



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship

October 9, 2016

9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

*“The root of joy is gratefulness... It is not joy that makes us grateful;
it is gratitude that makes us joyful.”*

Brother David Stendl-Rast, Order of Saint Benedict

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

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 66

Leader: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of God’s name.

People: Let all the earth worship God, and sing praises to the Lord.

Leader: Come and see what God has done; come and hear, all you who stand in awe of God.

People: Let us sing hymns of grateful praise!

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 142** (blue hymnal) All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name! Coronation

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Gracious God, we confess our sin and brokenness before you. Forgive us for confusing belief with faith, and for our reluctance to let go and trust. Forgive us our ingratitude. Forgive us the attitudes and behaviors that diminish in us the light of Christ. Forgive our inattention to matters of justice for all your children and for your Creation. May your Spirit renew and restore and make whole, and may it begin with us, this day. In Christ’s name. 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** Gloria Patri No. 576 (blue hymnal) Jacques Berthier

TO EXPERIENCE GOD’S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING Jeremiah 29:1,4-7

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Carolyn Greenwood

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

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 17:11-19

SERMON “Mindful Gratitude” Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

***HYMN NO. 366** (blue hymnal) Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me St. Catherine

***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

*I have seen the sun break through
To illuminate a small field for a while,
And gone my way and forgotten it
But that was the pearl of great price,
The one field that had the treasure in it.*

I realize now that I must give all that I have to possess it.

*Life is not hurrying on to a receding future,
Nor hankering after an imagined past.*

It is turning aside like Moses

To the miracle of a lit bush,

*To a brightness that seemed as transitory as your youth once,
But is the eternity that awaits you.*

R. S. Thomas (1913-2000)

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) All My Hope on God Is Founded Herbert Howells

All my hope on God is founded; He doth still my trust renew. Me through change and chance he guideth, Only good and only true. God unknown, He alone Calls my heart to be his own.

Pride of man and earthly glory, Sword and crown betray his trust; What with care and toil he buildeth, Tower and temple, fall to dust. But God’s power, Hour by hour, Is my temple and my tower.

God’s great goodness eye endureth, Deep his wisdom, passing thought: Splendour, light, and life attend him, Beauty springeth out of naught. Evermore From his store Newborn worlds rise and adore.

Daily doth th’ Almighty Giver Bounteous gifts on us bestow; His desire our soul delighteth, Pleasure leads us where we go. Love doth stand At his hand; Joy doth wait on his command.

Still from man to God eternal Sacrifice of praise be done, High above all praises praising For the gift of Christ his Son. Christ doth call one and all: Ye who follow shall not fall.

(11:00) Panis angelicus Robert Bridges
Camille Saint-Saëns

Panis angelicus Fit panis hominum, Dat panis coelicus Figuris terminum. O res mirabilis, Manducat Dominum Pauper, servus et humilis. Te trina deitas Unaque poscimus Sic nos tu visitas Sicut te colimus. Per tuas semitas Duc nos quo tendimus Ad lucem quam inhabitas. Amen.

The bread of angels becomes the bread of men; the heavenly bread gives symbols fulfillment. O wondrous thing: the poor man, the slave, and the humble each partakes of the Lord! We therefore beseech thee, O God, Three in One and One in Three, to visit us who worship thee. Lead us along thy pathway to the light in which thou dwellest. Amen.

St. Thomas Aquinas

Bettie McDavid Mason, Soprano

***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. 554** (blue hymnal) (11:00) Let All Things Now Living Ash Grove

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** (9:00) Old Celtic Blessing Thomas McCracken

May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be always at ewer back, may the sun shine warm upon ewer face, may the rain fall soft upon ewer field, and until we meet again may he hold you in his hand, may God hold you in the palm of his hand.

Traditional

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** (11:00)

Hymn No. 586 (blue hymnal) Amen

***POSTLUDE** Offertorio Domenico Zipoli

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDER FOR THE WEEK: Terry Crow
CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR OCTOBER 1-15: Judy Jordan and Sue Byerly
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

ACOLYTES (11:00): Abby Hatmaker and Ian Salsbery

GREETERS (11:00): William and Darlen Milam

CHILDREN’S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

(11:00) Angela and Scott Partelow, Eric Partelow and Finn Burgin

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: (9:00) Chancel Choir

SENIOR USHER: Cile Mathews

USHERS:

(9:00) Stephanie Lynch-Wright and Scott Brunger

(11:00) Scott Rutherford, John Salsbery, Bill Rudd, Gary Rowcliffe, Lalla Phillips

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Marlene Browning in memory of Larry’s birthday.

THE FLOWER GUILD OF WESTMINSTER is looking for people who are interested in making floral arrangements for Sunday services. The Guild organizes teams of 2 or 3 people who are scheduled for about 5 times a year. To find out more information, please call Lana Daverman (584-5266).

OUR THANKS to Bettie Mason for her enrichment of our worship and for providing biographical information on the composer of this morning’s anthem.

