



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship

November 6, 2016

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, 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. Any who are baptized are invited to receive the elements of the Lord’s Supper.

When the prelude begins let us quietly prepare for the worship of almighty God.

PRELUDE

(9:00) Symphony No. 9, Movement II

Charles-Marie Widor

(11:00) Contrapunctus I (from *The Art of Fugue*)

J. S. Bach

Brass Choir

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

Alice Mercer

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 145

Leader: All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your faithful shall bless you.

People: The LORD is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.

Leader: The LORD is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings.

People: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised.

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, these are our sins: when given health we misuse it. When given a good Creation we abuse it. When given food we hoard it. When given beauty we flaunt it. When given freedom we assume it. When given time we squander it. When given life we distort it. When given love we place conditions around it. Forgive the ways that we fail to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, our God. 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

Haggai 1:15-2:1

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

Deborah Phillips

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

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5,13-17; Luke 20:27-38

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

*“Holy Smoke the preacher shouted,
And in the rush he lost his hair,
Now, his head resembles heaven
For there is no parting there.”*

***HYMN NO. 442** (blue hymnal) The Church’s One Foundation

Aurelia

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison)

The Apostles’ Creed (Traditional)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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) Contrapunctus I (from *The Art of Fugue*)

J. S. Bach

(11:00) Within These Walls

Stephen Caracciolo

Within these walls, the sound of praises, Radiant alleluias rise. Ceaseless prayer and hymn ascending, Sweet as incense to the skies. Holy, holy, holy God, all glory. Saints on earth and saints above Join to bless the Lord of love.

Within these walls, a meal for sharing, Tender alleluias rise. Bread and wine for celebration, Hymns to praise the Crucified. Holy, holy, holy God, all glory. Saints on earth and saints above Join to share this feast of love.

Within these walls, a faith confessing, Joyous alleluias rise. Songs of hope and revelation, God’s own Word and sign inspire. Holy, holy, holy God, all glory. Saints on earth and saints above Speak of promise, sing of love.

Within these walls, yet far beyond all, Wondrous alleluias rise. Word and song and all creation Praise the Son of God Most High! Holy, holy, holy God, all glory. Saints on earth and saints above Join to bless the Lord of love.

Stephen Caracciolo

Meredith Mackay, 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**

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION WITH ALL THE SAINTS

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (responsive)

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(Prayer continues)...to the glory of your name.

People: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Amen.

(Prayer continues)...Great is the mystery of faith.

People: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE SACRAMENT

Beginning from the front of the sanctuary, we will come forward by the center aisle, take or tear a morsel of bread and dip it into the chalice before partaking. We return to the pew by the side aisle.

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION

(9:00) O Welt, ich muß dich lassen, No. 3

Johannes Brahms

O World, I Now Must Leave Thee

(11:00) Symphony No. 9, Movement II

Charles-Marie Widor

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Unison)

**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom
come, thy will be done, on earth as it is
in heaven. Give us this day our daily
bread; and forgive us our debts, as
we forgive our debtors; and lead
us not into temptation, but
deliver us from
evil. For thine
is the
kingdom
and the power
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

*Hymn No. 322 (blue hymnal) Spirit of the Living God *Living God*

***POSTLUDE** O Welt, ich muß dich lassen Johann Gottfried Walther

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Bitsy Ingram and Jay Schmid
CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR NOVEMBER 1-15: Judy Jorden and Sue Byerly

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

ACOLYTES (11:00): James Baker and Ella Baker

GREETERS (11:00): Don and Sue Byerly

CHILDREN’S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

(11:00) Brandon and Abbie Rector, Lucy Gordon and Ellie Yates

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Brass Choir

(11:00) Brass and Chancel Choirs

SENIOR USHER: Tim Ryan

USHERS:

(9:00) Bob and Lucinda Albiston

(11:00) Sue Caradine, Reed Ellis, Christie Dowling, Mary Lou Crow, Nancy Cundall

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Patty Harmon to the glory of God, in memory of parents and siblings no longer with us.

TWO-CENTS-A-MEAL collection is today. We bring this offering each “First Sunday,” as our share in maintaining the Volunteer Ministry Center of Knoxville. Your support is greatly appreciated!

NAME TAG SUNDAY is today. Please fill out a name tag in the Narthex.

THIS MORNING’S PRELUDE at the 9:00 service (also heard during communion at the 11:00) is the lovely slow movement from Widor’s *Symphonie Gothique*. The melodic lines are gorgeous, even hauntingly beautiful, and his harmonic language immensely complex and expressive. Widor overlays many rhythmic layers to create a gentle motion that is hypnotic and soothing. He is also able to create a warm and lush texture by accruing many lines, including extensive use of double pedal. His subtle registrations (indications of which stops to use) enable this warmth and vocality, and our organ, though inspired by North German instruments, is able to convey this most beautifully and convincingly.

