



The Order of Worship

September 5, 2021  
10:00 A.M.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.

Please collect your individually wrapped communion elements from the Narthex.

When the prelude begins let us quietly prepare for the worship of almighty God.

PRELUDE Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele (Bicinium) Georg Philipp Telemann  
Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We can trust God.

People: God is like the mountain: rock solid.

Leader: God loves all the people:

People: the poor, the disabled, the outcast, the stranger.

Leader: We can depend on God.

People: God feeds the hungry, heals the sick, and restores relationships.

Leader: Praise our Loving God.

All: Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

\*HYMN NO. 645 (Glory to God hymnal) Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above  
Mit Freuden zart

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

We confess that, on some occasions, we have blindly bought goods made by people who are paid too little or work in unsafe conditions. Creator God, help us to be your people, working for a world where all workers are valued. And one where those who serve and care for others - in stores, schools, hotels, restaurants, nursing homes, and many other places - are, themselves, also served and cared for. A world where all workers everywhere share in the abundance that you have given us.

\*KYRIE ELEISON NO. 574 (blue hymnal) arr. David N. Johnson  
Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

\*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 Isaiah 35:4-7

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Daniel Lewis

Children age 3 through 4<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to go downstairs following the Children's sermon and participate in Children's Worship.

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 7:24-37

SERMON "Dog Days of Summer" Rev. Gradye Parsons

\*HYMN NO. 301 (Glory to God hymnal) Let Us Build a House Two Oaks  
(Verses 1-3)

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) 20th century South African creed

We believe that God is at work in our world turning hopeless and evil situations into good. We believe that goodness and justice will triumph in the end and that tyranny and oppression cannot last forever. One day all tears will be wiped away; the lamb will lie down with the lion, and justice will roll down like a mighty stream. True peace and true reconciliation are not only desired, they are assured and guaranteed in Christ. This is our faith. This is our hope.

THE OFFERING

Please sign and pass the Friendship Register found on the pew nearest the center aisle. Though many of us contribute electronically or by a check in the mail, your holding and passing the offering plate is an act of blessing and dedication to our life together in Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY Pange lingua (Tantum ergo) Marcel Dupré  
Sing, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling (At the Altar Humbly Bending)  
(from Eight Short Preludes on Gregorian Themes)

\*AT THE PRESENTATION Doxology No. 608 (Glory to God hymnal) Tallis' Canon  
(Sung to the tune of Hymn No. 748 (Glory to God hymnal))

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore.

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (responsive)

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer continues....

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer continues....The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE SACRAMENT

Please collect your individually wrapped communion elements from the Narthex.

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

\*HYMN NO. 301 (Glory to God hymnal) Let Us Build a House Two Oaks  
(Verses 4 and 5)

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Amen Danish melody

\*POSTLUDE Sonata Adriano Banchieri

\*Indicates standing.

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NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY**

**PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK:** Leslie Versen and Bob Albiston  
**CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR SEPT.:** 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 care to take it home.

**SERVING TODAY**

**GREETERS:** Alice Mercer

**LITURGIST:** Barbara Adamcik

**SHEPHERD’S TEAM:** Anderson Collins

**SENIOR USHER:** Alice Mercer

**USHERS:** Bob and Lucinda Albiston, John Salsbery, Jay Schmid, Penny Tschantz

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given by Rick and Janice Rawe in gratitude and celebration of 59 years of marriage, full of humor and love.

**ADRIANO BANCHIERI (1568-1634)**, the Italian composer, music theorist, organist, and poet, lived his entire life in Bologna. In 1587 he became a monk of the Benedictine order, changing his name from Tommaso to Adriano. One of his teachers at the monastery was Gioseffo Guami, a composer with whom Westminster is quite familiar as a number of his works have been played by the Brass Choir. This morning’s music shows his skill at efficiently and effectively using a relatively small amount of material in imitation to create pieces of rhythmic and contrapuntal interest.

**VOLUNTEER HELP NEEDED:** The Property Team is looking for a few volunteers to help with specific "garden" areas on the church campus. We have several folks already maintaining areas such as the labyrinth, the pavilion, the courtyard corners; but we have three specific areas that need dedicated volunteers.

