



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship

May 27, 2018

10:00 A.M.

TRINITY 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.

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

PRELUDE Lasst uns erfreuen arr. John Purifoy
Jeanne Simmons, Flute

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: “From the rising of the sun ‘til its setting in the west”

People: **God’s holy name be praised.**

Leader: On the lips of children, by babies at the breast,

People: **God’s holy name be praised.**

Leader: In the visions of the old and the dreaming of the young,

People: **God’s holy name be praised.**

Leader: In the banquet hall of heaven and the forgotten corners of our lives,

People: **God’s holy name be praised.**

Leader: Let all that has life and breath praise the Lord.

People: **Amen! We praise the Lord!**

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

*HYMN NO. 138 (blue hymnal) Holy, Holy, Holy Nicaea

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (The people uniting)

Eternal God, creator of all that exists;
Jesus Christ, redeemer of humankind;
Holy Spirit, life-giving presence; in earth sea and sky, you are there.
O hidden mystery, sun behind all suns, soul behind all souls, in everything we touch, in everyone we meet, your presence is around us, and we give you thanks.

Yet when we have not touched but trampled you in creation,
when we have not met but missed you in one another,
when we have not received but rejected you in the poor,
forgive us, and hear now our plea for mercy . . .

(from the Iona Abbey Worship Book of Scotland)

*KYRIE ELEISON NO. 574 (blue hymnal) arr. David N. Johnson

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

*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 Isaiah 6:1-8

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Ellen Anderson

Children age 3 through 2nd grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Children’s Worship. Children are welcome in worship here or a nursery is available.

GOSPEL John 3:1-17

SERMON “From Chancel to Narthex” John Linton Muntz

“I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King!”

Isaiah 6:5

*HYMN NO. 522 (blue hymnal) Lord, When I Came Into This Life Land of Rest

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The people uniting)

We believe in God, Creator and Provider, infinite in wisdom, power and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children’s good.

We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of God’s unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine Presence in our lives, by whom we are reminded of the truth of Christ, and find strength in time of need.

We believe that this faith will manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the Kingdom of God will come upon the earth.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE . . . The Lord’s 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 O Trinity, Most Blessed Light C. Kenneth Turner

O Trinity, most blessed light, O Unity of sov’ reign might! As now the fiery sun departs, Shed thou thy beams within our hearts. To thee our morning song of praise, To thee our evening prayer we raise, Thee may our soul for evermore In lowly reverence adore. All praise to God the Father be, All praise, Eternal Son, to thee, Whom with the Spirit we adore, For evermore. Amen.

St. Ambrose

Old Hundredth

*AT THE PRESENTATION Doxology No. 514 (red hymnal)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

*HYMN NO. 525 (blue hymnal) Here I Am, Lord Here I Am, Lord

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Peter C. Lutkin

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord lift His countenance upon you and give you peace. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. Amen.

Numbers 6:24-26

Felix Mendelssohn

*POSTLUDE Sonata No. 2, Movement III

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Cindy Pearman and Jay Schmid
CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR MAY 16-31: Cindy Spangler

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

GREETERS: Buz and Lucy Johnson
SHEPHERD’S TEAM: Molly Roberson and Joe McConnell
MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Chancel Choir
SENIOR USHER: Buz Johnson
USHERS: Sue Caradine, Mary Lou Crow, Jerry Carley, Scott Carley

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given in honor of Ginger Elting’s 90th birthday by her children: John, Buff, Jeanne, Lisa, and Doug. The family welcomes you to a reception immediately following worship in the Schilling Gallery.

OUR THANKS to Jeanne Simmons, Lisa Ellis’s sister, for her enrichment of our worship this morning.

THIS MORNING’S ANTHEM is a lovely setting by Charles Kenneth Turner of a venerable text for Trinity by St. Ambrose (340–397). Turner, an organist in the United Kingdom, lived from 1904 to 1959, serving as Organist and Choirmaster at Llandaff Cathedral, Cardiff, Wales from 1952 to 1957, followed by a similar appointment at the Parish Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, Mansfield the next year.

LEMONADE IN THE SCHILLING GALLERY: You are invited to sign up in the Schilling Gallery for a date to serve lemonade after the 10:00 a.m. worship service this summer. All the supplies are provided for you. There is minimal set-up and you’re guaranteed to enjoy the fellowship.


SCHILLING GALLERY: Be sure to take the time to peruse the current exhibition of God’s creation as seen through the camera lens of our church member, Regina (Gina) Tullock. These photos capture everyday occurrences right in your own backyard if you have the eyes (and patience) to see what is around you. If you wish to purchase one of these, please contact the artist directly.

