



The Order of Worship **October 24, 2021**
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

TWENTY-SECOND 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 share your contact information with us so we may be in touch. When the prelude begins let us quietly prepare for the worship of almighty God.

PRELUDE

(9:00) Praeambulum in F, WV 39 Heinrich Scheidemann
 (11:00) Prelude and Fugue in e, BWV 533 J. S. Bach

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We seek to follow Christ in an open and inclusive community of faith,
People: where God’s transforming love for all creation is celebrated through worship, discipleship and service.
 Leader: May God’s Spirit be among us as we worship the Lord our God.
People: Let us sing praises to the God we have come to know through Jesus Christ, in this place where faith and life connect.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 619** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven
Lauda anima

***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**

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 Mark 10:46-52

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Cameron Sears
Children age 3 through 4th grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Children’s Sunday School.

SCRIPTURE READING Job 42:1-6,10-17

SERMON “Seeing with the eyes of faith” Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

***HYMN NO. 649** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound
Amazing Grace

***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. 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) Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service *Beach Spring*
arr. Melinda Ramseth

Lord, whose love in humble service Bore the weight of human need, Who upon the cross, forsaken, Worked your mercy’s perfect deed: We, your servants, bring the worship Not of voice alone, but heart; Consecrating to your purpose Ev’ry gift which you impart.

Still your children wander homeless; Still the hungry cry for bread; Still the captives long for freedom; Still in grief we mourn our dead. As you, Lord, in deep compassion Healed the sick and freed the soul, By your Spirit send your power To our world to make it whole.

As we worship, grant us vision, Till your love’s revealing light In its height and depth and greatness Dawns upon our quickened sight, Making known the needs and burdens Your compassion bids us bear, Stirring us to ardent service, Your abundant life to share.

Albert F. Bayly
Boys’ and Girls’ Choirs
Renee Wiesehuegel, Soprano Recorder

(11:00) Journey Prayers (from *Two Celtic Songs*) John L. Bell
 God’s gospel of life shall keep you; God’s gospel shall shelter you from harm, malice and evil, and from all distress. Christ shall himself shepherd you, enfolding you on ev’ry side; wherever you may travel he’ll be with you.

Bless to me, O God, the earth under my foot; bless the path on which I wander. Bless to me, O God, the things that I desire; bless to me, O God, my rest. (Refrain)

Bless to me, O God, the thoughts filling my mind; bless my yearning and my loving. Bless to me, O God, the hope deep in my heart; bless my seeing and my eyes. (Refrain)

from *Carmina Gadelica*
Carl Whipple, Guitar

***AT THE PRESENTATION** For the Life That You Have Given *Pleading Savior*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 450** (*Glory to God* hymnal) (11:00) Be Thou My Vision *Slane*
***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**
***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** (9:00) Amen Danish melody

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** (11:00) Sevenfold Amen John Stainer
Chancel Choir
***POSTLUDE** Warum betrübstu dich mein Hertz, Verse 11 Samuel Scheidt
Why Art Thou Troubled, My Heart
(from *Tabulatura nova*, Part I)

*Indicates standing.

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NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Gloria Borum and Chris Van Beke
CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR OCTOBER: Cindy Spangler
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: (11:00) Shirley Wittman and Lana Daverman
LITURGIST: Rev. Gradye Parsons
MINISTRY OF MUSIC: (11:00) Chancel Choir
SHEPHERD’S TEAM: Lee Ingram
SENIOR USHER: Barbara Froula
USHERS:

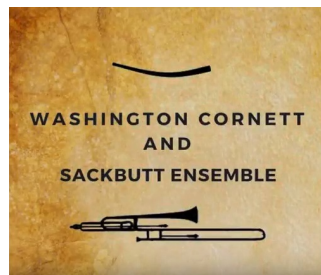
(9:00) Genet Weber and Marty Pryor
(11:00) Tom and Georgann Byerley, Tim and Joyce Ryan, Scott Rutherford

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Mary Jo Mann and Gloria Borum with gratitude for the beacon of Light and Hope that is Westminster.

OUR THANKS to Carl Whipple for enriching our worship this morning as he accompanies the Chancel Choir.

SESSION MEETING today at 12:15 in the McKinnon Room.

JOHN L. BELL, of the Iona Community, has written a number of lovely anthems and responses we sing regularly at Westminster Church. Of this morning’s anthem, sung by the Westminster Choristers, he writes, “This song was written for the sending out of a volunteer from Scotland to work with returned refugees in Guatemala, hence the title of the tune. The text comes from ancient Celtic poems in the *Carmina Gadelica*, Volume 3, collected and translated by Alexander Carmichael: the chorus is from *The God of Life* and the verses are from *The Journey Blessing*.”



The Washington Cornett and Sackbutt Ensemble will be heard in concert at Westminster on Monday evening, November 8, at 7:30, in the sanctuary. Cosponsoring this special event is the Knoxville Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. The group includes David Searle, who grew up in our congregation and contributed greatly to many of Westminster’s choirs. We are privileged to have this outstanding ensemble perform here and to have the opportunity to hear early music played on period instruments. Please save the date and watch for more details. We look forward to your joining us!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

10:00 am

Wired Word

Meets in the library, discussion around current event topics with an eye and ear toward scripture

Feasting on the Word

This lectionary-based class meets in the pavilion.

Bible Study

The Adult Bible Study class is studying Hebrews 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.

CHURCH WIDE FELLOWSHIP:

Sign-up on the bulletin board in the Shilling Gallery.



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MT LECONTE 2022: Now is the time to sign up for our LeConte trip on July 23, 2022. We need to collect all the hikers payments by October 29 and get it forwarded to LeConte by November 1st. If you’d like to join us, please send in your \$162 that covers each spot that you wish to purchase to the church office. I know it sounds pricey - but it is a lifetime experience to hike up that beautiful mountain that the Lord put there with some amazing people at your side. LeConte provides a comfy bed, a big dinner that night and a huge breakfast before you hike back down the mountain. The Lord provides a sunset, too many stars to count, a sunrise, and unbelievable fellowship. Join us??

WOMEN’S EVENING BIBLE STUDY will meet at 7:00 pm on Monday, October 25.

SHOW AND WAMS: MAPLE HALL BOWLING!!! Today after the late service (leaving at noon) We will head downtown after church, and grab a couple of lanes at our favorite "down under" bowling alley-- (A lane for WAMS [middle school] and a lane for SHOW!! [High School]) We will eat lunch there. Please bring \$15** to help pay for bowling, shoe rental, and food. We will return to church by 2:30 p.m. ***WPC can always help with the cost of activities, we want everyone to come and enjoy this fellowship time together!! Also, we could use a couple of parent drivers. We will buy you lunch, and you can demonstrate your awesome bowling skills!*

CHILDREN’S OFFERINGS ON SUNDAYS: There are so many ways for children to be involved on Sunday mornings!

- **9:00 Worship:** Children 0-5 are welcome in the Nursery. Children 6+ remain in Worship
- **10:00 Hour:** Children 0-3 are welcome in the Nursery. Children 4-10 are invited to Fellowship Time downstairs.
- **11:00 Worship:** Children 0-3 are welcome in the Nursery. Children 3.5-4th grade remain in Worship until Time with the Children, then are walked downstairs for Primary and Intermediate Sunday school.