



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship

November 20, 2016

9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

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) For All the Saints

Sine Nomine
arr. Dan Miller

Four-in-Hand Ringers

(11:00) Intrada Festiva!

Ronald Kauffmann

Handbell Choir

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Luke 1:68-72

Leader: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,

People: For he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.

Leader: He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David.

People: As he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets,

Leader: That we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.

People: Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors and has remembered his holy covenant.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

*HYMN NO. 151 (blue hymnal) Crown Him with Many Crowns

Diademata

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Righteous God,
you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all.
We confess that we have not bowed before him,
and are slow to acknowledge his rule.
We give allegiance to the powers of this world,
and fail to be governed by justice and love.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all,
that we may be loyal ambassadors,
obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*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 ...

PROPHECY

Jeremiah 23:1-6

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.

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 23:33-43

SERMON

“Do Not Presume”

Rev. John Linton Muntz

*“Do not despair; one of the thieves was saved.
Do not presume one of the thieves was damned.”*

attributed to St. Augustine

*HYMN NO. 145 (blue hymnal) Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

Marion

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

Almighty God, who raised Jesus Christ from the dead and set him above all rule and authority, has given to him all power in heaven and on earth, not only in this age but also in the age to come. God has put all things under the Lordship of Jesus Christ and has made Christ Head of the Church, which is his body. The Church's life and mission are a joyful participation in Christ's ongoing life and work.

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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) Intrada Festiva!

Ronald Kauffmann

(11:00) Jubilate Deo in E-flat

Benjamin Britten

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name. For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Psalm 100

*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. 551 (blue hymnal) (11:00) Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

St. George's Windsor

*CHARGE AND BEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 586 (blue hymnal) Amen

Danish melody

*POSTLUDE Nun danket alle Gott

Georg Friedrich Kauffmann

Now Thank We All Our God

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Brenda Seip and Bryan Powell
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): Kara and Macy Porter

GREETERS (11:00): Mary Lou Crow and Shirley Wittman

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

(11:00) Molly Roberson and Fiona Collins

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Four-in-Hand Ringers and Handbell Choir

(11:00) Chancel and Handbell Choirs

SENIOR USHER: Tim Ryan

USHERS:

(9:00) Scott Brunger and Suzanne Graham

(11:00) Betty and Leonard McKeehan, Judy and Paul Jordan, Nancy Cundall

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 THANKSGIVING ARRANGEMENT is given by Frank and Marty Marsh in loving memory of Catharine Walters Marsh, “Cathy” and Frank Henry Marsh III, “Hank”, and in honor of Teresa Barton Shambin, “Terry”, John Broyles Marsh and Margaret Carr Fager, “Mollie”. The arrangement was created by Ann Styron of the Westminster Flower Guild.

A STATED SESSION MEETING is today at 12:15 p.m. in the McKinnon Room.

THIS MORNING the Handbell Choir and I are pleased to share a new work by Ronald Kauffmann that was commissioned for the 50th anniversary of the founding of Westminster Church. Though our intention was to premier it last spring, our final weeks of preparation were interrupted by unexpected personnel matters, including illness and rehearsal conflicts, resulting in our delaying until this morning. The work is everything the title implies: grand, jubilant, and uplifting, with occasional gentle, lyrical interludes that provide a pleasing contrast. The scoring allows the choir to enjoy full use of the entire five-octave compass of our handbell set, as well as octave doubling in the treble, pizzicato in the bass bells, a wide range of dynamics, and trills at the conclusion, all cast in a harmonic language that is colorful and imaginative. Our thanks to Ron for his compositional skill and creative efforts put forth on our behalf. We are thrilled to have had the opportunity to commission this new part of the handbell repertoire!

Peter Van Eenam

SHOW AND WAMS are going to gather here at 5:00 p.m. and assemble MANY bags of toiletries and household items needed to supplement the bags of food in the FISH pantry. (Our neighbors’ needs often extend beyond food. We are adding soaps, diapers, and toiletries.) After we make individually portioned bags, we will drive to the FISH pantry and add them to the food bags. After we finish at the pantry, we will all go together and have dinner at Salsarita’s across from West Town Mall. We hope you can join us!!

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED Thursday, November 24th and Friday, November 25th. We will open on Monday, November 28th at 9:00 a.m.

ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

On Sunday, December 4th our annual Alternative Christmas Bazaar will take place in the Schilling Gallery between the 9:00 and 11:00 worship services. As many of you know, the Bazaar provides our members with an opportunity to purchase thoughtful Christmas gifts, with the proceeds going toward the support of several worthwhile causes. So far, representatives of Heifer International, Partners for Just Trade, Living Waters, Olive Oil, Fish Hospitality Pantry, and the Volunteer Ministry Center each will have a display in the Gallery. Other groups are expected to be there, too. The Mission Service Team hopes that you will participate in this very worthwhile event.

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 Campaign Update

We are off to a great start with our 2017 Stewardship Campaign. To date, we have received 122 pledges for a total of \$514,841.00. However, there are 262 families at Westminster and we need everyone’s involvement to make the asking budget of \$865,612.00. In addition to the pledges, we have received 47 Time and Talent forms. If you need an additional pledge card or Time and Talent form – the church office has plenty to share!

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY CENTER HOLIDAY STORE is a program through which recipients of VMC services earn gift items for their loved ones with points accrued through community service. Individuals redeem their points to purchase items they select at the Holiday Store. We have the opportunity to help stock the VMC Holiday Store with items such as: basketballs and footballs, dolls, infant toys, craft sets for children and adults, cosmetic sets, hair care sets, fragrance sets for men and women, tool kits, small kitchen appliances, or other similar things that would be nice gifts. Donations are being collected in the large decorated box in the Schilling Gallery.

REQUEST FOR HELP FROM JOHN KNOX CENTER: In an effort to protect the property and buildings in case of fire, John Knox Center is asking for volunteers on Tuesday, November 22nd from 9:00 a.m. - 5 p.m. to help clear leaves and sticks away from structures. Bring your rakes, leaf blowers, and a sack lunch. John Knox Center will provide plenty of ice water, leaf bags, and lots of leaves! Check in at the office when you arrive. John Knox Center is currently on a complete burn ban and all open flames including campfires, smoking, leaf burning, candles, and luminaries are prohibited. Please call the John Knox Center office at 376-2236 with any questions. Thank you for lending a hand!

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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 studying 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

Wes Williams

Michael Yates

Class of 2019

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Daniel Collins

Terry Crow

Cindy Pearman

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