



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship

November 24, 2019
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

CHRIST THE KING 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 Pièce d’Orgue, BWV 572 J. S. Bach

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come with hope or hesitation;
Come with joy or yearning;
All who hunger, all who thirst
for life in all its fullness.

People: We celebrate the miracle and wonder of life
and the unfolding purposes of God,
forever at work in ourselves and the world.

Leader: Let us worship the Lord our God!

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

*HYMN NO. 268 (purple hymnal) Crown Him with Many Crowns Diademata

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Gracious God, within the sacred space of prayer, we ask you for your forgiveness and continued guidance in our lives. For the good that we neglected to do, forgive us. For all that we did which was not pleasing to you, forgive us. For our inattention to all the ways that your presence surrounds our lives, forgive us. For confusing the kingdoms of this world with your kingdom, forgive us. Grant us a sense of peace and wholeness and a spirit of thanksgiving in the name 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 Psalm 145:8-13, Colossians 1:11-20

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Bryan Powell

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

SCRIPTURE READING Gospel selections

SERMON “A beer run on Christ the Kind Sunday” Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

*HYMN NO. 263 (purple hymnal) Come, Christians, Join to Sing Madrid

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) from A Declaration of Faith, PC(USA)

Jesus Christ stands at the center of the biblical story. The Bible is the account of God’s word and action in history together with his people’s response in faith. It tells how the Lord has moved with Israel and the church toward the kingdom of God, his just and loving rule over all. It is the story of the one God, who is the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. That story is still unfolding and in faith we make it our own. It forms our memory and our hope. It tells us who we are and what we are to do. To retell it is to declare what we believe.

Yet, God is at work beyond our story. We know that God is not confined to the story we can tell. The story itself tells us God works his sovereign will

among all peoples of the earth. We believe God works beyond our imagining throughout the universe. 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) Canzona No. 4 Gioseffo Guami

Brass Choir
(11:00) O Lord, You Are My God and King Jerusalem
C. H. H. Parry

O Lord, You are my God and King, And I will ever bless Your name; I will extol You every day, And evermore Your praise proclaim. You, Lord, are greatly to be praised, Your greatness is beyond our thoughts; All generations shall tell forth The mighty wonders You have wrought.

How rich in grace are You, O Lord, Full of compassion, merciful, Your anger always slow to rise; Your steadfast love You show to all, For You are good in all Your ways, Your creatures know Your constant care. To all Your works Your love extends, All souls Your tender mercies share.

Your works will give You thanks, O Lord, Your saints Your mighty acts will show, Till all the peoples of the earth Your kingdom, power, glory know. Eternal is Your kingdom, Lord, Forever strong, forever sure; While generations rise and die, Your high dominion will endure.

Psalm 145:1-13

Brass Choir
Robert Adamcik, Timpani
Ruth Ann Bendy, Cymbals
*AT THE PRESENTATION Doxology Lasst uns erfreuen

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

*HYMN NO. 852 (purple hymnal) (11:00) When the Lord Redeems the Very Least I’ll Fly Away

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (9:00) Hymn No. 586 (blue hymnal) Amen Danish melody

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE (11:00) God Be in My Head John Rutter

God be in my head and in my understanding. God be in mine eyes and in my looking. God be in my mouth and in my speaking. God be in mine heart and in my thinking. God be at my end and in my departing.

from the Sarum Primer

*POSTLUDE

(9:00) Canzona Domenico Zipoli
(11:00) Canzona No. 4 Gioseffo Guami

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Leslie Versen and Andrew Gordon
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.

SERVING TODAY

GREETERS: (11:00) Rick and Janice Rawe

ACOLYTES: (11:00) Nathan Harmon and Bobby Powell

SHEPHERD’S TEAM: Buz Johnson

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Brass Choir

(11:00) Brass and Chancel Choirs

SENIOR USHER: Tim Ryan

USHERS:

(9:00) Daniel Berry and Jeff Bendy

(11:00) Scott and Ashley Porter, Marty Pryor, Shawn and David Owens

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God by Frank H. Marsh Jr. And Martha J. Marsh, “Marty” in loving memory of Frank H. Marsh Sr. And Margaret Marsh, Catharine Walters Marsh, “Cathy”, Frank H. Marsh III, “Hank”, and in honor of Teresa B. Marsh Shamblin, “Terry”, John Broyles Marsh, and Margaret Marsh Heins, “Mollie”.

