



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship

September 6, 2015

10:00 A.M.

FIFTEENTH 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. Any who are baptized are invited to receive the elements of the Lord’s Supper.

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

PRELUDE Invocation (from *Twelve Short Pieces for Organ*, Op. 43) Rachel Laurin

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 146

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul! I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

People: The LORD watches over the strangers; upholds the orphan and the widow, and lifts up those who are bowed down.

All: Let us sing praises to the LORD our God!

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 482** (blue hymnal) Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty *Lobe den Herren*

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Gracious God, you call us to live out our faith each day, with acts of generosity and kindness. But we fall short of this ideal. You ask that we love our neighbors as ourselves, impartially and without judging, but we put up boundaries around others and even our own ability to care. Forgive the prejudices which blind us from seeing you at work in our world and in our lives. 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 Proverbs 22:1-2,8-9,22-23; James 2:1-17

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Mary Boyd

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

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 7:24-37

SERMON “Was Jesus a Good Christian?” Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

***HYMN NO. 358** (blue hymnal) Help Us Accept Each Other *Baronita*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) adapted, Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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 Wondrous Love arr. Peter Sykes

What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the heavy cross for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM, while millions join the theme I will sing.

And when from death I’m free I’ll sing on. And when from death I’m free I’ll sing and joyful be, and through eternity I’ll sing on.

American folk hymn, c. 1811

***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**

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(Prayer continues)...to the glory of your name.

SANCTUS NO. 553 (red hymnal) John Merbecke

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory:

Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Amen.

(Prayer continues)...Great is the mystery of faith.

AGNUS DEI (from *Mass in Honor of the Holy Spirit*) William Brice

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis. Agnus Dei, qui tollis

peccata mundi: dona nobis pacem.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

attr. John the Baptist

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE SACRAMENT

Seated and partaking of elements as instructed.

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION O Haupt voll Blut und Wunden Hans-Heinz Haase

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

THE LORD’S PRAYER

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

Danish melody

***POSTLUDE** Prelude in F

Georg Böhm

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDER FOR THE WEEK: William Milam

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: Joyce Ryan and Brenda Seip

CHILDREN’S WORSHIP: Kathryn, Rick and Clara Oakes

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Summer Choir

SENIOR USHER: Reed Ellis

USHERS: John and Kathy Shilling, John Styron, Genet Weber, Joanne White

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Rick and Janice Rawe in gratitude for their granddaughters, Nina Theiss and Margaret and Samantha Rawe.

TWO-CENTS-A-MEAL collection is today. We bring this offering each “First Sunday,” as our share in maintaining the Volunteer Ministry Center of Knoxville. The average monthly cost to serve breakfast and lunch is \$275. Your support is greatly appreciated!

NAME TAG SUNDAY is today. Please fill out a name tag in the Narthex.

OUR THANKS to the members of the Summer Choir for their enrichment of our worship this past July and August.

THIS MORNING the Chancel Choir sings music by William Brice, organist and choir director at Westminster for many years just prior to my arrival in 1981. Aside from his devoted leadership and fine musicianship, he is the person largely responsible for charting Westminster’s musical course in those early days, a path we continue to travel, cultivate, and expand on to present day. Our thanks to him for his musical vision!

Peter Van Eenam

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed tomorrow. We will reopen at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 8th.

MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT is Tuesday, September 8th. The Fellowship ministry team will bring our refreshments.

MEN'S COVENANT BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP: On Thursday, September 10th at 7:00 a.m., the men of the church will gather in the McKinnon Room for our first meeting and lesson of the new year. The lesson, entitled 'Beautiful Feet', will be presented by our guest, Mark Hester. Mark was ordained in 1989 as a minister in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. He has served fourteen times as an Interim Pastor, including a position at Second Presbyterian Church, Knoxville, in the early nineties. He is currently Managing Director - Financial Advisor with Raymond James in Wealth Management Services. He has been an insurance and financial services representative since 1978. Mark is married and has three adult children. Breakfast will be provided courtesy of John Shilling. No reservation is necessary and all men are welcome. Please view the webpage at wpcknox.org/westminstermen for full details. Thanks and have a great day.

WPC Community Banner

Please help us create our WPC Community Banner. We ask that you visit the table in the Schilling Gallery and choose a sheet of paper. Using the gold pens provided, fill the page with inspirational words such as bible verses, words of thanks, names, pictures, or a note about how WPC inspires you. The entire WPC family is invited to participate. Look for our community creation at the October 4th worship service.

FISH DELIVERY is Thursday, September 10th. The number of families we can help is limited by the number of delivery volunteers we have, and you are needed! If you are able to help make deliveries, please contact Nancy Cundall.

THE TUESDAY MORNING BOOK GROUP will meet September 15th at 10:30 a.m. in the library. Our book for discussion this month is *The Shadow of the Wind* by Carlos Zafon. We welcome any women who would like to join us. Please contact Linda Rutherford for more information.

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 if weather permits. All women of Westminster are invited to join the group. We will order off the menu and we are to arrive by 10:45. We’ll carpool from the church leaving at 9:15. Please RSVP to Brenda Seip by September 15th.

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 the 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 teach the class, sponsored by the Knox County Health Department, and will be assisted by medical personnel. For more information or to register, contact Michael at mbetz@utk.edu or Mary Boyd at marybwpc@gmail.com as soon as possible.

MONTHLY BIBLE STUDIES FOR WOMEN: Our Thursday Bible study group began meeting September 3rd. This class will continue to meet in the SHOW room on the first Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m. The evening group will meet on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m., beginning September 28th.

Both groups 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 at a cost of \$8.00 each. Women of all ages are welcome. Contact Mary Boyd at marybwpc@gmail.com if you have questions.

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.

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Discover Westminster!

Next Sunday, we return to our regular schedule, with worship services at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m., and the education hour at 10:00 a.m. 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.

Fall Foyer Groups

Those of you who are new to Westminster may be asking, "What are Foyer Groups?" These are small groups that get together once a month in a relaxing atmosphere to get better acquainted while sharing a meal together. This is an adult fellowship activity, and there is no childcare provided by the church. Groups are reshuffled twice a year, and each couple serves as host for their group one time. Those of you who were in a Foyer Group in the spring 2015 will be reshuffled for the fall 2015 unless you let us know that you would like to become inactive for a while. Folks who are new to Westminster are especially encouraged to join a Foyer group, as it is a great way to put names and faces together. **If you’d like to join a group, please contact Ginger Williams or Shirley Wittman as soon as possible.**

THE SESSION

Class of 2016

Jerry Faerber

Vicki Mayfield

Scott Porter

Elizabeth Ridley

Angela Shilling

Youth Elder: Ethan Partelow

Clerk of Session: Georgann Byerley

John Smartt

Class of 2017

Phil Barnette

Bitsy Ingram

William Milam

Bryan Powell

Brenda Seip

TRUSTEES

Larry Ridley

Class of 2018

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Steve Hoadley

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