



TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

*RESPONSE Take, O Take Me as I Am

John L. Bell

*HYMN God Is Here!

In Babilone

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

*RESPONSE Gloria Patri No. 576 (blue hymnal)

Jacques Berthier

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING

James 3:1-12

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

Julia Whipple

Children age 3 through 4th grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Children's Worship.

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 8:27-38

SERMON

"Speaking with our Lives"

Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

*HYMN NO. 722 (*Glory to God* hymnal) Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

Canonbury

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

from the Iona Community of Scotland

We believe in God, whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives, whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth, whose love was crucified by the evil that waits to enslave us all and whose love, defeating even death, is our glorious promise of freedom. Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt, in God we trust; and, in the name of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves, in the service of others, to seek justice and to live in peace, to care for the earth and to share the commonwealth of God's goodness, to live in the freedom of forgiveness and the power of the spirit of love, and in the company of the faithful so to be the church, for the glory of God. 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. Though many of us contribute online 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 ANTHEM

(9:00) Intrade (from *Three Pieces*)

Johann Pezel

Brass Choir

(11:00) If Ye Love Me

Thomas Tallis

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may abide with you for ever, e'en the spirit of truth.

John 14:15-17

The Order of Worship

September 12, 2021

9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

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 Honie-Suckle

Anthony Holborne

Night Watch (11:00)

(from *Pavans, Galliards, Almains and Other Short Airs*)

Brass Choir

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT (11:00) Early Will I Seek Thee

Thomas Weelkes

Early will I seek Thee, for my soul thirsteth for Thee, I will bless Thee while I live, And lift up my hands in Thy Name. Early will I seek Thee, O God, Thou art my God.

Psalm 63:1,4

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: People of God; in this moment, this sacred and holy moment, know that you are in the presence of God. And whatever you have brought into this moment, there is cause to offer praise and thanksgiving.

People: **In this moment, this sacred and holy moment, we gather as a community of faith to celebrate the gift of God's redemptive love.**

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Gracious God, whose love is even more forgiving than it is demanding, forgive us; for failing to savor your good gifts while we are experiencing them; for resisting life's transitions as though there were no grace in them; for acts of caring that we have left undone until the opportunity was gone; for thoughtless words spoken in haste, and for failing to speak up for those who have no voice. Transform and renew us in the love that has sought us in Jesus the Christ. Amen.

*AT THE PRESENTATION For the Life That You Have Given

Pleading Savior

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Penny Tschantz and Charlie Mercer
CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR SEPTEMBER: 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: Gloria Borum and Mary Jo Mann

LITURGIST: Daniel Lewis

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Brass Choir

(11:00) Brass Choir and members of the Chancel Choir

SHEPHERD’S TEAM: Bill Oros

SENIOR USHER: Melissa Everett

USHERS:

(9:00) Suzanne Graham and Cile Mathews

(11:00) Jaclyn Beeler, Rick and Janice Rawe, John and Kathy Shilling

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Josh and Elizabeth Birdwell in celebration of their son Ward’s 6th birthday on September 10.

THOMAS TALLIS (c. 1505-1585), the highly esteemed English composer of the late Renaissance, was a gentleman of the Chapel Royal from around 1545 until his death, and organist of the Chapel with William Byrd. This morning’s motet is beautifully and skillfully crafted, balancing homophonic (chordal) passages with polyphony (including imitation between voice parts and counterpoint).

MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT will be September 14 in the pavilion. Join us for social time at 6:30 before breaking out into our smaller groups. If you are interested in serving the church on a Ministry Team please see a staff member for more information!

SHARE THE BOUNTY TABLE: If you have a bit too much of something from your garden, bring it in to share. You may find here flowers and herbs, as well as vegetables. It changes every week, so take a look and take some home. There is also a donation basket with any contributions this year going to our Presbytery’s *Carbon Footprint Fund*. Also, take a walk around our organic veggie garden located behind the sanctuary – it’s amazing what good things can come from a small space.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Feasting on the Word

This lectionary-based class meets each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in the pavilion.

Bible Study

The Adult Bible Study class is studying Ephesians each Sunday at 10:00 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.

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.

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Daniel Lewis, Youth Assistant

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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.

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.

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

Jaclyn Beeler

Jack Carley

William Milam

Penny Tschantz

Bill Wiesehuegel

Class of 2024

Josh Birdwell

Gloria Borum

Melanie Lewis

Lisa Oros

Chris Van Beke

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 826** (*Glory to God* hymnal) (11:00) Lift High the Cross

Crucifer

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (9:00) Amen

Danish melody

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** (11:00) Twofold Amen

Vincent Persichetti

***POSTLUDE**

(9:00) Night Watch

Anthony Holborne

(from *Pavans, Galliards, Almains and Other Short Airs*)

Brass Choir

(11:00) Lobe den Herren, den mächtigen König der Ehren

Johann Gottfried Walther

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation

*Indicates standing.

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