



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship

**October 20, 2019
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.**

NINETEENTH 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 Psalm-Prelude Herbert Howells
OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION
MOMENT FOR MISSION Rise Against Hunger Nancy Kent
CALL TO WORSHIP

Written by Sam Phillips for Columbia Theological Seminary Chapel

Leader: We are all created in the image of God, and God has brought us here, together.

People: **We bring diversity and splendor, creativity and life experiences, joy and pain.**

Leader: No matter your discipline or creed, no matter your color or orientation, no matter your virtues or vices, you are welcome here in this space.

People: **We as a community of faith celebrate those differences as intentional acts of God’s creation.**

Leader: Often we struggle to hear God’s voice in our lives,
People: **yet we trust that God is guiding us along the way, showing us the path of love and grace.**
Leader: Indeed, in you the Spirit of God is alive and vibrant,
People: **so we come with thanksgiving and praise.**
Leader: Come, let us worship God together.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 481** (blue hymnal) Praise the Lord, God Glories Show *Llanfair*

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Gracious God, hear the pleas of your people. For our failure to love others as you have loved us; for wasting your gifts and hoarding our goods; for too easily losing hope in your power to transform all things and giving up on you, each other, and ourselves; for all the ways we turn from your way, forgive us and restore us, that we might live in the fullness of life you intend for us through Christ our Lord. 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 31:27-34, II Timothy 3:14-4:5

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Bill Farnham

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

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 18:1-8

SERMON “Don’t stop thinking about tomorrow.... Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips
 It’ll be, better than before.” Fleetwood Mac

***HYMN NO. 220** (blue hymnal) All People That on Earth Do Dwell *Old Hundredth*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison)
 from *A Brief Statement of Faith*, Presbyterian Church (USA)

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, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, Come, Lord Jesus!

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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.

(9:00) Préambule (from 24 Pieces in Free Style) Louis Vierne

(11:00) My Song Shall Be Always of the Loving Kindness of the Lord

Gerald Near

My song shall be always of the loving kindness of the Lord. With my mouth will I show forth Thy truth. For I have said, “mercy is set up for ever; Thy truth shalt Thou ‘stablish in the heav’ns.”

from Psalm 89

Lasst uns erfreuen

***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 285** (blue hymnal) (11:00) God, You Spin the Whirling Planets
Austrian Hymn

***CHARGE AND BEDICTION**

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

Danish melody

***POSTLUDE** Lobe den Herren, den mächtigen König der Ehren Paul Manz
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Shawn Owens and James Everett
CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR OCTOBER 20-31: 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 want to take it home.

SERVING TODAY

GREETERS: (11:00) Lisa and Griffen Oros

ACOLYTES: (11:00) Lucy Gilbert and Gracie Kringen

SHEPHERD'S TEAM: Reed Ellis

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: (11:00) Chancel Choir

SENIOR USHER: Elizabeth Ridley

USHERS:

(9:00) Cile Mathews and Stephanie Lynch-Wright

(11:00) Jay Schmid, John and Kathy Shilling, Shawn and David Owens

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Mary Jo Mann and Gloria Borum in honor of Westminster being a church that truly welcomes and accepts all people.

MY THANKS to Eileen Rudd for serving as organist this morning as I am recovering from hand surgery for "trigger finger" in my left thumb, which developed quickly over the last two months. She is always most gracious in covering me at the organ when sudden situations arise and I am most indebted to her.

Peter Van Eenam

GERALD NEAR, whose music is often heard at Westminster, is one of our nation's finest composers of sacred music. He studied theory and composition with Leo Sowerby (another composer known well by our congregation) at the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago and Leslie Bassett at the University of Michigan. While in Ann Arbor he also studied organ with Robert Glasgow and conducting with Elizabeth Green and Gustav Meier. In this morning's anthem, we hear a warm, undulating organ accompaniment on the string celeste above which a lyrical dialogue of women's and men's unison voices floats in a most serene and gentle manner. In the middle of the work, Near contrasts this texture with voices in four parts: paired soprano and alto, and tenor and bass, in imitation, culminating in cross rhythms of duple and triple.

OKTOBERFEST is this evening! We are looking forward to this fun event at Whittington Creek Pavilion. Festivities begin at 5:00!

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.

WOMEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDY will meet October 28 at 7:00 in the library.

SOUP-ER BEAUTIFUL FUNDRAISER will raise the final \$600 for our Rise Against Hunger event November 17. The youth have hand-glazed bowls to sell next Sunday, October 27, and will cost \$15 each. Even if you don't need to purchase bowls, come see these fantastic and beautiful works of art our youth have made!!! Thanks to Pat Herzog, for helping us glaze and fire our bowls!

MEETING OUR FAITH NEIGHBORS AT WWW: Join us this Wednesday, October 23 as our African-American neighbors from St. Paul AME Zion present an play and share gospel music with us.. Families of ALL ages are encouraged to join in the programs and dinner. Dinner is served from 5:45-6:30 with concert/program from 6:30-7:30. Childcare will be available.

October 30: Presbyterian Neighbors including Jean Davidson, Carrie Nicely and Gradye Parsons

November 6: Jewish Neighbors: Marilyn Kallet and Dor L'Dor Klezmer band

November 13: Muslim Neighbors: Amira Hamed

November 20: Musicians of three faiths come together to share traditions and inspire peace!

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.

WESTMINSTER MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP: Our next meeting will be Thursday, October 24th at 7:30 am in the McKinnon Room. The lesson entitled 'The Signers' will be presented by Jack Draper. Breakfast will be provided courtesy of Bill Rogers. All men of the church are welcome and no reservation is required. Thanks and have a blessed day.



Ⓢ 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

SHOW AND WAMS will be visiting the Oakes Corn Maze!! Meet in the McKinnon room at noon, and we'll eat some pizza for lunch, then at 1:00, we'll leave for the corn maze! Bring \$15-20 for admission and a pumpkin! **We need parent drivers! Please contact Barbara or Daniel if you are willing to drive. (The church will pay driver's admission costs.) This event will be a-MAZE-ing!!!

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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 reading St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians.

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

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Youth Elder: Katie Rogers

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