SHARE THE BOUNTY: You may have noticed that our Share the Bounty table is back in the Schilling Gallery for the summer and is starting to provide produce, mainly gorgeous greens at this point. Later, you will be seeing beets, tomatoes, peppers, and eggplant. Some of this has been planted by our youth. If you are not familiar with this, our table provides a space to share the bounty from our personal gardens and our very own Westminster organic garden. You are more than welcome to help yourself to what is provided on the table. If you have a bit too much of something from your garden, bring it in to share. You may find here flowers and herbs, as well as vegetables. It changes every week, so take a look and take some home. There is also a donation basket with any contributions this year going to our Presbytery’s Carbon Footprint Fund. Also, take a walk around our organic veggie garden located behind the sanctuary – it’s amazing what good things can come from a small space.
 the Environmental Team Ministry Team

MOTHER’S MORNING OUT: Drop your kids off Wednesday mornings from 9:00-11:30 starting June 13th. We’ll have crafts, stories, snacks, and more. Email Allie at allie_wpc@comcast.net if you’re interested!

FRIENDS OF FISH: It is our turn to stock the FISH pantry. Help us bag groceries during the month of June at Church of the Savior, 934 N Weisgarber Rd. We will meet on June 4, 14, and 26 at 5:30 pm to prepare the bags of groceries. Please contact Linda VanBeke if you have questions (804-4904). We will deliver groceries next on June 14. Please contact Sue McSween if you would like to volunteer (584-1958).

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY CENTER’S current needs are seasonal men’s clothing – especially sizes 28 to 34 inches. You can place your donations in the collection area at the base of the stairs leading to the children’s ministry area.



Come join us for part or all of this workday as we spruce up the church building and grounds. Saturday, June 2nd, from 8 AM to 12. Numerous and diverse jobs for all, both inside and outside. Put on your old clothes and bring your favorite tools to help us clean, weed, plant, haul, saw, mulch, trim, cut, rake, paint, and various other tasks. You bring the energy and spirit for any part of the time; we’ll provide the jobs and leadership. Help us give WPC a good Spring cleaning.

JUSTICE KNOX will hold its annual celebration on Monday, June 4th at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Fountain City. Carpools will leave Westminster parking lot at 6 pm. There will be finger food and beverages at the celebration. Westminster has just formally joined Justice Knox and this celebration will show our concern for affordable housing, correction officer training in mental health situations, and working to decrease school suspensions in our public schools. Let’s celebrate our accomplishments and strengthen our commitment to our community! Please let us know that you can attend. Judy Barnette (judybarnette1312@yahoo.com) or Jackie Vanden Dorpel (peacefully35@gmail.com)

YOUTH SUMMER MISSION TRIPS

Montreat Youth Conference ~ June 10 - 16
 This trip is for all rising 9th graders through recent high school graduates.

Win Our World Urban Ministry (WOW) ~ June 10 - 15
 This week is for all rising 6th graders through 9th graders. They will be doing mission work and fun activities together from 8 am - 8 pm each day.

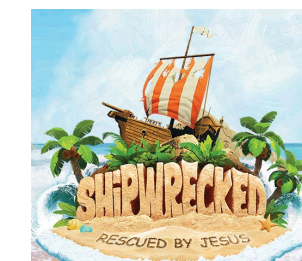
Appalachia Service Project (ASP) ~ July 1-8
 This trip is for all rising 9th graders through recent high school graduates. We will be traveling to Hazard, Kentucky for the week.

Youth - please turn in your forms that Barbara emailed you ASAP. We are so proud of our youth for spending their summer doing mission work that literally changes our world for the better! We ask for your prayers for these youth as well as the people they touch along the way.

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VBS 2018: SHIPWRECKED - RESCUED BY JESUS
June 4 - 7, 9:00 am - Noon
Ages 0 - 5th Grade

Invite your friends and neighbors to join us! We’ll enjoy games, music, foods, etc. that are built around the Bible story of the day.

Please place your sign-up sheet in the offering plate.

Child’s Name _____ **Age/Current Grade** _____

VBS Volunteers Name: _____

Please circle area of volunteer interest: Shepherd / Snacks / Crafts / Decorating

THE SESSION		
Class of 2018	Class of 2019	Class of 2020
Leigh Dunlap	Debbie Babelay	Scott Brunger
JP Mackay	Daniel Collins	James Everett
Linda Van Beke	Vicki Mayfield	Andrew Gordon
Wes Williams	Cindy Pearman	Susan McKeehan
Michael Yates	Jay Schmid	Shawn Owens
Youth Elder: Clara Oakes		
Clerk of Session: Georgann Byerley		
TRUSTEES		
Paul Jorden	Alice Mercer	Reed Elli