



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship

September 8, 2019

9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

THIRTEENTH 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) La Guamina Gioseffo Guami
 Fantasia I Adriano Banchieri

Brass Choir

(11:00) La Guamina Gioseffo Guami
 Almand (from *Two Pieces*) William Brade

Brass Choir

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 139, adapted

Leader: O LORD, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

People: You search out my path...and are acquainted with all my ways.

Leader: Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?

People: If I ascend to heaven you are there; if I make my bed in death, you are there.

Leader: Search me, O God, and know my heart;

People: And lead me in the way everlasting.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 248** (blue hymnal) You Are Before Me, Lord *Sursum corda*
(Verses 1 and 2: All; 3: Women; 4: Men; 5: All)

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Gracious God, we give you thanks that you supply us with what we need. You surround us with a wealth of resources for life together. Even as we are amazed at the variety of expressions of love which we have seen in Christ, we confess we do not always embody such love. Confused, distracted, overwhelmed by the pressures of our unique circumstance, we often lose sight of the faith and life to which you call us. Forgive us, O Merciful God. Renew and re-shape us in heart, mind and spirit. Help us to make good use of your good gifts by following in the way of Christ. 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** Celtic Alleluia (*sing twice*) Fintan O'Carroll
TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING Jeremiah 18:1-11, Luke 14:25-33

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Julia Whipple
Children age 4 through 4th grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Children's Worship.

SCRIPTURE READING Philemon 1-21

SERMON "Faith Shaped Lives" Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

***HYMN** Have Thine Own Way, Lord! *Adelaide*
(See insert)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) *from A Declaration of Faith*

In forming his people and sending them into the world Jesus called individuals to be disciples. They were to share the joy of his companionship, to understand and obey his teachings, and to follow him in life and death. We confess that Christians today are called to discipleship. Life shared with Christ and shaped by Christ is God's undeserved gift to each of us. It is also God's demand upon every one of us, never perfectly fulfilled by any of us. Forgiven by God and supported by brothers and sisters, we strive to become more faithful and effective in our daily practice of the Christian life.

THE OFFERING

Please sign and pass the Friendship Register found on the pew nearest the center aisle. 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) Almand (from *Two Pieces*) William Brade
Brass Choir

(11:00) All My Hope on God Is Founded Herbert Howells
 All my hope on God is founded; He doth still my trust renew. Me through change and chance he guideth, Only good and only true. God unknown, He alone Calls my heart to be his own.

Pride of man and earthly glory, Sword and crown betray his trust; What with care and toil he buildeth, Tower and temple, fall to dust. But God's power, Hour by hour, Is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye endureth, Deep his wisdom, passing thought: Splendour, light, and life attend him, Beauty springeth out of naught. Evermore From his store Newborn worlds rise and adore.

Daily doth th'Almighty Giver Bounteous gifts on us bestow; His desire our soul delighteth, Pleasure leads us where we go. Love doth stand At his hand; Joy doth wait on his command.

Still from man to God eternal Sacrifice of praise be done, High above all praises praising For the gift of Christ his Son. Christ doth call one and all: Ye who follow shall not fall.

Robert Bridges
Lasst uns erfreuen

***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 434** (blue hymnal) (11:00) Today We Are Called to Be Disciples *Kingsfold*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (9:00)

Hymn No. 586 (blue hymnal) Amen Danish melody

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** (11:00) God Be in My Head John Rutter
 God be in my head and in my understanding. God be in mine eyes and in my looking. God be in my mouth and in my speaking. God be in mine heart and in my thinking. God be at my end and in my departing.

from the Sarum Primer

***POSTLUDE** Präludium in F, RhWV deest No. 9

Josef Rheinberger

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Janet Drumm and Charlie Mercer
CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR SEPTEMBER: 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

ACOLYTES (11:00): Lucy Gilbert and Bobby Powell

GREETERS (11:00): Buz and Lucy Johnson

SHEPHERD’S TEAM: Bill Wiesehuegel

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Brass Choir

(11:00) Brass and Chancel Choirs

SENIOR USHER: Sue Caradine

USHERS:

(9:00) Lucinda and Bob Albiston

(11:00) Mary Lou Crow, Judy Jordan, Bill Holt, Andrew and Kristi Gordon

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are in given by Elizabeth and Josh Birdwell in honor of their son, Ward’s 4th birthday.

