



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship

October 13, 2019
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE CHURCH GATHERS . . .

Welcome to Westminster Church! We are a family of Christians gathered from many traditions and neighborhoods, worshipping 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) Twenty and Twenty-nine (from *Miniatures for Organ*) Herbert Howells
 (11:00) Canzona No. 2 Thomas Crecquillon

Brass Choir

INTROIT (11:00) O Praise God George Thalben-Ball
 O praise God in his holiness; praise him in the firmament of his power.
 Psalm 150:1

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all you people!
People: With shouts of joy we celebrate the good news of God’s love.
 Leader: Open your hearts to the warmth of God’s redeeming love.
People: God has poured such wonder into our lives!
 Leader: Come, let us worship God with hearts and souls and voices!
People: Let our praise ring to the rafters and ascend to the heavens! AMEN.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 262** (blue hymnal) God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand
National Hymn

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Patient Lord, you know how easy it is for us to whine and complain bitterly about all those things in our lives that are difficult. We focus on them as though they were the only things that ever happened to us, forgetting the many blessings that you have given to us and the opportunities you give us to serve you. We feel alienated--you call us beloved. We feel lost--you seek us. We feel broken and battered--your love is a healing balm. Forgive us when we forget those things. Help us to always look to you for our healing and to return thanks to you by praise and serving others in your name. For we offer this prayer of confession of our failures and gratitude for your blessings.
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 29

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Allie Brewington
Children age 4 through 4th grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Sunday School.

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 17:5-10

SERMON Fake News, Good News, Best News Rev. Gradye Parsons

***HYMN NO. 416** (blue hymnal) Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation
Westminster Abbey

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) adapted from *Our World Belongs to God*

As followers of Jesus Christ, living in this world, which some seek to control, but which others view with despair. We declare with joy and trust: Our world belongs to God! From the beginning, through all the crises of our times, until the Lord's kingdom fully comes, God keeps covenant forever. Our world belongs to the Lord! God is King! Let the earth be glad! Christ is Victor; his rule has begun. Hallelujah! The Spirit is at work, renewing creation. As covenant partners, called to faithful obedience, and set free for joyful praise, we offer our hearts and lives to do God's work in God's world. Come, Lord Jesus! Our world belongs to you.

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) Canzona No. 2 Thomas Crecquillon
 (11:00) Autumn Carol Russell Schulz-Widmar
 Sing to the Lord of harvest, sing songs of love and praise. With joyful hearts and voices your alleluias raise. In God the rolling seasons in steadfast order

move. Sing to the Lord of harvest a joyous song of love.

The clouds break forth with raining, the deserts bloom and spring, the hills leap up in gladness, the valleys laugh and sing. God fills them with abundance and nature’s gifts increase. The year is crowned with goodness, with plenty and with peace.

Bring to this sacred altar the gifts God’s goodness gave, the golden sheaves of harvest, the souls Christ died to save. Your hearts lay down in offering at his feet you fall. With holy lives adore him who gave his life for all.

John S. B. Monsell

Ed Babelay, Cindy Pearman,
 and Debbie Schmid, Handbells

***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology

Lasst uns erfreuen

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 332** (blue hymnal) (11:00) Live into Hope *Truro*

***CHARGE AND BEDICTION**

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

Danish melody
 André Campra

***POSTLUDE** Rigaudon

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Colleen Manrod and Charlie Mercer
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): Charlie and Alice Mercer

ACOLYTES (11:00): Jake Phillips and Bobby Powell

SHEPHERD'S TEAM: Tim Crais

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Brass Choir

(11:00) Brass and Chancel Choirs

SENIOR USHER: Elizabeth Ridley

USHERS:

(9:00) Bonny and Doug Naugher

(11:00) Tim and Joyce Ryan, Brenda Seip, John Salsbery, Bill Rudd

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by John Smartt to celebrate the life of Paula Warner Smartt who died October 15, 2015.

THE BIRTH CANDLE TODAY is lit in celebration of the birth of Esmé Flora Dungan who was born on October 8 in Napa, California to Sam and Sarah Dungan. Proud Great-Grandmother is Anne Dungan.

THE CHANCEL CHOIR'S ANTHEM this morning is a delightful setting of a chorale melody by Johann Steurlein (1546-1613) that is sung with a handbell ostinato. Our thanks to Ed Babelay, Cindy Pearman, and Debbie Schmid for their enrichment of our worship as they accompany the choir.