THE FRENCH COMPOSER CAMILLE SAINT-SAËNS had not only a long life (1835-1921) but also an early start in music as a child prodigy in both piano and composition. Blessed with astounding facility, he wrote in virtually all genres and over the course of his life produced hundreds of compositions, including many sacred works. As a church musician he was organist at the Madeleine in Paris for nearly twenty years. A close friend of Franz Liszt (who considered him the greatest organist in the world), Saint-Saëns was also friend as well as teacher of Gabriel Fauré.

BLT: BIBLE, LUNCH, THEOLOGY: This week, we will be looking at I Corinthians, Chapters 7 and 8, and Units 4 and 5 in our Interpretation Bible Studies book. Feel free to bring your lunch and join us Tuesday at noon in the McKinnon Room.

MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT is Tuesday October 11 at 7:00 p.m. The Property team will provide our refreshments.

WEDNESDAYS WITH WESTMINSTER: Dinner will be served at 5:45, and our program begins at 6:30. Holocaust survivor, Sonja Dubois will join us to tell her story.

MEN’S COVENANT BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP: On Thursday, October 13th at 7:30 a.m., the men of Westminster will gather in the McKinnon Room for breakfast provided by Jerry Carley and a lesson entitled, “Faith and Happiness” presented by Larry Ridley. No reservation is necessary and all men are welcome. Bring a friend!

FISH DELIVERY is Thursday, October 13th. 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 LADIES’ LUNCH BUNCH will gather at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 20th at Bravo (106 Major Reynolds Place). If you can attend, please RSVP to Georgann Byerley by Monday, October 17th. This is a fun way to get to know each other better. Come join us!

MATT MATHEWS MEMORIAL BREAKFAST IN THE SMOKIES: Saturday, October 22nd we will have the 5th annual Matt Mathews Memorial Breakfast (9th WPC breakfast) at the Metcalf Bottoms Pavilion in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Come enjoy fellowship and breakfast 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 near our site. Please sign up in the Schilling Gallery, noting whether you might need transportation or perhaps can provide transportation.

HABITAT NEWS: Our worksite is just off North Broadway near Whittle Springs School. For more information, please contact Jay Schmid at wpc.habitat@gmail.com. This is a great way to share our blessings with the community. Sign up at <http://bit.ly/2borAab>

October 22: Inside painting (need 10 volunteers)

October 29: Trim and cabinets (need 14 volunteers)

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY: A Bible study for women meets monthly at two different times. A morning group meets on the first Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the SHOW room. An evening group meets on the fourth Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the library. Both groups use the Horizons study, which is entitled “Who is Jesus?” It’s a great look at Jesus through the eyes of various writers or groups. There’s plenty of great discussion! Books are still available. Speak to Mary Boyd if you want one in advance. It’s helpful (but not required) to read the lesson ahead of time. This month we are looking at Jesus as seen in the Gospel of Matthew.

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WELCOME TO WESTMINSTER: Are you a new member at Westminster? Have you been visiting and want to learn more? We will offer a class for you on November 6, 13, and 20 at 10:00 a.m. so you can find out all you want to know about us! Led by Rev. Phillips, Barbara Adamcik, and Mary Boyd, the classes take a look at who we Presbyterians are, how you can get involved here, and a bit about our history. If time permits, we’ll take the 50 cent tour of the building and grounds. There is no pressure to join the church, although we are always happy when that happens!

Adult Education

Bible Study — Led by Scott Brunger and Leslie Versen, this group meets in the library and dives deep into the scriptures. No experience is necessary, and you are welcome to jump in any time.

Table Talk — We’re using a curriculum called “The Wired Word.” You’ll receive an email each week that includes a story pulled from the headlines. It’s a chance to look at the news with scripture in hand. The only thing you’ll need is a smartphone or tablet.

Faith and Life — Larry Ridley is leading a series he’s calling “FACE to Faith.” Using videos, music and personal stories, the class will consider the mystery of faith and why it matters. This group meets in the McKinnon Room.

Topics — “Parenting a Child of God” is led by Laurie Williams and Alice Mercer. We’ll take a look at how parenting impacts our children’s concept of God, how to parent the whole child, and how parenting affects spiritual growth and morality. We meet in the Fellowship Hall.

Coffee House – Do you just want a chance to share some fellowship time between services? This is the place for you. This group gathers in the Schilling Gallery.

THE SESSION:

Class of 2017: Phil Barnette, Bitsy Ingram, William Milam, Bryan Powell, Brenda Seip

Youth Elder: Tolson Bell

Class of 2018: Leigh Dunlap, JP Mackay, Linda Van Beke, Michael Yates

Class of 2019: Debbie Babelay, Daniel Collins, Terry Crow, Cindy Pearman, Jay Schmid

Clerk of Session: Georgann Byerley

TRUSTEES: Larry Ridley, Paul Jordan, Alice Mercer