



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship

**October 11, 2015
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.**

TWENTIETH 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 Was Gott tut, das ist wohlgetan Otto Abel
What God Ordains Is Always Good

Prelude in C Anton Bruckner

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT

(9:00) Father of All Christopher Tye
Father of all, we bow to Thee, Who art in Heav'n ador'd; Yet seen on earth through all Thy works, The universal Lord. For Thine the pow'r, the kingdom Thine; All glory be to Thee: Thine from eternity they were, And Thine shall ever be.

Dr. Blair

(11:00) O Praise the Lord Adrian Batten
O praise the Lord, all ye heathen, praise him all ye nations. For his merciful kindness is ever more and more towards us: and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever and ever. Amen.

Psalm 117
from Psalm 98

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things.
People: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.
Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
People: Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre and the sound of melody.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 458** (blue hymnal) Earth and All Stars Dexter
***CALL TO CONFESSION**
***LITANY OF CONFESSION** *from Matthew 5:3-10*
Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Forgive us our spiritual arrogance.
Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted,
Forgive us our false independence.
Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.,
Forgive us our misplaced aggression.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst, for they shall be satisfied.
Forgive us our gluttony.
Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
Forgive us our hardened hearts.
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
Forgive us our half-hearted commitment.
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God.
Forgive us for supporting war and violence.
Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the realm of heaven.
Forgive us for not taking a stand for what is right.

***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 ...

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 10:17-31
A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Bryan Powell
Children age 4 through 2nd grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Children's Worship.

EPISTLE Hebrews 4:12-16
SERMON "About That Camel" Rev. John Linton Muntz
"Then who can be saved?" – Mark 10:26

***HYMN NO. 364** (blue hymnal) I Sing a Song of the Saints of God Grand Isle

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison)
Central to our Reformed tradition is the affirmation of the majesty, holiness and providence of God who creates, sustains, rules and redeems the world in the freedom of sovereign righteousness and love. We affirm the election of the people of God for service as well as for salvation; covenant life marked by a disciplined concern for order in the church according to the Word of God; a faithful stewardship that shuns ostentation and seeks proper use of the gifts of God's creation; the recognition of the human tendency to idolatry and tyranny, which calls the people of God to work for the transformation of society by seeking justice and living in obedience to the Word of God.

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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) Praise to the Lord, the Almighty Hugo Distler
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation! O my Soul, praise Him, for He is thy Health and Salvation! Gather ye round, Let us make Music resound! Praise Him in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth, Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth! Hast thou not seen How thy hearts' wishes have been Granted in what He ordaineth?

based on Joachim Neander

(11:00) Vias tuas Domine Giuseppe Ottavio Pitoni
Vias tuas Domine, demonstra mihi: Et semitas tuas edoce me.

Manifest thy ways O Lord, and show them to me: And give me a knowledge of all thy paths.

Psalm 25:4

***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. 344** (blue hymnal) (11:00) Christ of the Upward Way *Sursum corda*
***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**
***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 586** (blue hymnal) Amen Danish melody
***POSTLUDE** Offertorio Domenico Zipoli

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Linda Van Beke and Phil Barnette
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): Rick and Janice Rawe

CHILDREN’S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

(11:00) Angela and Scott Partelow, Ethan and Eric Partelow

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Chancel Choir

(11:00) Members of the Chancel Choir

SENIOR USHER: Tim Ryan

USHERS:

(9:00) Daniel Berry and Scott Brunger

(11:00) Bill Holt, Buz Johnson, Leonard and Betty McKeegan, Hap McSween

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 the Hatmaker family to the glory of God and in honor of the Clergy and Staff of WPC.

THE TWO-CENTS-A-MEAL OFFERING is being collected today. This offering supports the Volunteer Ministry Center of Knoxville. Our average monthly cost to serve breakfast and lunch is \$275. Your support is greatly appreciated!

OUR THANKS to Lisa Ellis, John Harrison, Meredith Mackay, and Terrance McCracken for their enrichment of our worship this morning at the 11:00 service.

GERMAN COMPOSER AND ORGANIST HUGO DISTLER, living in the first part of this past century, was an important voice in church music. Born in Nuremberg in 1908, he attended Leipzig Conservatory and became organist at St. Jacobi in Lübeck in 1931. He also taught at the School for Church Music in Spandau, and became a professor of church music in Stuttgart in 1940. His choral work is polyphonic and frequently melismatic, often based on the pentatonic scale. This morning’s anthem takes the melody from last Sunday’s opening hymn and presents it in a fresh, rhythmically altered form.

RAINBOW CHOIR AND YOUNG MUSICIANS’ CLASS will begin the week of October 18. Peter Van Eenam will be in touch with each family with children of the appropriate age.

SHOW and WAMS: Our next gathering will be Sunday, October 18 when we head to The Cove to enjoy a cookout and fun in the park. Details will follow.

BLT: Bible/Lunch/Tuesday

We are looking at the wisdom literature in the Old Testament, continuing this week with Proverbs, Chapters 22-31. The class meets 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: Dinner is served at 5:45 each Wednesday, followed by a presentation at 6:30. This week, David Brill will tell stories about his adventures on the Appalachian Trail. Childcare is available.

Next week, our own Gary Harmon (who is a teacher, author, and motivational speaker) will talk about “Divers-ability.”

MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT is Tuesday, October 13. The Mission Service team will provide our refreshments.

LADIES’ LUNCH BUNCH: A group of women are gathering for lunch at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 15th at Rafferty’s (8906 Kingston Pike). Everyone orders from the menu and pays for their own lunch. Please contact Georgann Byerley by Tuesday, October, 13th if you are planning to come. This is a great way for any and all ladies of Westminster (established members, new members, and visitors) to gather for food and fellowship.

Christian Stewardship: 50 Years of Living Generously

It's a jubilee year. We celebrate, and give thanks for, Westminster's first 50 years, and we look ahead with much anticipation of how and where we will be led by God. Stewardship season, especially, is forward-looking. It is about our hopes and visions, and it is about our personal place in our church's future. Soon, you will receive at home information regarding your stewardship opportunities. Hopefully, you will review it and respond, having determined what you want your place to be. Dedication Sunday is November 15, a date by which pledges are to be received, and a day that we celebrate 50 years of living generously.

TRY-OUTS FOR THE CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS DRAMA will be Sunday, October 18th at 12:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a lunch and plan to stay for a full run-through.

LECONTE 2016: Now is the time to register for hiking spaces to LeConte! We will be hiking on July 23, 2016. To reserve your spot, please send in \$50 per hiker. The \$90 balance will be due prior to the hike.

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TODAY IS THE DEADLINE TO SIGN UP for the 4th Annual Matt Mathews Memorial Breakfast (8th WPC) at the Twin Creeks Pavilion in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Join us (rain or shine) at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 17 for fellowship and good country food cooked in the outdoors. Please sign up in the Schilling Gallery, noting whether you need transportation or can provide transportation. **Directions to Twin Creeks Pavilion:** From downtown Gatlinburg, turn south at stoplight #8; follow Historic Nature Trail Road to 4-way junction at access road to Park Vista Hotel; go straight and continue 1.4 miles into the Park. Turn right at Twin Creeks sign.

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	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
Youth Elder: Ethan Partelow		
Clerk of Session: Georgann Byerley		

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John Smartt	Larry Ridley	Paul Jorden