THE BIRTH CANDLE is lit today in celebration of Jack Landis Brewington born September 3 to Allie and Steven Brewington and big sister, Lila.

JOSEF GABRIEL RHEINBERGER (1839-1901), a composer and organist, was born in Vaduz, Liechtenstein, though he spent most of his life and career in Germany. He exhibited prodigious musical talent, and he was already serving as organist of the Vaduz parish church when he was only seven years old. Soon after graduating from the Munich Conservatorium, he returned there to become a professor of both piano and composition. His music exhibits stylistic influences ranging from Bach to Mendelssohn, Schubert, and Schumann; and extending to his contemporaries Brahms and Bruckner. As a teacher, he attracted students from across Europe, including Richard Strauss and Ermanno Wolf-Ferrari, but also from the United States, among them Horatio Parker and George Whitefield Chadwick. Though Rheinberger wrote twelve masses, a Requiem, a Stabat Mater, symphonies, and chamber works, he is perhaps best known today for his organ works. In the *Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians* it is noted that “His organ sonatas were once declared to be undoubtedly the most valuable addition to organ music since the time of Mendelssohn.” When the second (and present) Munich Conservatorium was founded, Rheinberger was appointed Royal Professor of organ and composition, a post he held until his death.

SCHILLING GALLERY EXHIBIT: Be sure to take time and look at the new exhibits in the Schilling Gallery.

MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT is Tuesday, September 10 at 6:30 PM. Fellowship team will provide refreshments.

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 am for the 8th annual Matt Mathews Memorial Breakfast (12th Westminster Breakfast in the Mountains). There are sign-up sheets in the Schilling Gallery.

FISH DELIVERY is Thursday, September 12. The number of families we can help is limited by the number of delivery volunteers available. We deliver in pairs and the names of the food recipients can be picked up at the church, as well as non-food items for each family. Please note the time for teams to pick up your delivery address sheets is now 1 PM. Please contact Georgann Byerley,, if you can help.

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.

KIDS CORNER

Nursery (8:45-12:15): available for children 0-4 years old.

Children’s Fellowship Time (10:00-10:45): for kids of all ages through 4th grade, great to get to know each other better while participating in fun and meaningful activities, games, crafts and service projects.

Time with Children (11:10): Children age 4-4th grade are encouraged to stay with families for the beginning of 11:00 am worship, they are then invited up-front for a brief children’s sermon and prayer, then ushered downstairs for Sunday School.

Sunday School (11:15-12:00): Children will be split by age, pre-school thru kindergarten and 1st-4th grade.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Bible Study - Adult Bible study meets in the library and is led by Scott Brunger. The class is studying the book of Esther.

The Wired Word - Led by a rotating group of teachers, this class takes a look at how scripture addresses current topics. All you need is a smart phone or tablet. The class meets in the Prayer Room.

Feasting on the Word - This lectionary-based study provides some background for the scriptures read during worship each week. Also led by a teaching team, this class meets in the McKinnon Room.

Faith and Life - Be watching for special classes that will include a Welcome to Westminster new member class and other offerings.

The Welcome to Westminster class will be offered in the Fellowship Hall during the education hour on September 15, 22, and 29. If you are a new member or have been visiting and would like to learn more about who we are, this is a great class for you!

Starting September 15, classes are at 10:00 a.m. each Sunday morning.

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RACE FOR THE CURE: 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. 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 Schilling Gallery 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 on Sunday, Sept. 8 at 5 pm to celebrate the 9th annual Westminster Olympic Games!! Yes, we will have another crazy array of games and competitions to kick off our youth year. Examples of our games will be Tandem Kickball, Water Balloon Dodgeball, Extreme Volleyball, a Joke competition, and a super-cool surprise event!! As usual, there are beautiful medals to be awarded at the end of this awesome evening! As always, you are welcome to bring a friend. We begin with dinner at 5:00, and the medal ceremonies will take place at 7:30. We can always use parent help at this event. We hope to see you all there!!

Class of 2020

Scott Brunger

James Everett

Andrew Gordon

Susan McKeehan

Shawn Owens

Youth Elder: Katie Rogers

Clerk of Session: Leigh Dunlap

Reed Ellis

THE SESSION

Class of 2021

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