



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship

**September 20, 2015
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.**

SEVENTEENTH 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 Es spricht der Unweisen Mund wohl Johann Michael Bach
The Fool Says in His Heart, “There Is No God.” (Psalm 14)
Gott ist mein Heil, mein Hilf und Trost Johann Gottfried Walther
God Is My Salvation, My Help and Comfort

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT (11:00) Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace Lee Hastings Bristol, Jr.
Lord, make us servants of Your peace: Where there is hate, may we sow love;
Where there is hurt, may we forgive; Where there is strife, may we make one.

Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; Where all is gloom, may we sow hope;
Where all is night, may we sow light; Where all is tears, may we sow joy.

May we not look for love’s return, But seek to love unselfishly, For in our giving
we receive, And in forgiving are forgiven.

St. Francis of Assisi

Joanne Bendy, Flute
Mary Lou Holt, Piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation.

People: Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise.

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 151** (blue hymnal) Crown Him with Many Crowns *Diademata*

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Help us to remember, O Lord, for we seem to practice forgetting. We forget who made us and why, we forget your daily grace and unconditional love, we forget your forgiveness of ourselves and our neighbors. We forget so much because there are some things we remember too well: perceived injustices done to us, hurt we cannot let go, times of judgment and harshness towards others, moments of envy and thoughts and actions of which we are ashamed. Forgive our sins, our sins of forgetting and remembering, and help us, we pray, to trust in the One who buries all our sins deep in the tomb of his own death and raises us up daily to new life through Jesus Christ. In his name we pray, 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 James 3:13-4:8

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Ellen Anderson
Children age 4 through 2nd grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Children’s Worship.

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 9:30-37

SERMON “The Good Lord Willin’” Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

***HYMN NO. 248** (blue hymnal) You Are Before Me, Lord *Sursum corda*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) from *A Declaration of Faith*

In forming his people and sending them into the world Jesus called individuals to be disciples. They were to share the joy of his companionship, to understand and obey his teachings, and to follow him in life and death. We confess that Christians today are called to discipleship. Life shared with Christ and shaped by Christ is God’s undeserved gift to each of us. It is also God’s demand upon every one of us, never perfectly fulfilled by any of us. Forgiven by God and supported by brothers and sisters, we strive to become more faithful and effective in our daily practice of the Christian life.

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

(9:00) Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace Lee Hastings Bristol, Jr.
(The text is found at the Introit.)

(11:00) The Glory of This Day Daniel Moe
The glory of this day, and the foundation of our hope, is that blessed principle of light and life.

William Penn
Lasst uns erfreuen

***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology

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. 263** (blue hymnal) (11:00) Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
St. Denio

***CHARGE AND BEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** (9:00)

Hymn No. 586 (blue hymnal) Amen Danish melody

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** (11:00) Be Thou with Me Johann W. Franck
arr. M. J. Luvaas

Be Thou with me through darkened night, That I may see the day illumined
so bright, Oh, thank Thee for the hope we have in Thee. Take Thou my hand
Near Thee to stand. All they rejoice who lay their trust in Thee, Our Savior,
for ever Thine to be. Songs of triumph praise Thy name above all earthly joy
proclaim! Enlighten mine eyes To see the way: Be Thou with me, Oh Father
most high.

Agnes P. Olsen

***POSTLUDE** Sinfonia (from *Cantata No. 29*)

J. S. Bach

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Leigh Dunlap and Scott Porter
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 (11:00): Peter and Janet Tortorelli

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: Reed Ellis

USHERS:

(9:00) Bob and Lucinda Albiston

(11:00) Kaye Davis, Sue Caradine, Don Byerly, Gordon and Robin Greeson

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 Brian and Raina Almquist in celebration of Marshall and Wallace Almquist’s birthdays.

THE BIRTH CANDLE is lit in celebration of the birth of Ward Walker Birdwell, born September 10th to Elizabeth and Josh Birdwell and big brother, Jason.

OUR THANKS to Joanne Bendy and Mary Lou Holt for their enrichment of our worship this morning as they accompany the Boys’ and Girls’ Choir.

DANIEL MOE (1926-2012) was a leading American choral conductor and composer, having led, most notably, the choirs at the University of Iowa from 1961 to 1972 and Oberlin College from 1972 to 1992. A wonderfully creative, insightful, and warm person, I had the privilege of singing under him at a summer conference for church musicians at Montreat in 1982, where I first became acquainted with this morning’s anthem. It is a vibrant and inviting setting of William Penn’s text, rhythmically active and in mixed meter, with a driving and energetic opening followed by imitation and even some music that dances—a lot of musical ideas in a short span! It was first sung by the Chancel Choir on May 12, 1985.