CHRISTMAS PLAY TRY-OUTS: Westminster Players Children's Christmas play this year will be *A Charlie Brown Christmas*!! Try-outs for the play will be TODAY after the 11:00 service and Monday, October 14, from 6:30-7:30 pm. All children from age 5 to 15 are welcome to try out! Scripts will be provided and we will do group readings and group exercises for try-outs. Give it a try... it is soooo much fun!! Rehearsals are Sundays from noon-2 pm.

THE SEQUOYAH WESTMORELAND NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP will gather for fun & food TONIGHT from 5:00-7:00 pm at Jay & Debbie Schmid's house, 4218 Hiawatha Dr. Please RSVP to Debbie Schmid. Bring an appetizer/finger food to share. Drinks provided by Betty Hanes & Debbie.

JUSTICE KNOX is starting their Fall Listening Sessions. Westminster will be hosting two Listening Sessions at the church: TODAY - 12:15pm and Monday, October 14 at 2:00 pm, each lasting about an hour. These Sessions will identify areas of justice concern for Justice Knox to research and study.

ABBEY DEADLINE is today. Email your articles to unitedprinters@comcast.net.

BIBLE, LUNCH, TUESDAY (BLT) will meet at 12:00, Tuesdays, October 15-November 19. 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. Bring a lunch and come join us.

THE LADIES BOOK CLUB will meet this Tuesday at 10:30 am to discuss the book *My Antonia* by Willa Cather. We hope you will join in on the fun!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will meet Thursday at 1:30 pm in the SHOW room.

RACE FOR THE CURE will take place this coming Saturday, Oct. 19 and we need your help. Please find the table in the Schilling Gallery this morning and write the name(s) of special individuals who have dealt with breast cancer on the pink paper located there. The runners/walkers will place these names on the back of their t-shirts while participating in the race on Saturday. We want to honor these folks this year and remember them as we participate. The delivery of the t-shirts will take place on Wednesday, Oct. 16 for those who requested them to be picked up at WPC. If you ordered one, you can get it at your convenience before the Saturday race begins! Thanks so much for donating and helping this cause.

WPC OCTOBERFEST is scheduled for Sunday, October 20 at Whittington Creek's Pavilion! A gourmet hotdog bar will be featured along with beer tasting and sampling brews from Westminster's own master-brewers. This event is for all in our community who are 21+ years old. We will have a special band reuniting to enliven the evening. The charge for this event is \$10 per person. **Sign up today in the Schilling Gallery so that they can have enough food for everyone!!!**
MEETING OUR FAITH NEIGHBORS AT WWW: Save the Date(s) for our upcoming WWW series called *Meeting Our Faith Neighbors!* Wednesday's from October 23-November 20, we will be meeting, breaking bread with, and enjoying performances and conversations with our Faith Neighbors. Families of ALL ages will enjoy the programs and dinner. In addition to culture-based food (think baklava and falafel...), we will offer "family friendly" options for everyone (Mac 'n cheese, chicken nuggets, etc)! These amazing evenings will be fun and meaningful to your whole family!! The schedule for each Wednesday will be Dinner from 5:45-6:30 and concert/program from 6:30-7:30. More details will be coming soon.

TRUNK OR TREAT is set for Sunday, October 27! The Youth and Fellowship Team are preparing for the best one yet! Westminster parking lot will be filled with games, trick-or-treating, cute little goblins, and some pretty cute bigger goblins, too! The Fellowship team is providing a pizza dinner for everyone. **Please RSVP on the sign up sheets in the Schilling Gallery - it helps the team know how much food to order.** Let's not forget about that we have fabulous prizes for the best Trunk Decorating!!! EVERYONE is invited to this every-generation event. People who are decorating trunks or helping with games should arrive by 5:00 (that includes all the youth for game set-up.) The dinner and Trunk-or-Treating will begin at 5:30.
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.

CAN YOU GIVE A FEW HOURS TO PACKAGE MEALS FOR THE HUNGRY? Sunday, November 17th, from noon until 2:30 p.m., the church youth and the Missions Committee will organize an event to package 35,000 meals for hungry people across the globe. WPC will do this in partnership with Rise Against Hunger, a nonprofit whose goal is to end global hunger by 2030. WPC held the same event in 2017, which was enthusiastically supported by the congregation and was a resounding success. Participants will get to sample the meals they package, prepared with indigenous recipes. One hundred fifty volunteers are needed. All ages welcome! Come join the fun and help provide life-saving hunger relief. You can sign up online at http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/West_Pres_Meal_Packaging.

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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 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.

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

Class of 2020

Scott Brunger

James Everett

Andrew Gordon

Susan McKeegan

Shawn Owens

Youth Elder: Katie Rogers

Clerk of Session: Leigh Dunlap

Reed Ellis

THE SESSION

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