



The Order of Worship

“Where Faith and Life Connect”

August 25, 2019  
10:00 A.M.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

“Earth’s crammed with heaven,  
And every common bush afire with God;  
But only he who sees, takes off his shoes,  
The rest sit around and pluck blackberries ...”

Elizabeth Barrett Browning

PRELUDE Abide, O Dearest Jesus Sigfrid Karg-Elert

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us rejoice, for morning has dawned. A new day has been born, and we are newly alive to enjoy it.

People: **We know the beauty of God’s creation and the wonder of the human family.**

Leader: We gather in our church to worship God, to share prayers and the gifts of the Spirit, to pledge ourselves to the work of Christ in the world.

People: **We come to understand God more fully, that we might come to understand the meaning and purpose of our lives.**

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

\*HYMN NO. 150 (blue hymnal) Come, Christians, Join to Sing Madrid

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Gracious God, we come before you in humility to confess our sin. The light that shines through the Christ illuminates the many ways that we fail to live as your people. Forgive us for being more quarrelsome than compassionate, more self-protective than giving, more close-minded than open-hearted. Forgive us for letting differences blind us to our essential unity. Forgive us for neglecting our planet, the welfare of all your people, and our own spiritual health; and for failing to see the life-giving connection between all three. May your Spirit lead us to a place of wholeness. 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

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 Jerusalem, My Happy Home Land of Rest  
arr. Peter Van Eenam

Jerusalem, my happy home, When shall I come to thee? When shall my sorrows have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?

Thy gardens and thy gallant walks Continually are green; There grow such sweet and pleasant flow’rs As nowhere else are seen.

There trees forevermore bear fruit And evermore do spring; There evermore the angels sit And evermore do sing.

Jerusalem, my happy home, Would God I were in thee! Would God my woes were at an end, Thy joys that I might see!

Joseph Bromehead

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

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

\*HYMN NO. 294 (blue hymnal) Wherever I May Wander New England

\*CHARGE AND BEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 586 (blue hymnal) Amen Danish melody

TO EXPERIENCE GOD’S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING Jeremiah 1:4-10; Hebrews 12:18-29

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Cameron Sears

Children age 4 through 4<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Children’s Worship. Children are welcome in worship here or a nursery is available.

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 13:10-17

SERMON “When Religion Gets Bent Out of Shape” Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

\*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.

\*POSTLUDE A Mighty Fortress Johann Pachelbel

\*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

**PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK:** Shawn Owens and Scott Brunger  
**CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR AUGUST:** 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 wish to take it home.

### SERVING TODAY

**GREETERS:** Jan Gross and Renee Wiesehuegel

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** Summer Choir

**SENIOR USHER:** Alice Mercer

**SHEPHERD'S TEAM:** Michael Betz

**USHERS:** Ann Allison-Cote, Susan Baughman, Sue Caradine, Georgann and Tom Byerley

**LEMONADE FELLOWSHIP:** Nancy Lowe and Katherine and Harold Jones

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given by Eric and Janet Drumm in celebration of Janet's mother, Margaret Holroyd's 99<sup>th</sup> birthday on August 27.

**OUR THANKS** to Eileen Rudd for leading the Summer Choir and serving as organist this morning while Peter Van Eenam is away.

**VOLUNTEER MINISTRY CENTER** is in need of adult clothing, shoes and toiletries. You may bring these items and place in our collection area at the bottom of the stairs leading into the children's wing.

**SHARE THE BOUNTY:** 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. 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.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!** Komen Race for the Cure 2019 is October 19 and you can join our team, *Tribe Alive - Westminster* You can register through [www.komeneasttennessee.org](http://www.komeneasttennessee.org).

**DISCOVER WESTMINSTER:** We go back to our regular schedule of two worship services at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. with an education hour at 10:00 on September 8. 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 a very popular event beginning at 10:00 a.m. Visit tables for each ministry team, have a snack or two, play a game, and visit with your friends. See you then!

**BREAKFAST IN THE SMOKIES** is scheduled for September 28, 2019. We will meet at Metcalf Bottoms in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park at 9:00 A.M. for the 8th annual Matt Mathews, Don Byerly Memorial Breakfast (12th Westminster Breakfast in the Mountains). There are sign-up sheets in the Schilling Gallery.

**FOYER GROUPS:** Foyer groups consists of six to eight members and include cooks and non-cooks, married couples and singles, long-term members, newcomers and visitors. You may serve dinner on china or on paper plates. Your group may meet on weekends, week nights, after church, in homes, restaurants, parks, etc., -- whatever works for you. We will be creating the new groups the second week of September. Folks who were in a spring Foyer group will automatically be assigned to a new group unless you let us know that you want to take a hiatus from Foyer for a while.

We also have a Foyerette Group which consists of a bunch of very sprightly ladies who enjoy getting together to play games, attend concerts and plays, dine out, have pot luck dinners, go exploring, etc.

Folks who are new to Westminster are especially encouraged to join one of these groups as it is a great way to become acquainted with the lively and interesting people who are in our pews each Sunday. If you would like more information or are ready to join, contact either Ginger Williams at or email or Shirley Wittman at

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** will resume August 26 at 7:00 pm and September 5 at 10:00 am. The books are available for pickup in the church office.

**SHOW AND WAMS:** Meet Barbara outside her office after worship today to go to lunch at Zoe's! Parents can join too. We will plan activities for the youth 2019-2020 calendar.

**A STATED SESSION MEETING** is scheduled for today at 11:00 am in the McKinnon Room.

**THE FULL CHOIR** schedule will be announced next week. The Chancel Choir will begin their year together on Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm. The Boys' and Girls' choirs will begin Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:45 pm.

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**ONLINE GIVING:** Westminster has moved into the 21st Century! We now have the option to give online! It is easy and allows you to setup onetime or automatic recurring contributions. You can even view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the internet. Visit the church's website at [www.wpcknox.org](http://www.wpcknox.org) and locate the blue GIVE ONLINE box at the bottom of the homepage. Click on the GIVE NOW button and then follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and start making your electronic contributions today. It takes just a few minutes. Your online contributions can be made with your bank account, credit card or debit card. Placing your contributions in the offering plate on Sunday mornings, as well as mailing your contributions into the church office, are also great ways to support the life and ministry of Westminster Presbyterian Church.

### **THE SESSION**

#### **Class of 2020**

Scott Brunger

James Everett

Andrew Gordon

Susan McKeehan

Shawn Owens

Youth Elder: Katie Rogers

Clerk of Session: Leigh Dunlap

Reed Ellis

#### **Class of 2021**

Brian Bonnyman

Anne Crais

Amy Gilbert

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Rachel Powell

#### **TRUSTEES**

Jeff Browning

#### **Class of 2022**

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