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR OCTOBER: Sue Byerly
LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND HEARING DEVICES are available from ushers.
SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES (11:00): Ellie Yates and Ian Salsbery
GREETERS (11:00): Angela Shilling and Sam Smith
CHILDREN’S WORSHIP:
(9:00) Childcare through age 5
(11:00) Mark and Teresa Palmer, Jake and Lane Palmer

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:
(9:00) Boys’ and Girls’ Choirs
(11:00) Boys’, Chancel, and Girls’ Choirs

SENIOR USHER: Tom Byerley

USHERS:
(9:00) Bob and Lucinda Albiston
(11:00) Bob Daverman, Don Byerly, Andrew and Kristi Gordon, Reed Ellis

Children are always welcome in our worship services! A nursery for newborns up to 5 years of age is provided in the Children’s education wing by trained, caring staff each week as a part of our ministry to children and their families. Please ask a greeter or usher for assistance.

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Anne Davidson in loving memory of Bud and Jean Davidson.

A STATED SESSION MEETING is today at 12:15 p.m. in the McKinnon Room.

OUR THANKS to Grace Lee for her enrichment of our worship this morning as she accompanies the Chancel Choir anthem.

THIS MORNING’S OFFERTORY ANTHEM at the 11:00 service is fifth of English composer John Gardner’s *Five Hymns in Popular Style*. It is a fresh, vital, and clever setting of the text and great fun to sing. The colors used in the accompaniment are unusual: the right hand is often played in the extreme treble while the left hand is in the extreme bass. Rhythmically, syncopation and mixed meter are commonplace, while the articulation and note lengths often contrast. The one common element throughout is joy and exuberance! I first came across this piece while a college student and member of the choir at First Presbyterian Church in Ann Arbor, singing under the direction of Donald Bryant, who became a very good friend and mentor. He passed away this past summer, so I would like to offer our singing of it in honor and memory of him and in deep gratitude for his countless contributions to the music of the Church and his influence in my life and indirectly our choirs’. On another personal note, the last time this anthem was sung at Westminster was on November 18, 2001, my 20th anniversary at Westminster. Barbara Adamcik, Margaret Harrison, and the Chancel Choir totally surprised me by singing this during an extended offertory. They had rehearsed for weeks without my ever knowing!

Peter Van Eenam

WESTMINSTER CHORISTERS will rehearse this afternoon at its regular time of 4:00.

A RARE OPPORTUNITY! The Choir of Westminster Abbey will be heard in concert at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 800 Northshore Drive on Wednesday, October 29th at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$35, and the congregation is cordially invited to attend. Don’t miss this chance to hear one of the world’s finest choirs! For further information, please call 588-0589.

TRUNK-OR-TREAT: Our WPC youth are hosting Trunk-Or-Treat for children and friends of Westminster **this evening** at 5:30. Put on your best costume (you too, parents!) and join us in the WPC parking lot. We’ll have lots of treats, prizes, and surprises! (Including a costume contest!) Afterwards, ALL are invited to join us in a yummy dinner featuring “Halloweiners”, hamburgers and ice cream treats prepared by our own Chef Betty McKeehan. Hope to see you all there!!

BLT: Bible/Lunch/Tuesdays
October 28 – Noon

The BLT class continues this week with a discussion of Chapter 5 of the Gospel of Mark and pages 49-55 in the study guide. Join us in the McKinnon Room at noon, and feel free to bring your lunch.

Wednesdays With Westminster

Dinner begins at 5:45, followed by a speaker at 6:30. No reservations are needed, and there is a suggested donation of \$5 per person for dinner. Childcare is available.
October 29: Lisa Ellis will help us take a look at Elder Care.
November 5: Paula Smartt will continue a discussion begun last year about the Holocaust.
Companions in Christ meet in the Prayer Room.

STEWARDSHIP DEDICATION SUNDAY is November 2nd. Stewardship packets were mailed this past week. Please return your pledge card in the offering plate or to the church office.

WESTMINSTER FRIENDS LUNCHEON: Join us following the 11:00 service next Sunday, November 2nd for lunch and fellowship! The church will provide sandwiches (ham, turkey, chicken salad) and drinks, and ask that you bring a side dish or dessert to share (no nuts please). This is a great opportunity to enjoy getting to know other families in our congregation, and for the kids to have fun together. Games and the bounce house for the little ones will be set up in the courtyard (weather permitting). Please RSVP to angela_wpc@comcast.net.

TAKE SOME NEW MEXICO HOME: The beautiful photos hanging in the Schilling Gallery are an inspiring view of our youth’s trip to Ghost Ranch. The show will continue through October, but why stop there? If you would like to purchase these beautiful framed photos, you have that opportunity. You may place an order for your favorite photo between Sunday School and Church on Sundays or with Renee on weekdays through October 31. Suggested donations are: Small (9x12) \$20, Medium (14x18) \$30, and Large (20x24) \$40. All proceeds will support our youth. Thank you!!

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Display Your Crèche

The Schilling Gallery Guild will display crèches in our showcases for the months of November and December. If you would like to share a crèche with us, please contact Carlene Robinson at tx2tn@earthlink.net. Our guild members will be organizing this display on Saturday, November 1st at 10:00 a.m. Please plan to bring your crèche at that time, or secure it with Renee in the church office during the week before.

WELCOME TO WESTMINSTER: Are you new to Westminster? Have you joined within the past year or have you been visiting and want to learn more about us? We will have the first of three classes for new members and interested newcomers on November 2 during the 10:00 Sunday school hour. We’ll take a break on November 9 to join a class led by guest speaker Dr. Deanna Thompson, then resume on November 16 and 23. If you have questions, please contact Barbara or Mary.

Sanctuary Speaker Series

Deanna Thompson, PhD., author of *Hoping For More*, will grace our pulpit Saturday evening at 7:00 p.m., November 8 and Sunday morning, November 9 at both worship services. Dr. Thompson is a stage IV breast cancer survivor who documented her journey through disease and recovery in her thought-provoking book. This is not just a book for those who have personal experience with cancer. It is also a guide for reaching out to people with chronic or life-threatening illness. Please plan to join us for these events, and invite a friend.

Adult Sunday School Classes

Bible Study meets in the McKinnon Room, led by Ellen Anderson and Scott Brunger. Today we will read Genesis 41 about Joseph interpreting Pharaoh’s dreams.
Current Topics meets in the Fellowship Hall. Today we continue “Introduction to the Middle East,” led by Phil Barnette.
Faith and Life meets in the Prayer Room. Elizabeth Ridley and Larry Ridley are leading a study of Phillip Yancey’s book, *What’s So Amazing About Grace*.
Table Talk meets in the Library. The DVD/discussion series *Animate the Bible* is facilitated by Amanda Collins and Barbara McNew.
Coffee House is a time for coffee, conversation, and fellowship in the Schilling Gallery from 10:00-11:00 each Sunday morning.