



The Order of Worship

September 25, 2022  
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

SIXTEENTH 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 Prelude in C, BWV 545, 1 J. S. Bach

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT (11:00) O Praise the Lord Adrian Batten  
O praise the Lord, all ye heathen, praise him all ye nations. For his merciful kindness is ever more and more towards us: and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever and ever. Amen.

Psalm 117  
Gloria Borum

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 91

One: Let us who live with faith in God proclaim,  
All: "Lord, You are my refuge and my fortress, my God I will trust forever."  
One: Let us who trust in the Lord know that holy love surrounds us.  
All: God's protection will follow us throughout our days.  
One: When we call out to the Lord,  
All: We know that we are heard.  
One: God is with us in every trial and temptation,  
All: Therefore we will rejoice in the salvation of the Almighty! Amen!

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

\*HYMN NO. 804 (Glory to God hymnal) Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart! Marion

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Triune God, you call us to trust you in every circumstance of our lives, yet far too often, we do not. In times of oppression and strife, we lose hope in our future. When enduring natural disasters, suffering illness, or facing death, we often grow bitter and forget your love. Absorbed by our wants and desires, we are blind to those around us who need our care. Forgive us, O God. Forgive our despair, our bitterness, and our fear. Turn our hearts to you, that we may taste fullness of life and trust your promised salvation.

\*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 Gloria Patri No. 576 (blue hymnal) Jacques Berthier

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING I Timothy 6:6-19

\*CANTICLE NO. 565 (red hymnal) (11:00) Jubilate Deo Anglican chant

STEWARDSHIP SPOTLIGHT Alice Mercer

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Melanie Lewis

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

SCRIPTURE READING Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

SERMON "Location, Location" Rev. Dr. Anne McKee

\*HYMN NO. 320 (Glory to God hymnal) The Church of Christ in Every Age Wareham

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH From A Declaration of Faith

We acknowledge one God alone, whose demands on us are absolute, whose help for us is sufficient. That One is the Lord, whom we worship, serve, and love. We do not fully comprehend who God is or how he works. God's reality far exceeds all our words can say. The Lord's requirements are not always what we think is best. The Lord's care for us is not always what we want. God comes to us on his own terms and is able to do far more than we ask or think. 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. We must not set our ultimate reliance on any other help. We must not yield unconditional obedience to any other power. We must not love anyone or anything more than we love God. To worship God is highest joy. To serve God is perfect freedom.

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 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 ANTHEM

(9:00) 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

(11:00) Come Let's Rejoice John Amner

Come let's rejoice unto the Lord, let us make joy to God our Saviour. Let us approach to his presence in confession, and in psalms let us make joy to him. Alleluia.

paraphrase of Psalm 95:1-2

\*AT THE PRESENTATION Doxology Lasst uns erfreuen

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

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

\*HYMN NO. 157 (Glory to God hymnal) I Danced in the Morning Lord of the Dance

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE Sevenfold Amen John Stainer  
Chancel Choir

\*POSTLUDE Fugue in C, BWV 545, 2 J. S. Bach

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

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\*indicates standing.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY**

**PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK:** Lisa Oros and Ed Babelay  
**CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR SEPTEMBER:** Cindy Spangler

**SERVING TODAY**

**GREETERS:** (11:00) Renee Wiesehuegel and Pam Potocik

**LITURGIST:** Gloria Borum

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** Chancel Choir

**SENIOR USHER:** Bill Wiesehuegel

**SHEPHERD’S TEAM:** Peter Tortorelli

**USHERS:**

(9:00) Scott Brunger and Reed Ellis

(11:00) Colleen and Ehren Manrod, Betty McKeegan, Shirley Wittman and Mark Potocik

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given by Melanie and Daniel Lewis in celebration of their 9<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**JOHN AMNER (1579-1641)** was Organist and Choirmaster and a clergyman at Ely Cathedral from 1610 until the time of his death. Most of his known works were published in 1615 in a collection entitled *Sacred Hymnes of 3, 4, 5, and 6 Parts for the Voyces and Vyols*. This morning’s motet is exuberant in every way, beginning with lively and playful motives which are then woven together into an intricate fabric through pervasive use of counterpoint, all contributing to a compelling and inviting expression of joy and thanksgiving encapsulating the elements of worship and praise.

