



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship

September 4, 2022

10:00 A.M.

THIRTEENTH 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 Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele (Bicinium) Georg Philipp Telemann
Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness *Schmücke dich*
Johann Crüger

Soul, adorn yourself with gladness; leave the gloomy haunts of sadness. Come into the daylight’s splendor; there with joy your praises render. Bless the one whose grace unbounded this amazing banquet founded; Christ, though heavenly, high, and holy, deigns to dwell with you most lowly.

Johann Franck

CALL TO WORSHIP (Jeremiah 18, Psalm 139) from *Ministry Matters*

Leader: We come with praise for the wonderful works of God.

People: Even before we speak, God knows us completely.

Leader: The Holy One knows us and sustains us, even in our moments of confusion and doubt.

People: Who can count the thoughts of God? They are more than all the sands of the desert.

Leader: Like clay in the hand of the potter, we are shaped into vessels of divine will.

People: We come with praise for the wonderful works of God.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 515** (*Glory to God* hymnal) I Come with Joy

Dove of Peace

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison) (Luke 14:25-33) James G. Kirk

God in Christ, who endured the cross in your own flesh for our sakes, hear us as we confess our sin. We would be your bold disciples, but we fear suffering; we would carry our cross, but it weighs too heavily. We count the cost of following you-as long as there are benefits; but to renounce all we have is a devastating prospect. Forgive the conditions we make when we try to obey, and free us by your grace to forsake all and follow you.

***KYRIE ELEISON** arr. David N. Johnson

***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 139:1-6,13-18

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Kathleen Farnham

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

SCRIPTURE READING Jeremiah 18:1-11

SERMON “Creating and Forming; RE-creating and RE-forming” Mary Boyd

***HYMN NO. 686** (*Glory to God* hymnal) God of Our Life *Sandon*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) The Apostles’ Creed (Traditional)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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 Pange lingua Peter Van Eenam

Now, my tongue, the myst’ry telling of the glorious Body sing, And the Blood, all price excelling, Which the Gentiles’ Lord and King, Once on earth among us dwelling, Shed for this world’s ransoming.

Giv’n for us, and condescending To be born for us below He with men in converse blending Dwelt the seed of truth to sow, Till he closed with wondrous ending His most patient life of woe. Amen.

St. Thomas Aquinas

***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology *Old Hundredth*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***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)... *who forever sing to the glory of your name:*

People: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Amen.

(Prayer continues)... *Great is the mystery of faith.*

People: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE SACRAMENT

Please come forward to receive the sacraments, taking them back to your seat so we can partake together.

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele Michael Beyer

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Unison)

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.

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Hymn No. 748 (*Glory to God* hymnal) Go with Us, Lord *Tallis’ Canon*
(*Sing in canon, with the pulpit side of the congregation beginning*)

***POSTLUDE** Toccata No. 26 in G Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Penny Tschantz and William Milam
CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR SEPTEMBER: Cindy Spangler

SERVING TODAY

GREETERS: Doug and Bonny Naugher

LITURGIST: Rev. Dr. Anne McKee

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Summer Choir

SENIOR USHER: Melissa Everett

USHERS: Gary Rowcliffe, Penny Tschantz, Brenda Seip, Georgann Byerley, Judy Jorden

SHEPHERD'S TEAM: Tom Byerley

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Rick and Janice Rawe in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary..

MANY THANKS to all the musicians of the Summer Choir for their enrichment of our worship and service to Westminster these past three months. It has been most enjoyable making music again with members of the Chancel Choir and friends from the congregation.

Peter Van Eenam



A NEW MUSICAL OFFERING! Westminster Church will host the upcoming season of The Knoxville Chamber Music Society, which endeavors to bring Knoxville's

exceptional musicians to chamber music lovers throughout our community and region. Four concerts will be offered, with each being held on Saturday evening at 7:00 in our sanctuary: **September 10;** October 22; February 25, 2023; and April 22, 2023. Please visit <https://www.knoxvillechambermusicsociety.com> for the artists (and bios) and repertoire on each program.

