



The Order of Worship

**October 9, 2022
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.**

EIGHTEENTH 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 Sonata No. 2 for Organ, Movement II Paul Hindemith

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

MINUTE FOR MISSION

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Whether we live in an apartment or a house; if we reside in the suburbs or the city:

All: God tells us to pray for the places where we live.

One: Whether we are exiles or prisoners for the gospel; if we are young, old, insider, outcast:

All: God says, when you search for me, you will find me.

One: Whether we have been wandering and lost; or if we have lived in the same place all our lives:

All: God says, I will gather you from all your places and bring you home.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 366** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Love Divine, All Loves Excelling *Hyfrydol*

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

God beyond borders, we hardly notice the exiles in our neighborhoods, those displaced or alone. We wander down the streets of temptation, pausing at the corner of easy choices. We fall silent in the presence of those who speak words of anger and hate. We tolerate a culture that suspects all who are different from us.

Have mercy on us, O God, for surely you take the side of justice. Open our hearts to all the wonders you are performing in this world and in our lives. You connect us to people and places we least expect. Weave us, with all our neighbors, into the grace of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

***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 2 Timothy 2:8-15

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

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Julia Whipple

Children age 4 through 4th grade are invited to go downstairs for fellowship.

SCRIPTURE READING Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

SERMON “For the Long Haul” Rev. Dr. Anne McKee

***HYMN NO. 643** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Now Thank We All Our God *Nun danket alle Gott*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 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. 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) Was Gott tut, das ist wohlgetan Johann Gottfried Walther
What God Does Is Done Well

Chorale text: What God does is done well; his will remains just. I will submit to him as he begins my things. He is my God who well knows how to support me in distress; therefore I let only him rule.

Samuel Rodigast
literal trans. Mark Bighley

(11:00) Lead Me, Lord S. S. Wesley

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness, make thy way plain before my face. For it is thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

Psalms 5:8 and 4:9

***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. 772** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Live into Hope *Truro*

***CHARGE AND BEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** Amen Danish melody

***POSTLUDE** Herr Gott, dich loben alle wir Johann Pachelbel
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Janet Drumm and Josh Birdwell

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR SEPTEMBER: Kathy Shilling

SERVING TODAY

GREETERS: Cindy Spangler and Pat Herzog

LITURGIST: Chris Van Beke

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: (11:00) Chancel Choir

SENIOR USHER: Tim Ryan

USHERS: (9:00) Kathy Huck and Cile Mathews

(11:00) Rob and Susan McKeehan, Joyce Ryan, Tom and Georgann Byerley

SHEPHERD'S TEAM: Andrew Gordon

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given in memory of Mary McKeehan by her mother and stepfather, Kathie and Thomas Tallant. Mary grew up at Westminster; her forty-fifth birthday is October 7.

PAUL HINDEMITH (1895-1963) was a German composer, violist, teacher, theorist, and conductor. His music was condemned as "degenerate" by the Nazis and banned, and in 1939 he emigrated to the United States, becoming a professor of music theory at Yale in 1942. Four years later Hindemith became an American citizen, but returned to Europe in 1953, living in Zürich and teaching at the university there.

MORE OF A NEW MUSICAL OFFERING!

Westminster Church is hosting the 2022-23 season of The Knoxville Chamber Music Society, which endeavors to bring Knoxville's exceptional musicians to chamber

music lovers throughout our community and region. The next concert in this series is Saturday evening, October 22, at 7:00, in the sanctuary. Please visit <https://www.knoxvillechambermusicsociety.com> for the artists (and bios) and repertoire on each program.

JUSTICE KNOX HOUSE MEETING: Today at 12:15pm in the Ruthie Carey Pavilion will be a meeting of the Justice Knox team led by Tim Crais. The meeting will last for about an hour and refreshments will be served. We will look at the upcoming year for Justice Knox and share ideas about issues that need to be addressed. If you have not been called but would like to attend, please join us for what should be a very productive meeting. See you then.

LISTENING SESSION TODAY: You are invited to stay for the Listening Session at 12:15 today, in the McKinnon Room. Gradye and Anne will be there with the goal of paying deep attention to any concerns you have related to the transition of our church leadership and answer any questions that they are able to. We will have one more Listening Session, via Zoom, on Tuesday October 18 at 7:00.