**LISTENING SESSIONS:** Anne and Gradye will be hosting three listening sessions with the goal of paying deep attention to any concerns you have and answer any questions that they are able to. The first session is Wednesday, September 28 at 6:00 pm in the McKinnon Room. You can find more information in the Abbey article, “Hearing One Another in Love”.

**THE BIG, SCARY QUESTIONS** group will talk about PCUSA statements regarding Israel/Palestine this Tuesday, September 27 at noon in the McKinnon Room. These statements try to use the best Biblical and theological insights to guide, not dictate, our understandings. All are welcome, no matter your point of view or previous knowledge or lack thereof! If you are interested in coming and want to read materials ahead of time, let Anne or the office know and we will send you the links.

**HABITAT BUILD:** Please sign up to help the Westminster Habitat Build. We will be partnering with Coldwell Banker the last day. The October dates will be the Westminster team only.

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/>

**THE BEARDEN NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP** will gather this evening at the Whipples' home,, from 4-6 PM. For more information and to RSVP, please contact Cindy Spangler,  
**SEQUOYAH/WESTMORELAND NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP** is having a Fall Gathering today from 5:00-7:00pm at the home of Debbie and Jay Schmid,. Please RSVP to  
Please bring a savory appetizer or a sweet to share with your neighbors!

**CHILDREN’S OFFERINGS AT WESTMINSTER**  
**During 9:00 Worship:**  
-Nursery available for children 0-5 years old  
**During 10:00 Hour:**  
-Nursery available for children 0-5 years old  
-Fellowship time for kids 1st-4th grade  
**During 11:00 Hour:**  
-Nursery available for children 0-3 years old  
-Primary Sunday school for children 4 y.o.-Kindergarten  
-Intermediate Sunday school for children 1st-4th grade  
(Children will be walked to Sunday school classes following the Time with the Children during the 11:00 worship service)

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
10:00 am  
**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!  
**WESTMINSTER 101:** Are you interested in learning more about Westminster, whether as a visitor, new member, or long-time member? A four week class continues today, and goes up through 10/9 during the Sunday School hour in the Pavilion. Don't worry if you have to miss a week or two; just let Anne know you're interested, and we'll make it work!

**ACOLYTING DURING WORSHIP:** An Acolyte has a long history in the church. They perform the very important function to bring the light of God into the sanctuary at the beginning of the each worship service and carry the light of God out into the world at the end of each service. A new acolyte schedule will be coming out next week. Parents of 4-8th graders, be on the lookout for the new schedule.  
**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY** is next Sunday! The Peace and Global Witness offering will be collected. This PCUSA special offering confronts systems of injustice and promote reconciliation in places around the world - and right here at home. 25% of this offering stays within our congregation to support peacemaking and reconciliation in our own community. 25% goes to our mid council and joins with other congregation gifts to support peacemaking in our region. 50% supports work for peace and reconciliation being done by Presbyterians across the globe.

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Debbie Bendy, Abbey Editor

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***OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE***

**Sunday, September 25**

9:00 am - Pavilion Worship

10:00 am - Sunday School

11:00 am - Sanctuary Worship

12:15 pm - Stated Session Meeting

4:00 pm - Choristers

4:00 pm - Bearden NG - Whipple’s home

5:00 pm - Westmoreland / Seq NG - Schmid’s home

5:00 pm - Youth Fellowship

**Monday, September 26**

7:00 pm- Congregational Zoom

**Tuesday, September 27**

12:00 Big Scary Questions

**Wednesday, September 28**

4:45 pm Boys’ and Girls’ Choirs

6:00 pm - Listening Session - McKinnon Room

6:30 pm- Companions Group - Prayer Room

7:45 pm Chancel Choir

**Thursday, September 29**

8:00 am - Men’s Breakfast Fellowship

4:30 pm Brass Choir

**THE SESSION**

**Class of 2023**

Jaelyn 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

Clerk of Session: Leigh Dunlap

Robert McKeegan

**TRUSTEES**

Ron Alexander

**Class of 2025**

Ed Babelay

Wendy Collins

Janet Drumm

Stephen Fortney

Barbara Froula

Alice Mercer