



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship

September 27, 2015

9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE CHURCH GATHERS . . .

Welcome to Westminster Church! We are a family of Christians gathered from many traditions and neighborhoods, worshipping 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 Praeambulum in d Heinrich Scheidemann  
Harpichord

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT (11:00) O Praise God George Thalben-Ball  
O praise God in his holiness; praise him in the firmament of his power.

Psalms 150:1  
Psalms 100

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.  
Worship the Lord with gladness.  
Come into God’s presence with singing!

People: For the Lord is a gracious God,  
whose mercy is everlasting;  
and whose faithfulness endures to all generations.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

\*HYMN NO. 473 (blue hymnal) For the Beauty of the Earth Dix

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Gracious God, forgive us:  
For the indulgence that thinks freedom has no limits;  
For the indifference that stops caring to avoid the pain;  
For the despair that acts on our fears instead of our hopes;  
For the distrust that clutches old securities to avoid the risks in making things new;  
For the narrowness that makes blinders of our viewpoints;  
For the broadness that equates tolerance with seeking justice;  
For the smallness that constricts the circles of our love;  
Transform us, O God, that we might live more fully as your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 Mark 9:38-50; James 5:13-20

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Taylor Allred  
Children age 4 through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Children’s Worship.

SCRIPTURE READING Esther 4:14-17

SERMON “Faith or Fate...Who Knows?” Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

\*HYMN NO. 286 (blue hymnal) Give to the Winds Thy Fears St. Bride

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) from the Iona Community of Scotland

We believe in God, whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives, whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth, whose love was crucified by the evil that waits to enslave us all and whose love, defeating even death, is our glorious promise of freedom. Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt, in God we trust; and, in the name of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves, in the service of others, to seek justice and to live in peace, to care for the earth and to share the commonwealth of God’s goodness, to live in the freedom of forgiveness and the power of the spirit of love, and in the company of the faithful so to be the church, for the glory of 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

(9:00) The Gift of Love O Waly Waly  
arr. Hal H. Hopson

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire, And have not love; my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess, But not be giv’n by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, spirit come, our hearts control, Our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide ev’ry deed. By this we worship and are freed. Amen.

based on I Corinthians 13

(11:00) Behold, the Tabernacle of God William H. Harris  
Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and the Spirit of God dwelleth within you: for the temple of God is holy, Which temple you are: for the love of whom you do this day celebrate the joys of the temple with a season of festivity. Alleluia.

Sarum Antiphon for the Dedication of a Church

\*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. 361 (blue hymnal) (11:00) How Firm a Foundation Foundation

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 586 (blue hymnal) Amen Danish melody  
\*POSTLUDE Herr Gott, dich loben alle wir Johann Ludwig Krebs  
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

\*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDER FOR THE WEEK: Elizabeth Ridley  
CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR SEPTEMBER: Sue Byerly and Judy Jorden  
CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR OCTOBER: Linda Rutherford  
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): Max and Carlene Robinson

**CHILDREN’S WORSHIP:**

(9:00) Childcare through age 5  
(11:00) Scott and Ashley Porter, Kara and Macy Porter

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:**

(9:00) Westminster Choristers

(11:00) Chancel Choir

**SENIOR USHER:** Reed Ellis

**USHERS:**

(9:00) Carol Beilharz and Jeff Bendy

(11:00) Mary Lou Crow, Nancy Cundall, Bob Daverman, Christie Dowling, Trish Groves

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 in loving support of the Marsh family by Bill and Renee Wiesehuegel and Sandra and Wes Williams.

**SIR WILLIAM HENRY HARRIS (1883-1973)** is known especially for his well-crafted anthems and service music. He was educated at the Royal College of Music, where he was Professor of Organ and Harmony from 1921 to 1955. Following an appointment as Assistant Organist at Lichfield Cathedral, he became Organist and Master of the Choristers at New College, Oxford in 1919, and at Christ Church, Oxford in 1929. From 1933 to 1961 he served as Director of Music at St. George’s Chapel, Windsor Castle. This morning’s anthem was sung at the dedication of our present sanctuary on May 12, 1996.

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

**SHOW** will meet for a shortened Sunday School class, then go to VMC to serve lunch. After we finish serving, we’ll go to Trio’s on Market Square and be back at WPC by 2:00.

**WAMS** will meet at Putt-Putt (164 West End Avenue) at 5:30. Barbara will bring dinner. Parents are welcome to join us! Bring \$10 for golf and games, and we’ll finish by 7:00. Let Barbara know if you need a ride to Putt-Putt or back to church afterward.

**BLT: Bible/Lunch/Tuesday  
September 29**

We are looking at the wisdom literature in the Old Testament, continuing this week with Proverbs, Chapters 1-9. The class is on Tuesdays from 12:00 to 1:00 in the McKinnon Room. You are invited to bring a lunch and join us at any time.

**WEDNESDAYS WITH WESTMINSTER:** This week, we will meet at 5:45 p.m. at Rocky Hill School, the site where WPC began. Our dinner menu is Chicken Salad or Egg Salad sandwiches, veggies, chips, drinks and Bruster's Ice Cream. After dinner we will worship together in celebration our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. Next week, our speaker will be international peacemaker, Hendrik Shanazarian.

**MONTHLY BIBLE STUDIES FOR WOMEN:** Our Thursday Bible study group meets 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 28<sup>th</sup>**. Both groups use the Presbyterian Women Horizons study entitled “Come to the Waters,” a look at the story of faith through water stories in the Bible. Study guides are available at a cost of \$8.00 each. Women of all ages are welcome. Contact Mary Boyd at marybwpc@gmail.com if you have questions.

**THE PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING** will be collected next Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. Part of this year’s offering will be used to support Syrians displaced by violence. Through our gifts, we join in God’s mission of peace and reconciliation. Thank you for your support for this special offering.

**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 4<sup>th</sup> worship service.

**HAVE YOU SEEN** our beautiful pewter Westminster commemorative Christmas ornaments? They are on sale in the Schilling Gallery for \$15 each.

**Matt Mathews Memorial Breakfast in the Smokies**

Fall has begun falling and it’s time for our annual breakfast fellowship in the mountains. At 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 17, 2015 we will have the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Matt Mathews Memorial Breakfast (8<sup>th</sup> WPC) at the Twin Creeks Pavilion in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Come enjoy fellowship and good country food cooked in the outdoors. We will hold the event rain or shine. For those so desiring there is a short hike available that originates and ends at our site. Please sign-up in the Schilling Gallery noting whether you might need transportation or perhaps can provide transportation.

**DUE TO THE EXPECTED LARGE TURNOUT** next Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> we ask that you:

- try to limit to one car per family
- be prepared to park on the lawn as needed if you are able and willing. We will have people to direct the parking, including those entering the lawn off of Lyon’s Bend between the traffic cones.

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**Adult Education Opportunities**

**Faith and Life**

Fellowship Hall

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**

McKinnon Room

*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**

Jerry Faerber  
Vicki Mayfield  
Scott Porter  
Elizabeth Ridley  
Angela Shilling  
Youth Elder: Ethan Partelow  
Clerk of Session: Georgann Byerley

**Class of 2017**

Phil Barnette  
Bitsy Ingram  
William Milam  
Bryan Powell  
Brenda Seip

**Class of 2018**

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Steve Hoadley  
J.P. Mackay  
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