- The newly landscaped plaza area (primarily weeding)
- The potted plants: inside and on the cloister (watering, fertilizing, replanting as necessary)
- The bank on the left of the path to the labyrinth (primarily weeding)

Please consider volunteering for one of these 3 areas and contact Tom Byerley at with your willingness.

**THE SESSION**

**Class of 2022**

Bob Albiston  
Janet Drumm  
Colleen Manrod  
Charlie Mercer  
Leslie Versen  
Youth Elder: Sophia Manrod  
Clerk of Session: Leigh Dunlap

**Class of 2023**

Jaelyn Beeler  
Jack Carley  
William Milam  
Penny Tschantz  
Bill Wiesehuegel

**Class of 2024**

Josh Birdwell  
Gloria Borum  
Melanie Lewis  
Lisa Oros  
Chris Van Beke

**TRUSTEES**

Cile Mathews                      Robert McKeehan                      Ron Alexander

**MEN’S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST** will meet rain or shine at 8:00am Thursday, September 9 in the Ruthie Carey Pavilion. **FOOD:** Prepackaged sausage biscuits are available (RSVP to Tim Crais by 9/8 at noon if you would like one!) or you can bring your own breakfast. Bring your drink of choice. **SAFETY:** Masks are required, chairs will be spaced out, hand sanitizer will be available, and gloves will be worn when handling food. **TOPIC:** Larry Ridley will lead a discussion on “The Gig Economy” and has an article for you to read before the meeting. Email if you would like a copy of the article.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES**

**Feasting on the Word**

This lectionary-based class meets each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in the pavilion.

**Bible Study**

The Adult Bible Study class is studying Ephesians each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in the McKinnon Room with a Zoom option.

**Congregational Chat Zoom with John & Ibbie Muntz**

Will meet Mondays at 7:00 pm, the link can be found in E-news.

**PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE OPPORTUNITIES:** Heavy rain caused catastrophic flooding in Middle Tennessee and Western North Carolina. PDA is responding to these disasters (DR000191) and is processing an initial assistance grant to meet emergency needs. We will continue support through the long-term recovery phase.

PDA is also responding to the devastating 7.2 magnitude that struck Haiti the morning of August 14, 2021 that has resulted in the loss of more than 1,200 lives. Working closely with Presbyterian World Mission, our traditional partners on the ground and ACT Alliance, PDA is responding to emergency needs such as WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene), emergency power generators, shelter, food, first aid and more. We remain committed to the long-term recovery.

If you would like to contribute to either relief effort please note on your check, Haiti or DR000191 for flooding.

**MAINTENANCE NEWS:** The Ruthie Carey Pavilion is having the floors refinished. There will be no reservations taken until after September 11.

**FALL WORKDAY:** Come join us for our Fall Workday as we us prepare WPC grounds and facilities for winter. Saturday, September 25, from 8:00-12:00. Numerous and diverse jobs for all, socially distanced - 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.

**ONLINE CHURCH DIRECTORY:** You can submit a new photo any time throughout the year. Please send any updated family photos or new photos to the church office so that we may update the online church directory. Many of you have been using this resource and we want to keep it up-to-date. You can email photos to renee\_wpc@comcast.net.

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Melissa Everett, Administrative Assistant

Daniel Lewis, Youth Assistant

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**NEXT SUNDAY we will return to our regular schedule.**

**9:00 AM Pavilion Worship**

**10:00 AM Sunday School**

**11:00 AM Sanctuary Worship**

**11:45 AM RALLY, RECONNECT AND REFRESH**



***MARK YOUR CALENDARS!***

- ✓ Next Sunday! We will join together for *Rally, Reconnect, Refresh* our outdoor Rally Day event on the church grounds . Lunch will be provided and water play for all ages. Food Trucks and fun, dress comfortably and prepare for a splashing good time.
- ✓ Our annual Breakfast in the Smokies - sponsored by the Fellowship Team - will take place at the Metcalf picnic shelter on Saturday, October 2, beginning at 9 am. Details to follow.
- ✓ Oktoberfest - sponsored by our Connect Team - is scheduled for October 24 at 6:00 pm.