THIS MORNING we are pleased to introduce a new hymnal, *Glory to God*, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)’s latest offering of hymns and spiritual songs. It will offer many new hymns and responses as well as providing background information on each. The Worship, Music, and the Arts Ministry Team has chosen to *add* this new resource to our other two hymnals, thereby providing the congregation with an even larger and increasingly varied corpus of hymns and service music. Our three will be rotated as needed, with only two in the pew racks at any given time in order to reduce any confusion or difficulty. I hope you’ll enjoy exploring this new hymnal and all it can add to our worship and praise.

Peter Van Eenam

HYMNAL DEDICATIONS are still being accepted and name plates will be placed in each hymnal soon.

THIS MORNING’S ANTHEM was composed by C. H. H. Parry in 1916 for unison voices and orchestra and it gained a great national popularity soon thereafter. Some consider it a sort of second English national anthem. We in the United States would remember this melody from the movie *Chariots of Fire*. Our thanks to Bob Adamcik and Ruth Ann Bendy for playing percussion as they join the Brass and Chancel Choirs.

THE BIRTH CANDLE is lit today in celebration of Lynlee Jo Wells. She was born November 16, 2019 to parents, Bobby and Holly Wells, big sister Ruby Jean and grandparents Bill and Renee Wiesehuegel.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE: As of November 21: We have 128 pledges (out of 270 family units) for a total of \$560,440 Our asking Budget is \$903,141 We need everyone’s participation to continue Westminster’s vibrant ministry!

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

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed November 28-29 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

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

WPC YOUNG FAMILIES FRIENDSGIVING is this evening. All young families are invited to join us for our first annual "Friendsgiving" 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.

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY CENTER HOLIDAY STORE is a program through which recipients of VMC services earn gift items for their loved ones with points accrued through community service. Individuals redeem their points to purchase items they select at the Holiday Store. We have the opportunity to help stock the VMC Holiday Store with items such as: basketballs and footballs, dolls, infant toys, craft sets for children and adults, cosmetic sets, hair care sets, fragrance sets for men and women, tool kits, small kitchen appliances, or other similar things that would be nice gifts. Donations are being collected in the large decorated box in the Schilling Gallery.

ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR is today in the Schilling Gallery between the 9:00 and 11:00 worship services. As many of you know, the Bazaar provides our members with an opportunity to purchase thoughtful Christmas gifts, with the proceeds going toward the support of several worthwhile causes. Several groups are expected to be there with their items to sell. The Mission Service Team hopes that you will participate in this very worthwhile event.

JUSTICE KNOX: Westminster Rocks!! There were over 300 people at the Justice Knox Annual Assembly this past Monday night and 20 people from Westminster. We selected the issue of Public Transportation as the next area for research and action. Please save the date of December, 10th the Research to Action Kick off if you want to work on any of the current research teams: Education, Mental Health and Affordable Housing and now Public Transportation.



BRIDGE REFUGEE SERVICES ANGEL TREE: We have partnered with Bridge Refugee Services of Knoxville to help 7 families from the Democratic Republic of the Congo now living in Knoxville. The gifts that we give will not only help meet these families physical needs, but also do a great deal in lifting their spirits and making them feel welcomed in the community. You can find our Angel Tree in the Schilling Gallery. Gifts need to be returned by December 8.

WAMS AND SHOW: Today the youth will be heading downtown for bowling at Maple Hall, 414 S. Gay St. Bring \$10 for bowling and shoes, the church will buy the food for our hungry bowlers. Can anyone beat Barbara- she bowls like she pitches... ALL STRIKES!!! If you can drive, please let Barbara know.

ADVENT FLORAL DONATIONS are being accepted. There is no set amount for each dedication. A list of donations will be included in the Christmas Eve bulletins as well as the *Abbey*. Donations can be placed in the offering plate or brought to the office.



I would like to contribute to the Flower Guild for Advent:

\$ _____

In memory of/honor of (circle one):

Given by: _____

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Daniel Lewis, Youth Assistant

Debbie Bendy, *Abbey* Editor

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 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.

UPCOMING DECEMBER EVENTS

Saturday, December 7

6:00 AM- Biltmore House Trip

Sunday, December 8

6:00 PM - A Charlie Brown Christmas Play

Wednesday, December 11

5:30 PM - Christmas Craft Night and Dinner

7:00 PM - Knox Youth Jazz Orchestra Concert

Thursday, December 12

7:30 PM - Evensong

Choirs of Westminster

Sunday, December 15

12:15 PM - Christmas Caroling Pot-Luck and Sing-a-Long