



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship

September 22, 2019

9:00 and 11:00 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.

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

PRELUDE O Gott, du frommer Gott Johannes Brahms

O God, Thou Faithful God

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

MINUTE FOR MISSION Race for the Cure Ashley Baker

INTROIT (11:00) Blessed Jesus, at Your Word *Liebster Jesu*

harm. J. S. Bach

Blessed Jesus, at Your word We are gathered all to hear You; Let our hearts and souls be stirred Now to seek and love and fear You; By Your teachings true and holy, Drawn from earth to love You solely.

Tobias Clausnitzer

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made, and so we come seeking...

People: Forgiveness that restores and renews,

Leader: Grace that amazes and enables,

People: Community that strengthens and supports,

Leader: Truth that informs and guides,

People: Love that redeems and heals.

Leader: Let us worship 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, our lives as individuals, and the moral life of our community, is an open book to you. You know where we succeed and where we fail. You know when we squander the gifts we have been given, and when we fail to forgive as you have forgiven us. You know when we have not been completely our best selves in small and great things alike. Forgive our sins. Enable us to be more faithful stewards of the grace you have given us, and more faithful stewards of our Lord’s vision of peace and justice in your wondrous Creation. In Christ’s name we pray. 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 8:18-9:1

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Ellen Anderson

Children age 4 through 4th grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Sunday School.

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 16:1-13

SERMON “Is that a Rhetorical Question?” Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

***HYMN NO. 394** (blue hymnal) There Is a Balm in Gilead *Balm in Gilead*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison)

from A Brief Statement of Faith, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives.

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.

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) Farewell, Dear Love Robert Jones

Recorder Ensemble

(11:00) Blessed Are the Pure in Heart Charles Callahan

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Matthew 5:8

Lasst uns erfreuen

***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 420** (blue hymnal) (11:00) God of Grace and God of Glory

Cwm Rhondda

***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** Prelude and Fugue in C, BWV 553 J. S. Bach

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Anne Crais and Scott Brunger

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 wish to take it home.

SERVING TODAY

GREETERS (11:00): Gloria Borum and Mary Jo Mann

SHEPHERD'S TEAM: Jerry Carley

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Recorder Ensemble

(11:00) Chancel Choir

SENIOR USHER: Sue Caradine

USHERS:

(9:00) Daniel Berry and Kathy Huck

(11:00) Susan Baughman, Sue Caradine, Loann Price, Tom and Georgann Byerley

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Gary and Katherine Harmon in loving memory of their parents James and Lucille Harmon and John and Barbara Goan.

JOHANNES BRAHMS composed this morning's prelude at Ischl, Austria (near Salzburg), during the last summer of his life, as part of his Opus 122, a set of eleven chorale preludes.

ACOLYTES ON RETREAT! This weekend our middle school youth attended the Presbytery Middle School Retreat at John Knox Center. The acolytes will return next Sunday.

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. **Today is the final day to RSVP.**

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.

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.

SHOW AND WAMS: Next week, we will be making one-of-a-kind soup bowls! Pat Herzog will show us how to glaze (paint) pre-made bowls which she will fire in her kiln! The youth will be selling the bowls in the weeks before Westminster's BIG Rise Against Hunger food packaging event. Our goal... Make enough meals to feed 35,000 children!!!

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY: October 6 we will have one service at 11:00 to worship together.

MEN'S COVENANT BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP will be Thursday September 26th at 7:30am in the McKinnon Room. The lesson entitled "C'mon Guys, Real Men Are Feminists" will be presented by Phil Barnette. The lesson is based on material from the book The Moment of Lift written by Melinda Gates. Breakfast will be provided courtesy of Ron Alexander. All men of the church are welcome and no reservation is required. For new members to Westminster, if you have any questions about this group, you may contact the church office.

A STATED SESSION MEETING today at 12:15 in the McKinnon Room.

CHURCH DIRECTORY: Please send any updated family photos or new photos to the church office so that we may update the online church directory. Many of you have been using this resource and we want to keep it up-to-date! You can email photos to melissa_wpc@comcast.net.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE: Hurricane Dorian made landfall in the Bahamas as a Category 5 hurricane on September 1, 2019 and stalled over the islands for 24 hours, causing massive damage. PDA is working with partners in the Bahamas to respond to immediate needs with a solidarity grant. Presbyteries in the U.S. are assessing the need and PDA stands ready to assist as needed. Using PCUSA's Hurricanes account, DR000194, allows us to respond immediately to the needs internationally and domestically where needed most.

FIFTH SUNDAY MINISTRY: The Missions Committee is collecting shampoo and toothpaste for our FISH recipients, also several of these clients need pet food for their cats and dogs. Pet food can be an overlooked need for low income people that FISH serves. Pets can truly be family members, who enhance the well being of their owners. They offer unconditional love and affection, reduce stress, depression and loneliness, and increase social interaction and exercise. Please deposit items in the bin in the Schilling Gallery.

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.

Youth Tonight!!

Since Westminster's Awesome Middle Schoolers (WAMS) are at a retreat this weekend, the Senior Highs of Westminster (SHOW) will enjoy going off campus for Dinner and a Movie!! Bring \$10-12 for dinner at Brixx Pizza (7403 Kingston Pike) and then we'll choose which movie we will all see together!! Parents and those driving can meet at Brixx at 5:15. Barbara will shuttle over anyone who needs a ride from Chorister's choir practice (or anyone who wants a ride...) If you want a ride from Barbara, be at church by 5:00. Pick up will be after the movie. (We'll let parents know as soon as we pick the movie!) Parents, you're invited to join the fun, too!! See you tonight!!!

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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 Ruth.

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 - The Welcome to Westminster class will be offered in the Fellowship Hall during the education hour on September 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!

Classes begin at 10:00 a.m. each Sunday morning.

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING will be collected through World Communion Sunday, October 6. You can read more about this Special Offering in the insert included in your bulletin.

ADDRESS UPDATE: It's time to update our college-aged members' addresses. If you could email melissa_wpc@comcast.net with these updates. This will help us to keep in touch with our young adults throughout the year.

Class of 2020

Scott Brunger

James Everett

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THE SESSION

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