SHOW AND WAMS meet at 5:00 this evening. We’ll start with a wonderful Betty McKeehan meal, then enjoy our Choose Your Own Adventure Game Night! Bring your own game, or play one of ours!

COLLEGE STUDENT ADDRESSES: Please email your college student’s address to Barbara at wpcyouth.barbara@gmail.com, or look for a sign-up on the Schilling Gallery bulletin board. Thanks for helping us be in contact with your student while they are away at college.

SAVE THE DATE for Sunday, November 13 at 6:30 p.m. The youth of Westminster have invited our friends at St. George’s Greek Orthodox Church to come teach our whole congregation how to do Greek dancing! **We want to invite everyone of any age** to come join the fun. (We’ll even have a "wallflower" section, if you just want to watch!) Our Greek friends are also going to give us an update on the fascinating repair of their sanctuary. Afterwards, they are bringing baklava they are selling to raise money for their competitive dance team. (Of course, there will be samples for all to try!!) Come join the fun. If you’d like to reserve an order of baklava, please email your order to Artemis Dedes at artdedes@gmail.com. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board near the kitchen for more information. Opa!!

MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT: A number of teams will not be meeting on Tuesday, November 8th. Please check with your ministry team chair for details.

Christian Stewardship: Giving of our Hearts

John Calvin's motto was, "My heart I give Thee promptly and sincerely." Each time we put our offering in the offering plate, we are echoing Calvin's motto in a concrete and symbolic act of worship. We give, responding to God's grace, not to earn God's grace. You should have received at your home information regarding your stewardship opportunities at WPC. Dedication Sunday is November 13, a day we pledge our resources, time, and talents – but even more, our hearts.

2017 FLOWER DEDICATIONS: Please sign up on the Schilling Gallery bulletin board for your 2017 flower dedications. We ask for a \$60.00 donation to the Flower Guild, payable on the date of your dedication. A reminder card will be mailed to you in advance of your chosen Sunday.

WEDNESDAYS WITH WESTMINSTER: Dinner will be served at 5:45, and our program begins at 6:30. Nicole Lewis from Great Schools Partnership will join us to tell us about the work of that organization, including their Leaders for Readers program.

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MEN’S COVENANT BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP: On Thursday, November 10th, at 7:30 a.m., the men of Westminster will gather in the McKinnon Room for our next meeting and lesson of the new year. The lesson, entitled "National Anthem Protests, the Debate Over Privilege, Pride and Patriotism," will be presented by Larry Ridley. Breakfast will be provided courtesy of Gordon Greeson. No reservation is necessary and all men are welcome. Bring a friend. Thanks and have a great day.

FISH DELIVERY is Thursday, November 10th. 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.

LADIES’ LUNCH BUNCH: The November Ladies’ Lunch Bunch will be eating at "Big Fatty's." Big Fatty's specializes in traditional Southern Style cooking with a flare! Local caterer and TV personality Chef Lisa is a very "hands-on" chef, specializing in fresh, delicious southern favorites. Big Fatty's is located at 5005 Kingston Pike. Come join us on November 17th at 11:30 and experience this gem of a restaurant. Call or e-mail Kathy Shilling reserve a spot for this fun and delicious eating experience.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES: Would you like to be part of the tradition of lighting the Advent wreath candles? If so, there is a sign-up sheet in the Schilling Gallery for the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. services on Sundays during Advent, and for the Christmas Eve services at 5:00 and 11:00 p.m.

Adult Education

Welcome to Westminster – Are you a new member at Westminster? Have you been visiting and want to learn more? Are you a member and want to refresh your memory? Join us in the McKinnon Room so you can find out all you want to know about us! Led by Rev. Phillips, Barbara Adamcik and Tim Crais, the classes take a look at who we Presbyterians are, how you can get involved here, and a bit about our history.

Faith and Life – Mary Boyd leads this class based on Timothy Keller’s book, *The Prodigal God*. We’ll read the familiar parable told in Luke’s gospel, and look at all the people involved – the wayward son, the good son, the father, and the audience. It may make you see things in a different way.

Bible Study – Led by Scott Brunger and Leslie Versen, this group meets in the library and dives deep into the scriptures. The class is launching its study of the Book of James in the New Testament. All adults are welcome to join the class.

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. We meet in the Prayer Room.

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.