



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship

September 9, 2018

9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

SIXTEENTH 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.

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

PRELUDE

(9:00) Honie-Suckle and Night Watch Anthony Holborne
(from Pavans, Galliards, Almains and Other Short Airs)

Brass Choir

(11:00) Sonata (from Die Bänkelsängerlieder) Anonymous
Brass Choir

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 146

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul! I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

People: **The LORD watches over the strangers; upholds the orphan and the widow, and lifts up those who are bowed down.**

All: **Let us sing praises to the LORD our God!**

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

*HYMN NO. 482 (blue hymnal) Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty *Lobe den Herren*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Gracious God, you call us to live out our faith each day, with acts of generosity and kindness. But we fall short of this ideal. You ask that we love our neighbors as ourselves, impartially and without judging, but we put up boundaries around others and even our own ability to care. Forgive the prejudices which blind us from seeing you at work in our world and in our lives. 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

Mark 7:24-37

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

Rachel Powell

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

SCRIPTURE READING

James 2:1-10, 14-17

SERMON “Won’t You Be My Neighbor” Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

*HYMN NO. 284 (blue hymnal) O God, What You Ordain is Right *Was Gott tut*

*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.

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) Sonata (from Die Bänkelsängerlieder) Anonymous

(11:00) Be Thou Exalted John Goss

arr. Barbara Owen

Be thou exalted, Lord, in thine own strength, And will we sing and praise thy pow’r.

Psalm 21:13

Lasst uns erfreuen

*AT THE PRESENTATION Doxology

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

*HYMN NO. 288 (blue hymnal) (11:00) I Sing the Mighty Power of God *Ellacombe*

*CHARGE AND BEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 586 (blue hymnal) Amen

Danish melody

*POSTLUDE Fugue in C, BuxWV 174 (“Jig”) Dieterich Buxtehude

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are in given by Elizabeth and Josh Birdwell in honor of their son Ward’s 3rd birthday.

THE BIRTH CANDLE is lit today in celebration of identical twins, Barksdale and Charles Knee born on August 31 to parents Mark and Landis Knee and grandfather Bart Carey.

JOHN GOSS (1800-1880) was an English organist, composer, and teacher. A pupil of Thomas Attwood, organist of St. Paul’s, London, Goss eventually held the same position, and along with such composers as Samuel Sebastian Wesley, he attempted to elevate the standards of English church music, which where, during his lifetime, in decline. From 1827 to 1874, he taught harmony at the Royal Academy of Music, where his students included Arthur Sullivan of future Gilbert and Sullivan fame.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Maggie Gordon and Buz Johnson
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

ACOLYTES (11:00): Will Manrod and Tanner Losch

GREETERS (11:00): Bill and Eileen Rudd

SHEPHERD'S TEAM: Hap McSween

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Brass Choir

(11:00) Brass and Chancel Choirs

LITURGISTS:

(9:00) Barbara Adamcik

(11:00) Leigh Dunlap

SENIOR USHER: Sue Caradine

USHERS:

(9:00) Stephanie Lynch-Wright and Cile Mathews

(11:00) Bill Holt, Judy Jorden, Mark Potocik, Betty and Leonard McKeenan

SCHILLING GALLERY EXHIBIT: Be sure to take time and look at the new exhibits in the Schilling Gallery. They will be on display through October. David Luttrell's art is on the walls. He describes his work as "digital photographs." He uses found objects and flora from his gardens to make compositions that are then exposed or scanned up to 30 minutes without the benefit of an aperture. Westminster member Patricia Herzog is exhibiting her work in the cases. One case contains her functional, decorative glazed pottery, while the other case contains "alternative fired" small sculptures (Warrior Queens) that have Greek and Mesoamerican influences.

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

Use this link to sign up: <http://westminsterpres.knoxvillehabitat.volunteerhub.com/>

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.

MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT is Tuesday, September 11 at 6:30 PM. Please note the time change!

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.

FISH DELIVERY is Thursday, September 13th. The number of families we can help is limited by the number of delivery volunteers we have. You are needed! We deliver in pairs and the names of the food recipients can be picked up at church any time after 10 AM. If you are able to help make deliveries, please contact Sue McSween at. Thanks for your help!

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 at (text or leave message) if you will be joining us. Ask another person to join our group.

KID'S SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE!

We are excited to move Children's Sunday School hour to the 11:00 Worship Service. Kids 4 years old through 4th grade are invited to join us downstairs after Time with the Children where we will divide into two classes (primary and intermediate). Crafts and activities will be available during the 10:00 adult Sunday school hour for children 4th grade and under.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Bible Study - taught by Scott Brunger, meeting in the library

Feasting on the Word - a lectionary-based study taught by Phil Barnette, Tim Crais, Leigh Dunlap, Linda Judge-McRae, and Andy Morgan meets in the McKinnon Room

The Wired Word - a current topics discussion, facilitated by Jack Carley, Jeff and Amy Gilbert, Shawn and David Owens, and John Smartt meets in the Prayer Room

Faith and Life - rotating topics class, starting out with a class on "Revolutionary Love" taught by Larry Ridley and Rev. John Muntz, meets in the Fellowship Hall from September 16 - October 7

All Sunday school classes are at 10:00 a.m. each Sunday morning.

JUSTICE KNOX will meet Tuesday, September 11th from 6 to 8:30 pm at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, 2504 Cecil Avenue Knoxville, 37917. At this meeting, there will be Listening Process Training to facilitate in-house meetings which we can use at WPC to identify our concerns. Carpools will leave the WPC parking lot at 5:30 pm. If you have questions about Justice Knox, please contact Jackie Vanden Dorpel at .

WESTMINSTER MEN'S COVENANT BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP: Our first meeting of the new year will be Thursday, September 13th at 7:30 am in the McKinnon Room. Our special guest speaker will be Jimmy Hyams, Sports Director for WNML Radio Knoxville --- The Sports Animal. This will be the second time Jimmy has spoken to the group; the first time was in September, 2016. His complete bio is in the current edition of the Abbey. Breakfast will be provided courtesy of Tim Crais. All men of the church are welcome. No reservation is necessary. Bring a friend and join us for this lively discussion centering on UT Athletics.

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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+) \$35 Student/kids (age 3-17) \$25. Contact Anne Crais for more information .

DISCOVER WESTMINSTER is our annual opportunity to see what's in store for education and other ministries of the church. It's a very popular event, join us in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 AM. Visit tables for each ministry team, have a snack or two, play a game, and visit with your friends.

SHOW AND WAMS OLYMPICS: In accordance to tradition, we call upon the YOUTH of Westminster (6th-12th grade) to assemble today at 5pm to celebrate the 8th Annual Westminster Olympic Games!! Yes, we 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 tonight!!

THE SESSION

Class of 2019

Debbie Babelay

Daniel Collins

Vicki Mayfield

Cindy Pearman

Jay Schmid

Youth Elder: Maggie Gordon

Class of 2020

Scott Brunger

James Everett

Andrew Gordon

Susan McKeenan

Shawn Owens

Class of 2021

Brian Bonnyman

Anne Crais

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