



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship

**October 27, 2019
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.**

REFORMATION SUNDAY

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 Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now Paul Manz

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

MOMENT FOR MISSION Rise Against Hunger Nancy Kent

INTROIT (11:00) Hear My Words Stephen Paulus

Hear my words, O gracious Lord, To my thoughts attentive be: Hear my cry, my King, my God, I will make my prayer to Thee.

With the morning light O Lord, thou shalt hear my voice arise; And expectant I will bring Prayer as morning sacrifice.

Thou art Holy O my God, thou delightest not in sin; Evil shall not dwell with Thee, Nor the proud Thy favor win.

from Psalm 5

Westminster Choristers

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. 457** (blue hymnal) I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art Toulon

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Gracious God, forgive us. Forgive us the blindness that does not see the truth about ourselves and our need for you. Forgive us for not seeing the needs of those around us. Forgive us for viewing your good creation as an object for our use rather than a subject of our care and protection. Forgive us for looking at the world through the prism of cynicism, despair and fear rather than faith, hope and love. Transform us with a vision of your Kingdom, revealed to us through the life of Jesus 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 Joel 2:23-27, 3:16; II Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Carolyn Greenwood

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

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 18:9-14

SERMON “Teach your children well ... Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

And feed them on your dreams” Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young

***HYMN NO. 260** (blue hymnal) A Mighty Fortress Is Our God Ein’ feste Burg

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) Adapted from Romans, Chapter 5

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, we will be saved by his life.

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) Hear My Words Stephen Paulus

(The text is found at the Introit.)

(11:00) We Are Not Alone Pepper Choplin

We are not alone, God is with us. We are never alone, for God is with us.

Now, through all our days, always. Forever and ever, we are never alone.

And God will make us strong, for God is with us. We will press on, for God

is with us. Our God is with us now.

Pepper Choplin

Robert Adamcik, Shakers

***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology *Lasst uns erfreuen*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 430** (blue hymnal) (11:00) Come Sing, O Church, in Joy *Darwall’s 148th*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

***POSTLUDE** Wir glauben all an einen Gott J. S. Bach

*We All Believe in One God
(from the Clavierübung, Part III)*

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Rachel Powell and Bob Albiston
CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR OCTOBER 20-31: Cindy Spangler
CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR NOV 1-30: Lana Daverman and Susan McKeehan
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) Mark and Teresa Palmer

ACOLYTES: (11:00) Gracie Kringen and Ella Chattin

SHEPHERD'S TEAM: Stephen Fortney

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Westminster Choristers

(11:00) Chancel Choir and Westminster Choristers

SENIOR USHER: Elizabeth Ridley

USHERS:

(9:00) David Woodall and Leslie Versen

(11:00) Ann Allison-Cote, Rick and Janice Rawe, Robert Daverman, Reed Ellis

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Renee and Bill Wieseuegel in celebration of Ruby Jean Wells' 2nd birthday. We love you!

THE BIRTH CANDLE is lit today in celebration of Eleanor Maze Gosselin born to parents Zach and Sara Beth Gosselin on October 23.

OUR THANKS to Eileen Rudd for serving as organist this morning while Peter Van Eenam continues to recover from recent hand surgery.

COMPOSER, CONDUCTOR, AND HUMORIST PEPPER CHOPLIN is quickly becoming known as one of this country's most creative writers. His music, including over 300 anthems and 20 cantatas, combines various styles and elements, including folk, Gospel, classical, and jazz. In this morning's anthem, he establishes a pulsing ostinato with the choir upon which a fluid, lyrical soprano line glides. Our thanks to Bob Adamcik for accompanying the choir.

STEWARDSHIP NEWS: This year's stewardship campaign is under way following Eph 4:12, 'equipping the saints for the work of ministry'. Please prayerfully consider how you and your family can donate your time, talent, and money for 2020. Dedication Sunday is November 17. Please plan to bring your pledge cards that day!

A SESSION MEETING is scheduled for today at 12:15 in the McKinnon Room.

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 TODAY and 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 30 as we enjoy storytelling from Jean Davidson, Carrie Nicely and Gradye Parsons speak about reformed tradition. 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.

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 TONIGHT! The Youth and Fellowship Team have prepared 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! 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 pizza dinner and Trunk-or-Treating will begin at 5:30.



SHOW AND WAMS arrive at 5:00 pm to help setup Trunk of Treat fun and games!



® 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

FALL WORKDAY: Come join us as we spruce up the church building and grounds. Saturday, November 16, from 8:00 am to noon. Numerous and diverse jobs for all, both inside and outside. Put on your old clothes and bring your favorite tools to help us clean, weed, plant, haul, saw, mulch, trim, cut, rake, paint, and various other tasks. You bring the energy and spirit for any part of the time; we'll provide the jobs and leadership (and coffee and donuts).



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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.

THE SESSION

Class of 2020

Scott Brunger

James Everett

Andrew Gordon

Susan McKeehan

Shawn Owens

Youth Elder: Katie Rogers

Clerk of Session: Leigh Dunlap

Reed Ellis

Class of 2021

Brian Bonnyman

Anne Crais

Amy Gilbert

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Rachel Powell

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