



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship

November 15, 2015

9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

TWENTY-FIFTH 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

(9:00) *Élévation* (from *Messe Basse*)

Louis Vierne

(11:00) The Church of Christ in Every Age

Wareham

arr. Lee J. Afdahl

Handbell Choir

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

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.

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. 138 (blue hymnal) Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! *Nicaea*

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Gracious God, we struggle to be hopeful people. The events of our world and the circumstances of our lives often weigh heavily on our spirits. Because of that, we give in to cynicism, take refuge in unproductive habits, and forget your promise always to be with your creation. Forgive us for neglecting the practical, everyday matters that nourish the soil from which hope grows; worship, prayer, study, encouraging one another to do good, being open to your Spirit, living and loving in the manner of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Take us where we need to be. 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

I Samuel 1:4-20

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

JP Mackay

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 13:1-8

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

“Why show me this if I am past all hope?”

Ebenezer Scrooge in “A Christmas Carol”

*HYMN NO. 423 (blue hymnal) (9:00) Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun

Duke Street

SPIRITUAL (11:00) My Lord! What a Morning

African-American spiritual

arr. Melva W. Costen

My Lord! What a morning, When the stars begin to fall.

You will hear the trumpet sound To wake the nations underground, Looking to my God’s right hand When the stars begin to fall. (Refrain)

You will hear the sinner cry To wake the nations underground, Looking to my God’s right hand When the stars begin to fall. (Refrain)

You will hear the Christian shout To wake the nations underground, Looking to my God’s right hand When the stars begin to fall. (Refrain)

African-American spiritual

Meredith Mackay, Soprano

Jennifer Schilling, Alto

Terrance McCracken, Tenor

Ron Kauffmann, Bass

Steve Hoadley, Bass

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison)

Creed of the United Church of Canada (Reformed)

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, 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 in

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.

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.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

(9:00) The Church of Christ in Every Age

Wareham

(11:00) Give Alms of Thy Goods

Christopher Tye

Give alms of thy goods, and turn never thy face from any poor man: and then the face of the Lord shall not be turned away from thee.

based on Tobit 4

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. 288 (blue hymnal) (11:00) I Sing the Mighty Power of God *Ellacombe*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

Hymn No. 586 (blue hymnal) Amen

Danish melody

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** (11:00) God Be in My Head

John Rutter

God be in my head and in my understanding. God be in mine eyes and in my looking. God be in my mouth and in my speaking. God be in mine heart and in my thinking. God be at my end and in my departing.

from the *Sarum Primer*

***POSTLUDE** Praeambulum in d, WV 33

Heinrich Scheidemann

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Elizabeth Ridley and Steve Hoadley

CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR NOVEMBER: Shirley Wittman and Lucy

Johnson

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND HEARING DEVICES are available from 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): Angela Shilling and Sam Smith

CHILDREN’S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

(11:00) Kirche Rogers, Katie Rogers and Caroline McRae

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

- (9:00) Handbell Choir
- (11:00) Chancel and Handbell Choirs

SENIOR USHER: Bill Wiesehuegel

USHERS:

- (9:00) Doug and Bonny Naugher
- (11:00) Emily and Wiley Wright, Jerry and Scott Carley, Brian Bonnyman

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.

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT given by Frank and Marty Marsh is in memory of their daughter, Catharine Walters Marsh “Cathy” and in memory of their son, Frank Henry Marsh III “Hank”. The flowers were arranged by Ann Styron of the Westminster Flower Guild.

OUR THANKS to Steve Hoadley, Ron Kauffmann, Meredith Mackay, Terrance McCracken, and Jennifer Schilling for their enrichment of our worship this morning at the 11:00 service.

CHRISTOPHER TYE (c. 1505-c. 1572) was choirmaster at Ely Cathedral from about 1543 and also organist there from 1559. Around 1561 he resigned to become a rector in Doddington, Cambridgeshire. Educated at Cambridge University and at Oxford (receiving his Doctor of Music from both), he may have been music teacher to King Edward VI, who reportedly quoted his father, Henry VIII, as saying “England hath one God, one truth, one doctor hath for music’s art, and that is Doctor Tye, admired for skill in music’s harmony.”

