



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship

**August 30, 2015
10:00 A.M.**

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

Welcome to Westminster Church! We are a family of Christians gathered from many traditions and neighborhoods, worshiping here with the goal of connecting faith and life. If you are a visitor, we pray you will feel welcome and blessed by our worship. We invite you to consider making Westminster your church home. Please let us have your contact information so we may be in touch.

Children are welcome in worship here. A nursery is available during the entire service.

When the prelude begins let us quietly prepare for the worship of almighty God.

PRELUDE Prelude in e, BWV 533, 1 J. S. Bach

**OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION
CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Be glad in God, and rejoice, O righteous; shout for joy, all upright of heart.

People: God has called us by name and poured out abundant mercy upon us.

Leader: God has multiplied our resources and blessed us with food for body and soul.

People: Christ dwells in our hearts through faith that we may be rooted and grounded in love.

Leader: God grants us power to comprehend love's breadth and length, its heights and depths.

People: The love of Christ surpasses knowledge and fills us with the fullness of God.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 457** (blue hymnal) I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art Toulon

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people. You have called us to be the church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world. Yet we acknowledge we are often more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, obstinate than obedient, and legalistic than loving. Gracious God, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Remove the obstacles preventing us from being your representatives to a broken world and awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

***KYRIE ELEISON NO. 574** (blue hymnal) arr. David N. Johnson

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

***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 4:1-2, 6-9

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN JP Mackay

Children age 4 through 2nd grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Children's Worship.

SCRIPTURE READING James 1:17-27

SERMON "The Doer - where faith & life connect" Michael Yates

***HYMN NO. 560** (blue hymnal) We Plow the Fields and Scatter Nyland

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison)

We are not alone. We live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, and who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect to Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

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.

Though many of us contribute electronically or by a check in the mail, your holding and passing the offering plate is an act of blessing and dedication to our life together in Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM To God Be Joyful W. A. Mozart

To God be joyful; all hearts now be joyful! Alleluia. Know the Lord, know that he is God; he hath made us, and we are his. We are his flock, he the shepherd. O enter forth with thanksgiving; come with singing. To God be joyful; all hearts now be joyful! Alleluia. Indeed, how good is the Lord; alleluia.

based on Psalm 100

Mary Lou Holt, Piano

***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology No. 514 (red hymnal) *Old Hundredth*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 540** (blue hymnal) God Be with You Till We Meet Again *Randolph*

***CHARGE AND BEDICTION**

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

Danish melody

***POSTLUDE** Fugue in e, BWV 533, 2

J. S. Bach

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Bitsy Ingram and JP Mackay.

CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR SEPTEMBER: Sue Byerly and Judy Jorden

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND HEARING DEVICES are available from the ushers.

PLEASE place your bulletin into a blue recycling bin located at the Narthex door if you do not care to take it home.

SERVING TODAY

GREETERS: Bill and Eileen Rudd

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: Linda Judge-McRae and Norman McRae, Caroline McRae and Katie Rogers

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Summer Choir

LEMONADE FELLOWSHIP: Chloe Smith and Jennifer Shilling

SENIOR USHER: Buz Johnson

USHERS: Tim Ryan, Scott and Ashley Porter, Jay Schmid, Brenda Seip

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Cile and Ed Mathews to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the life of Matt Mathews on the date of his birth, September 4, 1970.

MICHAEL YATES grew up as part of the Westminster Church family. He received his MDiv from Vanderbilt in 1990 and has served in social services since then. He is currently Director of Development at Ridgeview Behavioral Health Services in Oak Ridge. He's married to Ruth – their children are Max and Ellie.

WESTMINSTER CHORISTERS meets this morning at 11:15.

OUR THANKS to Mary Lou Holt for her enrichment of our worship this morning as she accompanies the Chancel Choir.

THIS MORNING'S PRELUDE AND POSTLUDE are believed to date from between 1700 and 1708 and are reminiscent of the improvisatory North German style Bach studied and observed while in Lüneburg and during a subsequent visit to Dieterich Buxtehude in Lübeck in 1705.

SHOW AND WAMS youth leave from our parking lot at 12:15 today for our lake party at the home of Peggy and Jerry Faerber.

THE ABBEY DEADLINE is today. Please send your announcements and articles to unitedprinters@comcast.net.

