



*“Where Faith and Life Connect”*

The Order of Worship

September 2, 2018

10:00 A.M.

FIFTEENTH 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 Adagio (from *Concerto in a*, BWV 593, after Antonio Vivaldi) J. S. Bach

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

People: Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

\*HYMN NO. 263 (blue hymnal) Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

St. Denio

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people. You have called us to be the church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ in the world around us. Yet we acknowledge we are often more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, stubborn than obedient, and legalistic than loving. Gracious God, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Remove the obstacles preventing us from being your representatives to a broken world and awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit. This we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

\*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 ...

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Amy Rawe

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

SCRIPTURE READING James 1:17-27

SERMON “The Essence of Christianity is...” Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

\*HYMN NO. 358 (blue hymnal) Help Us Accept Each Other Baronita

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) adapted, Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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 Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior

*Adoro te devote*

arr. John McIntyre

Thee we adore, O hidden Savior, thee, Who in thy Sacrament art pleased to be; Both flesh and spirit in thy presence fail, Yet here thy presence we devoutly hail.

In this memorial of thy death, O Lord, Thy body and thy blood thou here afford: Oh, may our souls forever feed on thee, And thou, O Christ, forever precious be.

Fountain of goodness, Jesus, Lord and God: Cleanse us, unclean, with thy most cleansing blood; Increase our faith and love, that we may know The hope and peace which from thy presence flow.

O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see: May what we thirst for soon our portion be, To gaze on thee unveiled, and see thy face, The vision of thy glory, and thy grace. Amen.

St. Thomas Aquinas

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

*Old Hundredth*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

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.

SANCTUS NO. 553 (red hymnal) John Merbecke

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.

AGNUS DEI NO. 555 (red hymnal) John Merbecke

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 ... The Lord’s Prayer

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE SACRAMENT

*Seated and partaking of elements as instructed.*

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION O Savior of the World Charles Callahan

O savior of the world, who by thy cross and precious blood has redeemed us, save us and help us, O Lord.

from *The Book of Common Prayer*, 1662

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (Unison)

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...**

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Hymn No. 335 (blue hymnal) Though I May Speak

*O Waly Waly*

**\*POSTLUDE** Thirteen (from *Miniatures for Organ*)

Herbert Howells

\*Indicates standing.

**NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY**

**PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK:** Debbie Babelay and Dan Collins

**CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR SEPTEMBER:** Brenda Seip and Susan Baughman

**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:** Gary and Sandra Rowcliffe

**SHEPHERD’S TEAM:** Tom Byerley

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** Chancel Choir

**SENIOR USHER:** Sue Caradine

**USHERS:** Reed Ellis, Suzanne Graham, Don Graham, Kathy Huck, and Buz Johnson

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are in celebration of Janice and Rick Rawe’s 56<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Given by Amy, Nina, Eric, Margaret and Sam.

**THE BIRTH CANDLE** is lit today in celebration of Owen Gregory Lewis. He was born August 25, 2018 to parents, Daniel and Melanie Lewis and sister, Adelina.

**THIS MORNING’S ANTHEM** is a lovely setting of the thirteenth-century Benedictine plainsong *Adoro te devote*. This ancient chant was adapted by French church musicians in the seventeenth century and first published in 1697. The text is by St. Thomas Aquinas, and is believed to have been written when he was preparing the Office Mass for the Festival of Corpus Christi in 1263.

**WESTMINSTER CHORISTERS** will meet this afternoon at 4:00 and Brass Choir will meet tomorrow evening at 8:00.

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

**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.

The average monthly cost to serve breakfast and lunch is \$275. Your support is greatly appreciated!

**ABBEY DEADLINE** is today! Send articles to unitedprinters @comcast.net.

**WESTMINSTER’S 2018 HABITAT HOUSE BUILD:** As you start filling in your Fall calendar, make sure you mark the Habitat build dates as follows:

**September 29** (BLITZ DAY) – This is the day that the volunteers will erect the exterior walls and build and set trusses.

