



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship

September 29, 2019

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** Prelude in D, BWV 532, 1 J. S. Bach

**OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION**

**INTROIT** (11:00) O My Soul, Bless God, the Father Stuttgart

O my soul, bless God, the Father; All within me bless his name; Bless the Father, and forget not All his mercies to proclaim.

Bless the Father, all his creatures, Ever under his control; All throughout his vast dominion Bless the Father, O my soul.

based on Psalm 103

**MINUTE FOR MISSION** Race for the Cure

Ashley Baker

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Westminster Presbyterian Church Mission Statement

Leader: We seek to follow Jesus Christ in an open and inclusive community of faith

**People: Where God’s transforming love for all creation is celebrated through worship, discipleship and service.**

Leader: Let us worship the LORD our God in this place where faith and life connect!

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

\*HYMN NO. 229 (blue hymnal) From All That Dwell Below the Skies

Lasst uns erfreuen

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

from the Iona Abbey Worship Book of Scotland

Eternal God, creator of all that exists; Jesus Christ, redeemer of humankind; Holy Spirit, life-giving presence; in earth, sea and sky, you are there. O hidden mystery, sun behind all suns, soul behind all souls, in everything we touch, in everyone we meet, your presence is around us, and we give you thanks. But when we have not touched but trampled you in creation, when we have not met but missed you in one another, when we have not received but rejected you in the poor, forgive us, and hear now our plea for mercy...

\*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 32:1-15, Luke 16:19-31

**MUSIC FOR HANDBELLS** (11:00) Sarabande (from Suite No. 11 in d) G. F. Handel

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN** (11:00) Jean Bonnyman

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

**SCRIPTURE READING** I Timothy 6:6-19

**SERMON** Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

“A person has made at least a start on discovering the meaning of human life when they plant shade trees under which they know full well they will never sit.”

Elton Trueblood, ca. 1951, Quaker Theologian

\*HYMN NO. 261 (blue hymnal) God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us

O quanta qualia

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) from the Iona Community of Scotland

We believe in God, whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives, whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth, whose love was crucified by the evil that waits to enslave us all and whose love, defeating even death, is our glorious promise of freedom. Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt, in God we trust; and, in the name of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves, in the service of others, to seek justice and to live in peace, to care for the earth and to share the commonwealth of God’s goodness, to live in the freedom of forgiveness and the power of the spirit of love, and in the company of the faithful so to be the church, for the glory of God. Amen.

**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) Sarabande (from Suite No. 11 in d)

G. F. Handel

(11:00) Early Will I Seek Thee

Thomas Weelkes

Early will I seek Thee, for my soul thirsteth for Thee, I will bless Thee while I live, And lift up my hands in Thy Name. Early will I seek Thee, O God, Thou art my God.

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

Psalm 63:1,4

Old Hundredth

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

\*HYMN NO. 307 (blue hymnal) (11:00) Fight the Good Fight

Duke Street

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

Danish melody

\*POSTLUDE Fugue in D, BWV 532, 2

J. S. Bach

\*Indicates standing.

**NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

**PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK:** Amy Gilbert and Andrew Gordon  
**CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR SEPTEMBER:** Cindy Spangler  
**CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR OCTOBER 1-19:** Bonny Naugher and Brenda Seip  
**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): Rob and Susan McKeehan

**ACOLYTES** (11:00): Lyla Hagan and Frank Manrod

**SHEPHERD'S TEAM:** Anderson Collins

### **MINISTRY OF MUSIC:**

(9:00) Handbell Choir

(11:00) Chancel and Handbell Choirs

**SENIOR USHER:** Sue Caradine

### **USHERS:**

(9:00) Connie and Donnie Graham

(11:00) Linda Van Beke, Gary Rowcliffe, Marty Pryor, Janice and Rick Rawe

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given by Ross and Suzanne Graham in honor of their daughter, Kim G. Daniels.

**THIS MORNING'S MUSIC FOR HANDBELLS**, originally from a harpsichord suite, was transcribed by Peter Van Eenam in September 1982 and first heard the following February. The Handbell Choir, established just a little over a year earlier, had advanced dramatically from its earlier repertoire, which had mostly been homophonic (chordal) German chorales.

**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.

**CLIMATE CHURCH, CLIMATE WORLD:** 2:00 today - Hear noted author, award-winning activist and public theologian, Jim Antal, discuss his book Climate Church, Climate World on at New Providence Presbyterian Church, Maryville. Antal speaks to the question— “why should people of faith engage the moral challenge of climate change, and how should we do it?” Meet at Westminster at 1:00 for car-pooling.

**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 Hurricane account, DR000194, allows us to respond immediately to the needs internationally and domestically where needed most.

## **Youth Artistic Service Project TODAY!**

In preparation for our HUGE Rise Against Hunger event in November, our Westminster youth (6-12th grades) will be meeting from 5-7 in the McKinnon room to glaze 72 bisque soup bowls. The youth will be selling their beautiful creations to raise the final \$\$'s needed for this All-Church event.

Pat Herzog (Westminster's own ceramic genius) will be there to help us create our masterpieces. Thank you, Pat!! Everyone will also be glad to know Betty McKeehan (Westminster's own cooking/hosting genius) will be making dinner for us, too!! What a great night!!!

**BIBLE, LUNCH, TUESDAY (BLT)** will return October 1! The class will focus on the letters of I and II Timothy and Titus. These are sometimes called The Pastoral Epistles because they deal with some very practical issues in the early church community. These letters also reflect the growing hierarchy and patriarchy that would come to define the church for centuries. We will look closely at these letters to see what they might have to speak to us today. There will be an introductory class on Tuesday, Oct. 1, beginning at 12:00 noon in the McKinnon Room. We will not have class on Oct. 8 (fall break) but will resume on Oct. 15 and go through Nov. 19. Bring a lunch and come join us.

**FISH DELIVERY** is Thursday, October 10th. 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. Please note the time for teams to pick up their food recipient sheets for delivery is now 1 PM. Please contact Georgann Byerley if you are able to make deliveries. Thanks for your help!

**CHRISTMAS PLAY TRY-OUTS:** Join us for a Charlie Brown Christmas play try-outs October 13 after worship or October 14 from 6:30-7:30 pm, in the Fellowship Hall



**JUSTICE KNOX** is starting their Fall Listening Sessions. Westminster will be hosting two Listening Sessions at the church: Sunday, October 13 - 12:15pm and Monday, October 14 at 2:00 pm, each lasting about an hour. Please RSVP to Judy, judybarnette1312@yahoo.com or Jackie, peacefully35@gmail.com so they can plan snacks accordingly. These Sessions will identify areas of justice concern for Justice Knox to research and study.

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

## **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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

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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.

**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](http://www.komeneasttennessee.org). Contact Anne Crais for more information.

### **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**

Brian Bonnyman

Anne Crais

Amy Gilbert

Buz Johnson

Rachel Powell

### **TRUSTEES**

Jeff Browning

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