



*“Where Faith and Life Connect”*

**The Order of Worship**

**November 10, 2019  
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.**

**TWENTY-SECOND 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** Herzlich lieb hab ich dich, o Herr Heinrich Scheidemann  
*I Love You with All My Heart, O Lord*

**OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION**

**MOMENT FOR MISSION** Stewardship

**INTROIT** (9:00) 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** Micah 6/Psalm 95

**Leader:** With what shall we come before the LORD, and bow ourselves before God on high?

**People:** **What does the LORD require of us, but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God?**

**Leader:** O come, let us sing to the LORD and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

**People:** **Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise.**

**TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...**

**\*HYMN NO. 489** (blue hymnal) Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty *Unser Herrscher*

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

**Gracious God, hear our confession. We are quick to see the fault in others, but slow to see our own failings. Forgive us, we pray, for any hypocrisy in us. Correct our hearts, that we may correct our words and our actions.**

**Forgive us for putting our trust in shallow things, and give us faith to trust the sure foundation of your grace and love. Forgive us for neglecting our work toward your future of justice and peace. We pray in the name of the One who sees us clearly and loves us well, Jesus the Christ. 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** II Thessalonians 2:1-2; Haggai 1:15-2:9

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN** (11:00) J.P. Mackay

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

**SCRIPTURE READING** Luke 20:27-38

**SERMON** “Make me an angel that flies from Montgom’ry, Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

Make me a poster of an old rodeo,

Just give me one thing that I can hold on to,

To believe in this living is just a hard way to go.”

*Angel from Montgomery, John Prine*

**\*HYMN NO. 210** (blue hymnal) Our God, Our Help in Ages Past *St. Anne*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) Creed of the United Church of Canada (Reformed)

**We are not alone, we live in God’s world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God’s presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

**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) 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

(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

**\*AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...**

**\*HYMN NO. 361** (blue hymnal) (11:00) How Firm a Foundation *Foundation*

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE** (9:00) The Lord Bless You and Keep You Peter C. Lutkin

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord lift His countenance upon you and give you peace. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. Amen.

Numbers 6:24-26

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** (11:00)

Hymn No. 586 (blue hymnal) Amen

Danish melody

\*POSTLUDE Prélude (from *Suite Médiévale*)

Jean Langlais

\*Indicates standing.

**NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY**

**PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK:** Scott Brunger and Janet Drumm

**CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR NOV 1-30:** Lana Daverman and Susan McKeenan

**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) Ashley and Scott Porter

**ACOLYTES:** (11:00) Will Wright and Lyla Hagan

**SHEPHERD'S TEAM:** Andrew Gordon

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:**

(9:00) Chancel Choir

(11:00) Westminster Choristers

**SENIOR USHER:** Tim Ryan

**USHERS:**

(9:00) John Styron and Bill Wiesehuegel

(11:00) Alice and Charlie Mercer, Mark Potocik, Jerry and Scott Carley

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given by Anne Davidson in praise and thanksgiving for all Thy hand has provided.

**THE BIRTH CANDLE** is lit today in celebration of Claire Rebecca Piel born to parents, Nathaniel and Jennifer Piel on October 25.

**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!

**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.

**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.

**MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT** is Tuesday November 12 at 6:30.

**WPC YOUNG FAMILIES FRIENDSGIVING:** All young families are invited to join us for our first annual "Friendsgiving" Sunday, November 24th at 5:00 in the Ruthie Carey Pavilion. This is a potluck event so bring a side or dessert to share. Please RSVP to Allie in person or at allie\_wpc@comcast.net

**MEN'S COVENANT BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP:** The next meeting will be on Thursday November 14th at 7:30 am in the McKinnon Room. The lesson entitled 'The Rise and Fall of Malls' will be presented by Jeff Browning. Breakfast will be provided courtesy of Gordon Greeson. All men of the church are welcome and no reservation is required. For new members to Westminster, please contact the church office if you have any questions about this group. Thanks and have a blessed day.



**RISE AGAINST HUNGER** is NEXT SUNDAY, 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. 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](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).



**BILTMORE ADVENTURE:** The Fellowship Committee presents the first annual Biltmore House Christmas Tour Saturday, December 7th. Come join in the fun and fellowship by carpooling to Asheville, NC, to tour the house and gardens of the famous Biltmore Estate. Group rate tickets for adults 17 and above are \$50.00 per person, children 10-16 are \$25.00 and children under 10 are free. You will find the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. The sign-up deadline is November 19th. Departure time on Saturday, December 7th will be 6:50 a.m.

**LADIES BOOK CLUB:** Our last book for this year will be reviewed on November 19 by Cindy Spangler. THE OVERSTORY is a monumental novel about trees and people with insightful stories connecting the two. All women are invited to attend whenever they would like. We meet in the Church library on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 10:30. For information or questions contact Linda Rutherford.

**FISH DELIVERY** is Thursday, November 14. 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 for each family. Please note the time for teams to pick up your delivery address sheets is now 1 PM. Please contact Georgann Byerley, if you can help.

**AWESOME YOUTH EVENT TONIGHT!** Our middle school youth will be making meals for Westminster friends who need some cozy kindness. Meet in the kitchen at 5:00 and "get your chef on!" We'll also enjoy our own dinner while things cook.

**WWW:** November 13 we are meeting some very skilled Presbyterians. Jean Davidson (minister at Eusebia Presbyterian and sister of Anne) will be telling stories. Carrie Nicely (the Director of Maryville College's MAST Program) will be singing some musical showstoppers and classical music, and our own Gradye Parsons will be telling us about some exciting work being done in the world by fellow Reformed traditions. Our "Presbyterian" dinner will be some Presbyterian comfort food: smoked meatloaf from Sweet Peas, chicken, mashed potatoes, (mac-n-cheese for the kids) broccoli casserole, and shortbread cookies. YUM!

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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 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.

**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.

**VOLUNTEER MINISTRY CENTER** is currently in need of pillows, pillowcases, standard twin sheets, standard twin blankets, bath towels, wash cloths, and laundry detergent.

**THE SESSION**

**Class of 2020**

Scott Brunger

James Everett

Andrew Gordon

Susan McKeenan

Shawn Owens

Youth Elder: Katie Rogers

Reed Ellis

**Class of 2021**

Brian Bonnyman

Anne Crais

Amy Gilbert

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