**October 6** – Interior walls will be built and the roof will be installed.

**October 13** – Vinyl siding will be applied to the exterior.

**November 3** – Interior painting will be done.

**November 10** – Trim and cabinets will be installed

**January 12** – The house will be dedicated

**HABITAT EVERYDAY ANGELS:** Westminster is committed to feeding all hammer and saw Habitat House builders for 3 out of the 5 Saturday work days. You can be an everyday angel by helping feed the hard-working builders. The sign-up sheet can be found on the bulletin board in the Schilling Gallery. Contact Brenda Seip for more information at .

**VOLUNTEER MINISTRY CENTER’S** critical needs this month are deodorant, hygiene products, underwear, and socks for both men and women. The drop off collection area at Westminster can be found at the base of the stairwell leading to the Children's education wing.

**WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY GROUPS** have begun! The morning group meets for the first time September 6 at 10:00 AM in the SHOW room. Need a book or further information? Ask Mary Boyd.

**LADIES LUNCH BUNCH:** The luncheons will resumes on Thursday, September 20th, 2018 at 11:30 a.m. at Chesapeake's West, 9630 Parkside Dr., Knoxville, 37922. Please contact Joyce Ryan (text or leave message) if you will be joining us. Ask another person to join our group.

**JUSTICE KNOX:** Do you want to know more about Justice Knox, which works on social justice issues here in Knoxville? Marjorie Thigpen-Carter, the local organizer will be at WPC on Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the McKinnon Room to meet with us and explain the yearly events. If you have questions about Justice Knox, please contact

**CHOIRS THIS WEEK**  
TODAY: Choirsters 4:00 PM  
MONDAY: Brass 8:00 PM  
WEDNESDAY: Boys’ and Girls’ 4:45 PM  
THURSDAY: Recorder, Handbell and 4-in-Hand

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Mary Boyd, Education Coordinator

Renee Wiesehuegel, Office Manager/Bookkeeper

Melissa Everett, Administrative Assistant

Debbie Bendy, *Abbey* Editor

**CHURCH OFFICE** will be closed for the Labor Day holiday and reopen Tuesday morning at 9:00 AM.

**RACE FOR THE CURE:** Join our team, Ashley's Awesome Angels (Captain Ashley Baker) for the Saturday, October 27, 5K race in downtown Knoxville. You can register online at www.KomenEastTn.org. Be sure to select Westminster's team - Ashley’s Awesome Angels when you are registering. Adults (age 18+) \$30 Student/kids (age 3-17) \$20 After September 5th, add \$5 per participant. Contact Anne Crais for more information.

**DISCOVER WESTMINSTER:** We go back to our regular schedule of two worship services at 9:00 and 11:00 AM with an education hour at 10:00 next Sunday, September 9. On that day, we’ll kick off fall activities with DISCOVER WESTMINSTER, our annual opportunity to see what’s in store for education and other ministries of the church. It’s been a very popular event, so we’re moving the Fellowship Hall this year at 10:00 AM Visit tables for each ministry team, have a snack or two, play a game, and visit with your friends. See you then!

**SHOW AND WAMS OLYMPICS:** In accordance to tradition, we call upon the YOUTH of Westminster (6th-12th grade) to assemble on Sunday, Sept. 9, at 5pm to celebrate the 8<sup>th</sup> annual Westminster Olympic Games!! Yes, we will have another crazy array of games and competitions to kick off our youth year. As always, you are welcome to bring a friend. We begin with dinner at 5:00pm, and the medal ceremonies will take place at 7:30pm. We can always use parent help at this event. We hope to see you all there!!

**Class of 2019**

Debbie Babelay

Daniel Collins

Vicki Mayfield

Cindy Pearman

Jay Schmid

Youth Elder: Maggie Gordon

**THE SESSION**

**Class of 2020**

Scott Brunger

James Everett

Andrew Gordon

Susan McKeehan

Shawn Owens

**Class of 2021**

Brian Bonnyman

Anne Crais

Amy Gilbert

Buz Johnson

Rachel Powell

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