THIS MORNING'S INTROIT is the chorale upon which the Telemann prelude is based. Its lovely melody has been set by many composers, including J. S. Bach, Johannes Brahms, and Johann Gottfried Walther, among others. The term *bicinium* denotes a setting in two voices. An obvious benefit to the listener is that this allows the chorale melody to be heard very plainly. The organ registration will contrast the Principal 8' (melody) and the Viol d'Gamba 8' (accompaniment), providing us a completely transparent texture for enjoying the beauty of each stop. The text is by the same author whose work Bach frequently set in his cantatas.

CHILDREN'S OFFERINGS TODAY: Children 0-3 are welcome in the Nursery. Children age 3-4th grade remain in Worship until Time with the Children, then are walked downstairs for Children's Worship.

BREAKFAST IN THE SMOKIES will be on October 1 at 9:00 at the Greenbriar Pavilion Picnic Area. Sign up on the bulletin board in the Schilling Gallery.

REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE returns September 11. Join us for worship at 9:00 am in the pavilion or 11:00 in the sanctuary!



Sunday, September 11
Regular Worship Schedule Returns
9:00 am - Pavilion Outdoor Worship
10:00 am - Sunday School
11:00 am - Sanctuary Worship
12:00 - Lunch fellowship and WPC team building!

UPCOMING HABITAT BUILD: Please save these dates and sign up to help the Westminster Habitat Build. We will be partnering with Coldwell Banker the first and last day. The other dates will be the Westminster team only.

Saturday, September 17th 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. including lunch.

Saturday, October 15th 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. including lunch.

Saturday, October 29th 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. including lunch.

Saturday, December 3rd 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. including lunch

Use this link to sign up to build a home for the Komara family.

<http://westminsterpres.knoxvillehabitat.volunteerhub.com/>

BOOK DRIVE for Kentucky was a big success. We are not looking for more books at this time but will update you if there are additional needs.

COMPANIONS is a spiritual development experience for women who seek a community in which to explore spiritual practices, deepen understanding of the scriptures and share in the contemplative experience. It is an open group, meeting each Wednesday 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Prayer Room. We alternate turns at facilitating, reading brief portions of the written material, with lively discussion and much sharing of reflective and inspired thoughts.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Starts next week!

Adult Bible Study: Led by Scott Brunger, this class meets in the McKinnon Room. The class chooses a book of the Bible to unpack in depth.

Feasting on the Word: This is a lectionary-based curriculum. The class, led by a rotating team of knowledgeable teachers, studies the scriptures that are used in worship. This class meets in the Fellowship Hall.

The Wired Word: Take a look at current events with a theological eye. The class, which meets in the library, is facilitated by a rotating team. The library is in the education wing. Go through the breezeway and turn right after you enter the building. There is plenty of lively discussion!

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OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, September 4

10:00 Sanctuary Worship

Monday, September 5

Labor Day Holiday

Church Office Closed

No Congregational Zoom Tonight

Wednesday, September 7

4:45 pm Boys' and Girls' Choirs

6:30 pm - Companions Group - Prayer Room

7:45 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, September 8

1:00 pm - FISH

4:30 - Brass Choir

Saturday, September 10

7:00 pm - Knox Chamber Music Society

Sunday, September 11

9:00 am - Pavilion Worship

10:00 am - Sunday School

11:00 am - Sanctuary Worship

12:00 - Rally Day Festivities

4:00 - Youth Fellowship

THE SESSION

Class of 2023

Jaclyn Beeler

Jack Carley

William Milam

Penny Tschantz

Bill Wiesehuegel

Youth Elder: Meghan Oros

Class of 2024

Josh Birdwell

Gloria Borum

Melanie Lewis

Lisa Oros

Chris Van Beke

Class of 2025

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Wendy Collins

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