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

A STATED SESSION MEETING is next Sunday, November 22nd at 12:15 p.m. in the McKinnon Room.

SCHILLING GALLERY EXHIBIT: Be sure to stop by the Schilling Gallery to view an incredible private collection of nativities from around the world. It is a privilege and honor to have such a fine collection at our church. What better way to announce the coming of the Advent season and the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP NEWS:

- The North East Neighborhood group will meet for refreshments and conversation hosted by Cile Mathews and Peggy Faerber today from 4:00-5:30 p.m. at the home of Cile and Ed Mathews.
- The Farragut Neighborhood will gather on Friday, November 20th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the home of Tom and Georgann Byerley. Please bring an appetizer to share. Drinks will be provided by hosts Deb and Norm Estep and Tom and Georgann Byerley.
- The Bearden/West Knox Neighborhood group will gather at Cindy Spangler’s house on November 22nd at 4:00 p.m. for an appetizer get-together. Please RSVP to spangler@utk.edu.

THE TUESDAY MORNING BOOK GROUP will meet November 17th at 10:30 a.m. in the library. Our book for discussion this month is *The Little Paris Bookshop* by Nina George. Please contact Linda Rutherford for more information.

BLT: Bible/Lunch/Tuesday

This week we will wrap up the Fall schedule with a study of Lamentations. We will then take a break until January 12, 2016. The class meets from 12:00 to 1:00 in the McKinnon Room, and 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, our Mission Services Team will talk about missions to the Dominican Republic.

ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: This year’s Alternative Christmas Bazaar is Sunday, December 6th. You’ll have the opportunity to purchase meaningful gifts that benefit others. Please contact Angela Partelow if you would like a table for your charitable cause.

LADIES’ LUNCH BUNCH: The Lunch Bunch will meet at P. F. Chang’s on Thursday, November 19th at 11:30 a.m. P. F. Chang’s is located at 6741 Kingston Pike, which is the intersection of Paper Mill Road and Kingston Pike across the street from the new Whole Foods store. Please let Barbara Cline know if you can be there by November 17th.

**Good Golly Holly-Jolly Jewelry Day 2015
Saturday, November 21 – 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**

Once again, Angela Shilling has agreed to teach us another fun (fool-proof!) technique in jewelry making that will allow us all (no matter our level of experience) to make a *work d’art* in one easy lesson! Our project this year will be Custom Image Pendants. We will use a stained glass soldering technique to sandwich custom images (1" x 1.5") between thin glass. You can make your own design, use a small 1x1.5 photo, or use fun images we have available for you. You can try your hand at soldering your piece or have one of us do it for you. As always, our point is to have fun and enjoy creating together. We're holding our class at Good Golly Tamale, 112 S. Central Ave. (in the Old City). The cost for the class is \$15, which includes a Good Golly Tamale lunch! Look for the poster and sign up on the church office door, or call Barbara Adamcik to reserve your place by November 18th.

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 a deposit of \$50 per hiker. The \$90 balance will be due prior to the hike.

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- Barbara Adamcik, Director of Youth and Connectional Ministries
- Angela Grobe, Director of Children’s Ministries
- Mary Boyd, Education Coordinator
- Renee Wiesehuegel, Office Manager/Bookkeeper
- Sandra Williams, Administrative Assistant
- Rev. Friedrich Schilling, Jr., Pastor Emeritus
- Debbie Bendy, *Abbey* Editor

Adult Education Opportunities

Welcome to Westminster McKinnon Room
This class is designed for those who want to know more about Westminster Presbyterian Church. The class is led by Rev. Buran Phillips, Barbara Adamcik, and Mary Boyd and is open to any who are interested in joining the congregation or just want a refresher course in what we’re all about.

Topics Fellowship Hall
Meaningful Life, Meaningful Death: Reflecting on our Choices
• November 15 - Linda Judge McRae, MDiv., RN, CHPN will speak about the spiritual/Biblical aspects of death and dying.
• November 22 - Dr. Charlie Mercer and Annette Mendola, PhD return to provide ideas for talking with loved ones about difficult choices.

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. 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 and William Milam facilitate 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
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