Peter Van Eenam

WAMS AND SHOW: This evening, we'll gather for one of Betty McKeehan's yummy dinners at 5:00, then have separate SHOW and WAMS programs. SHOW will be celebrating our own version of the Jewish New Year, Rosh Hashanah. This will include a small field trip to a river where we symbolically cast our regrets and disappointments on the water with the promise to improve. Lucky WAMS will get to learn about the No Complaining Challenge from Mary Boyd. This challenge is a fun game with a fantastic message! See you soon!

THE DEADLINE IS TODAY to sign up for these two events:

- Oktoberfest
Saturday, September 26 - Maryville College Pavilion, 5:00 p.m.
\$10 per person
This event is for ages 21+.
- Celebration Luncheon at WPC
Sunday, October 4 - 12:00 p.m.
There is no charge for this event.

Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Schilling Gallery or call the church at 584-3957. You may RSVP by email to westminsterpres@comcast.net.

**BLT: Bible/Lunch/Tuesday
Begins September 22**

Ever find yourself pondering life’s mysteries? Ever wish you had some kind of divine guidance to help you discover a harmonious life? Ever look at the world and find yourself “lost in wonder, love and praise?” Ever look at that same world and want to scream, “Why?” as you struggle to find meaning and purpose amidst suffering? If so, you may enjoy the BLT (Bible, Lunch, Tuesday) class this year. We will be looking at the wisdom literature in the Old Testament. There is no book for the class as we will be reading quite a bit of biblical material. However, if you would like to get a copy of the book Dr. Phillips will be using to inform his study, it is *Wisdom’s Wonder: Character, Creation, and Crisis in the Bible’s Wisdom Literature,*” by William P. Brown. The class will be on Tuesdays from 12:00 to 1:00 in the McKinnon Room. You are invited to bring a lunch and join us.

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| September 22 | Introduction | November 10 | Song of Songs |
| September 29 | Proverbs 1-9 | November 17 | Lamentations |
| October 6 | Proverbs 10-21 | | Winter Break |
| October 13 | Proverbs 22-31 | January 12 | Job 1-19 |
| October 20 | Ecclesiastes 1-4 | January 19 | Job 11-20 |
| October 27 | Ecclesiastes 5-8 | January 26 | Job 21-30 |
| November 3 | Ecclesiastes 9-12 | February 2 | Job 31-42 |

WEDNESDAYS WITH WESTMINSTER: This week, we will have the opportunity to hear some of Westminster’s earliest members tell stories about the beginnings of our congregation. On September 30th, we will meet at Rocky Hill School, the site where WPC began. Dinner is served at 5:45 each Wednesday, followed by a presentation at 6:30. We finish up by 7:30. Childcare is always available.

MEN'S COVENANT BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP: On Thursday, September 24th at 7:30 a.m., the men of the church will gather in the McKinnon Room for our next meeting and lesson of the new year. The lesson, entitled ‘Income Inequality-Part Two and Supporting the WPC Endowment’, will be presented by our own John Smartt, Jr. Breakfast will be provided courtesy of Don Byerly. 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.

THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY meets Thursday at 1:30 p.m. in the SHOW room.

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.

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Debbie Bendy, *Abbey* Editor

Adult Education Opportunities

- Faith and Life** McKinnon Room
Join various church members as they talk about putting their faith into action in a class we’re calling *Faith And...* How do we take our faith from worship on Sunday to work on Monday? How do we make "Faith and Life Connect"?
- Topics** Fellowship Hall
Radical Hospitality – Responding to the Issue of Immigration, led by Phil Barnette and Rev. John Muntz. No reading or preparation needed.
- Bible Study** Library
This thoughtful group works its way through the scriptures, looking deeply at Bible passages, and discussing them with questions and lots of humor. The group is beginning the year with a study of the Gospel of Matthew. No experience is necessary to join this class, led by Scott Brunger and Leslie Versen.
- Table Talk** Prayer Room
“Embracing Forgiveness” – a video/discussion series by Barbara Cawthorn Crafton. The series helps us discover what forgiveness is...and what it isn’t. Amanda Collins facilitates this class.
- Coffee House**
Our Coffee House meets in the Schilling Gallery each week. There will be coffee and a few pastries for you as you join other folks in casual conversation.

THE SESSION

Class of 2016	Class of 2017	Class of 2018
Jerry Faerber	Phil Barnette	Leigh Dunlap
Vicki Mayfield	Bitsy Ingram	Steve Hoadley
Scott Porter	William Milam	J.P. Mackay
Elizabeth Ridley	Bryan Powell	Linda Van Beke
Angela Shilling	Brenda Seip	Michael Yates
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