THE BIG SCARY QUESTIONS GROUP will talk about the PCUSA statements about abortion this Tuesday, October 11 at noon. If you are not already on the list and want to read materials ahead of time, let Anne or the office know and we will send you the documents.

LECONTE 2023 RESERVATIONS OPEN! We are excited to announce our reservations for Leconte 2023 are July 22, 2023! We obtained three cabins so 36 people can attend. Westminster will need to pay LeConte in full by October 31st. Please submit your payments to the church office no later than October 25th, so the funds can be sent to LeConte. The cost of the hike is \$176 per hiker. Any unpaid spots can be released back to LeConte by October 31. Please email renee_wpc@comcast.net with how many spots you would like.

SCHILLING GALLERY ARTIST TALK: On October 23 after 11:00 worship, local artist, Robert Felker will have an artist talk discussing his art practice and the paintings he is sharing with us on the walls of the gallery. Please stop by to see these works and meet the artist.

OCTOBERFEST SIGN-UPS OPEN! This year's Oktoberfest will be held at WPC on Sunday, Oct. 23 4:30-7:30 p.m., in the Ruthie Carey Pavilion. Adults over 21 are

invited to join us for traditional fare, carefully selected craft beers, a trivia contest, and music by WPC's own Oompa Band. Sign up at the registration table in the Schilling Gallery after 11:00 worship or by calling the church office. Payment of \$15 is due in advance by noon Oct. 16 and can be paid through online giving, check, or cash at time of registration.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST will meet this Thursday at 8:30 am instead of 8am in the McKinnon Room Our speaker will be our own George Barber who will speak about the Muhammed Ali Center in Louisville, KY. George worked at the center and has some interesting information and stories to share with us. If you would like a sausage biscuit with your coffee, please text Tim Crais @ or email him at by noon on Wednesday. We hope you will join us for what should be a very entertaining presentation.

HABITAT BUILD: You may sign-up using the QR Code in the narthex, or the link below. The Westminster team dates are:

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/>



ORGANISTS DANA ROBINSON AND PAUL TEGELS will be heard in a program of organ duet music (for four hands!) at Westminster Church on Friday evening, November 4, at 8:00, as part of this season's *Musica Organi* recital series. Dr. Robinson is Professor of Organ at the University of Illinois and Dr. Tegels is Associate Professor of Music and University Organist at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma,

Washington, and a past president of the Westfield Center for Historical Keyboard Studies. Cosponsoring this event is the Knoxville Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. The congregation is cordially invited to attend. A nursery will be provided. For more information, please visit <http://www.musicaorgani.org>.

PETER VAN EENAM RECEPTION: Westminster has been blessed to have Peter Van Eenam as our organist and choirmaster for 41 years. In celebration of those years of music ministry, Peter will be honored on November 6th during the services and at a reception following the 11:00 a.m. service. Let's join together to show our love, appreciation and gratitude for 41 years of incredible sacred music by many different vocal and instrumental choirs.

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.

WESTMINSTER 101: Our four week class wraps up today during the Sunday School hour in the Pavilion.

SAVE THE DATE!

WPC Fall Festival

Sunday, October 30 at 12:00pm

Fun, Food and Fellowship

Kids are invited to wear their costumes to church!

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Allie Brewington, Director of Children's Ministries

Renee Wiesehuegel, Office Manager/Bookkeeper

Melissa Everett, Administrative Assistant

Debbie Bendy, Abbey Editor

Arthur Collins, Worship Tech

OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, October 9

9:00 am - Pavilion Worship

10:00 am - Sunday School

11:00 am - Sanctuary Worship

12:15 - Listening Session in the McKinnon Room

12:15 - Justice Knox in the Pavilion

12:15 - PNC Meeting in Library

Monday, October 10

Indigenous Peoples Day Church Office Closed

7:00 pm- Congregational Zoom

Tuesday, October 11

12:00 Big Scary Questions

6:30 pm - Ministry Team Night

Wednesday, October 12

6:30 pm- Companions Group - Prayer Room

7:45 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, October 13

8:30 am Men's Breakfast Fellowship

1:00 FISH

Saturday, October 15

8:00 am Habitat Interior Walls

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

Clerk of Session: Leigh Dunlap

Class of 2025

Ed Babelay

Wendy Collins

Janet Drumm

Stephen Fortney

Barbara Froula