COMMUNITY CHEST COLLECTION DRIVE is Saturday, September 5th from 10:00-11:30 a.m. at Episcopal Church of the Ascension. Clothing and small household items will be collected and taken to Community Chest (122 W. Scott Avenue). The aim of Community Chest is to sell needed items to people at the lowest prices possible. To volunteer at Community Chest, call 971-4417.

LADIES' LUNCH BUNCH: Reservations have been made at the Wild Plum Tea Room (555 Buckhorn Road, Gatlinburg) for Thursday, September 17th. Seating will be outdoors (umbrella tables and the screened porch) if the weather permits. There is an interior room should we need to gather indoors. All women of Westminster are invited to join this group.

We will order off the menu and we are to arrive by 10:45, prior to the establishment opening to the public at 11:00. We will carpool from the church leaving at 9:15, and a driving route suggesting Chapman Highway will be given to navigators in each car. Please RSVP to Brenda Seip by September 15th and let Brenda know if you can drive. Following the luncheon a shopping excursion to Arrowmont's gift shop would be the icing on the cake.

WONDERFUL WESTMINSTER WEDNESDAYS (WWW) will be back on September 16! Come have a wonderful meal prepared by our Loaves and Fishes cooking teams at 5:45, then settle in for a presentation from 6:30-7:30. Our first offering is a look at what our youth group did this summer – it's always a fun evening! Companions in Christ, our women's spirituality group, also meets at 6:30 in the Prayer Room. A full list of speakers is on the Adult News bulletin board near the Fellowship Hall. There's something for everyone! Childcare is available after dinner.

LIVING WELL WITH CHRONIC CONDITIONS: If you or someone you care for has heart disease, cancer, arthritis, asthma, diabetes, COPD, chronic pain, depression or any other chronic disease, the Living Well with Chronic Conditions workshop can help you take charge of your life. Learn practical ways of dealing with pain and fatigue, discover better nutrition and exercise choices, better understand treatment options, and talk more effectively with your health care provider and family about your health.

This workshop will be offered in Westminster's McKinnon Room on six consecutive Mondays, starting on September 14, from 9:30-noon. There is no charge for the class, but you will need to buy a textbook that costs approximately \$20. Michael Betz will be teaching the class, which is sponsored by the Knox County Health Department, and will be assisted by medical personnel. For more information or to register, you can contact Michael at mbetz@utk.edu or Mary Boyd at the church (584-3957) or marybwpc@gmail.com.

TWO MONTHLY BIBLE STUDIES FOR WOMEN will start up in September. These newly formed groups will meet on the first Thursday of each month and the fourth Monday of each month in the SHOW room. The Thursday group will meet at 10:00 a.m. and the Monday group will meet at 7:00 p.m. We will use the Presbyterian Women Horizons study materials. The study is entitled "Come to the Waters" and is a look at the story of faith through water stories in the Bible. Some are stories of thirst and drought, some are stories of floods, some are about baptism; all are about the symbolism and life-giving power of water.

Study guides are available for purchase now or at the first meetings at a cost of \$8.00 each. Women of all ages are welcome. Contact Mary Boyd at marybwpc@gmail.com if you have questions.

Save the Dates!

Wednesday, September 23 - WWW
Conversations and Tales told by our founding and earliest Westminster members

Saturday, September 26
50th Anniversary Octoberfest Party at the Maryville College outdoor pavilion

Wednesday, September 30
WWW Worship Service at Rocky Hill Elementary School (The original worship space for WPC in 1965)

Sunday, October 4
11:00 a.m. Celebration Worship – Vision for the next 50 years!

Sunday, October 4
12:30 p.m. Lunch and Party under the "Big Tent"

**Discover Westminster!
September 13**

We'll return to our regular schedule of two worship services at 9:00 and 11:00, with the education hour at 10:00. During the education time, you'll get a chance to discover all Westminster has to offer, not only educationally, but in fellowship, service, congregational care, worship, music and the arts, property and care of the environment, and much more! We'll give you a glimpse of upcoming activities and a chance to get involved in so many ways. There will be special activities for youth and children during this time, and you'll get a chance to see parts of our building you might not have visited before. Our ministry teams will be on hand to tell you what makes Westminster so special.

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