



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship

**November 13, 2016
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.**

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE CHURCH GATHERS . . .

*God speaks to each of us as he makes us,
then walks with us silently out of the night.*

These are the words we dimly hear:

*You, sent out beyond your recall,
go to the limits of your longing.
Embody me.*

*Flare up like a flame
and make big shadows I can move in.*

*Let everything happen to you: beauty and terror.
Just keep going. No feeling is final.
Don't let yourself lose me.*

*Nearby is the country they call life.
You will know it by its seriousness.*

Give me your hand.

Rainer Maria Rilke (1875-1926)
From *The Book of Hours: Love Poems to God*

PRELUDE Cantilène (from *Twelve Short Pieces for Organ*, Op. 43) Rachel Laurin

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT (11:00) Thanks Be to God Andreas Hammerschmidt
Thanks be to God, O be joyful. God is faithful, O praise the Lord. God is good; God's mercy lasts forever. Praise the Lord. O be joyful, O praise the Lord.

based on Psalm 136:1

Westminster Choristers

CALL TO WORSHIP Isaiah 12:5-6

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord, for God has done gloriously; let us sing God's praises throughout all the earth.

People: Shout aloud and sing for joy, from the highest peaks, to the deepest caverns.

Leader: Shout aloud and sing for joy, from the tiniest creatures, to the greatest herds.

People: Shout aloud and sing for joy, in the midst of our joys and our sorrows.

Leader: Shout aloud and sing for joy, as we come to worship the God of all creation!

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 457** (blue hymnal) I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art Toulon

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

**God of peace we confess we are a people of fear.
We have let anxiety rule our days and worry our nights.
We have been distracted by nerves and focused on tension.
We confess we have ignored your command to not be afraid.
Forgive us, O God.
Calm our hearts, settle our stomachs,
and renew in us the ability to find our comfort in you. 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 Isaiah 65:17-25

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Barbara Adamcik

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

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 21:5-19

SERMON Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

“Let everything happen to you: beauty and terror. Just keep going.”

– Rilke

***HYMN NO. 293** (blue hymnal) This Is My Father's World Terra beata

***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.

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) Thanks Be to God Andreas Hammerschmidt
(The text is found at the Introit.)

(11:00) Cantate Domino Hans Leo Hassler
Cantate Domino, canticum novum, cantate Domino, omnis terra; et benedicite nomini ejus: Annunciate de diem salutare ejus. Annunciate inter gentes, gloriam ejus, in omnibus populis mirabilia ejus.

O sing unto the Lord a new song, O sing unto the Lord, all the earth and bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory unto the heathen, his wonders unto all people.

Psalm 96:1-3

Chancel Choir

Westminster Choristers

***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. 420** (blue hymnal) (11:00) God of Grace and God of Glory Cwm Rhondda

***CHARGE AND BEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 586** (blue hymnal) Amen

Danish melody

***POSTLUDE** Ricercare

Florianio Arresti

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Cindy Pearman and Michael Yates
CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR NOVEMBER 16-30: Lana Daverman and Susan McKeehan

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): Chloe Smith and Sammy McCartha

GREETERS (11:00): Mary Lou Crow and Marlene Browning

CHILDREN’S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

(11:00) Molly Roberson and Joe McConnell, Sophia Manrod and Finn Burgin

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Westminster Choristers

(11:00) Chancel Choir and Westminster Choristers

SENIOR USHER: Tim Ryan

USHERS:

(9:00) Jeff Bendy and Carol Beilharz

(11:00) Larry Ridley, Elizabeth Ridley, Andrew and Kristi Gordon,
Bob Daverman

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 Paul and Judy Jorden in honor of their grandsons, Jack and James McNinch of Charlotte, North Carolina.

RACHEL LAURIN (b. 1961) is a Canadian organist and composer that is quickly gaining international recognition. She has taught improvisation at the Montreal Music Conservatory and, from 1986 to 2002, was Associate Organist at St. Joseph’s Oratory in Montreal. From 2002 to 2006 she was Titular Organist at Notre Dame Cathedral in Ottawa.

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.

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.

Stewardship Dedication Sunday

The Apostle Paul wrote this to the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Colossae: "Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

Filling out a pledge card is an act of saying thank you to God for God's faithfulness to us. Thank you for life. Thank you for life together. Thank you for life abundant. Perhaps there are no more important words in Christian living than "Thank you."

YOUTH: Stressful week? Come dance your cares away! **Everyone is invited** to join the youth of Westminster and St. George Greek Orthodox Church as they teach us Greek dancing **tonight at 6:30** in the Fellowship Hall. ALL ARE WELCOME! You can watch or join in the fun. Our Greek friends are bringing their famous baklava to sample, and purchase if you wish. Hope you can join us tonight! Opa! (Youth need to arrive at 5 p.m.)

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

THE TUESDAY MORNING BOOK GROUP will meet November 15th at 10:30 a.m. in the library. This month, we will discuss *The Secret of Magic* by Deborah Johnson. Please contact Linda Rutherford for more information.

BLT: BIBLE, LUNCH, THEOLOGY: This week, we conclude our study, looking at I Corinthians, Chapters 15 and 16. Feel free to bring your lunch and join us Tuesday at noon in the McKinnon Room.

WEDNESDAYS WITH WESTMINSTER: Dinner will be served at 5:45, and our program begins at 6:30. Jack McElroy, editor and columnist at the *Knoxville News Sentinel* will be our speaker.

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 to reserve a spot for this fun and delicious eating experience.

Thank You WPC Workday Volunteers

A huge THANK YOU to the volunteers that showed up November 5th and helped make our WPC Fall workday a great success. They cleaned the solar cell panels; pulled weeds and vines; cleaned up and mulched garden beds and areas around the courtyard, plaza, Labyrinth and Prayer Path; raked leaves; trimmed limbs and trees; planted a butterfly garden; built drain pipe enclosures; and generally gave our grounds a new, improved look.

At the risk of omitting someone, we want to acknowledge the following folks who participated: Ed Babelay, Jane Beintema, Jeff Browning, Tom Byerley, Phil Claxton, Ann Dungan, Jack Draper, Reed Ellis, Ginger Etling, Melinda Foster, Charlie Graves, Kathy Graves, Rob McKeehan, Susan McKeehan, Clara Oakes, Rick Oakes, Amy Rawe, Rick Rawe, Joyce Ryan, Tim Ryan, Ian Salsbery, John Salsbery, Jay Schmid, Barry Shelton, Linda Van Beke, Ginger Williams.

Please give them a very large "THANK YOU" when you see them. Meanwhile, please enjoy the beauty of our campus.

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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.

THE SESSION

Class of 2017

Phil Barnette

Bitsy Ingram

William Milam

Bryan Powell

Brenda Seip

Youth Elder: Tolson Bell

Clerk of Session: Georgann Byerley

Class of 2018

Leigh Dunlap

JP Mackay

Linda Van Beke

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