

The Order of Worship **November 20, 2022**
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

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
 (9:00) Nun danket alle Gott (Bicinium) Georg Philipp Telemann
Now Thank We All Our God
 (11:00) Aria in Classic Style for Harp and Organ (1944) Marcel Grandjany
 Cindy Emory, Harp

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP Kathy Parsons
 One: O Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
All: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!
 One: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.
All: We are the people of God's pasture, and the sheep of God's hand. Let us worship God.

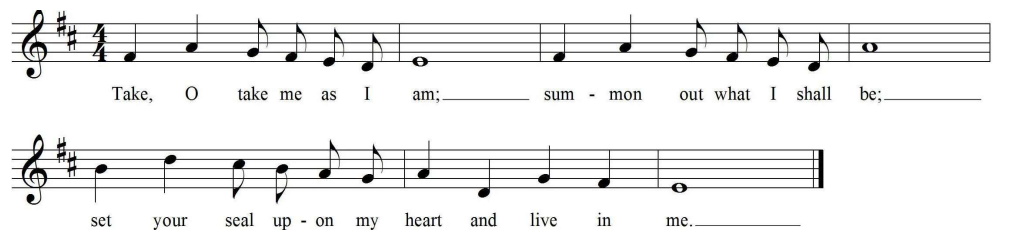
TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 367** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Come, Ye Thankful People, Come St. George's Windsor

***CALL TO CONFESSION**
***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)
 Gracious Creator, you have given us so much, but too often we take those gifts for granted, or as something to which we are entitled. You call us to live in caring community, but too often we place our wants and needs first, with those of others a distant second. You call us to share Your gifts

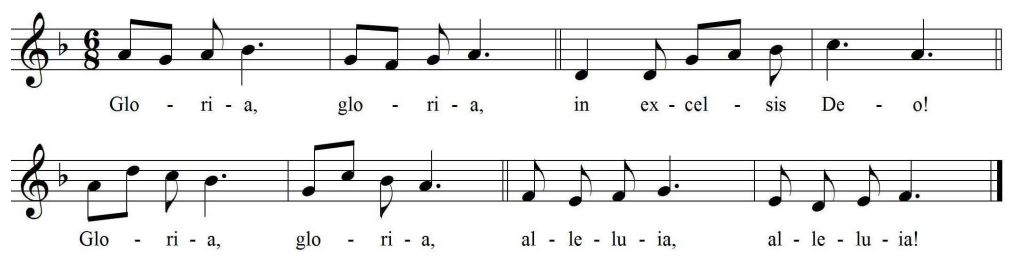
with the world around us, but we are worried that there may not be enough, and our worrying gets in the way of our sharing. For all the times when we mistreat and misuse Your gifts, for all the times we assume that we get what we have by ourselves, forgive us and lead us back to the path of wisdom.

***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 Psalm 46
***CANTICLE NO. 565** (red hymnal) (11:00) Jubilate Deo Anglican chant
A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Rachel Powell

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

SCRIPTURE READING Colossians 1:11-20
SERMON "Thankful" Rev. Gradye Parsons

***HYMN NO. 336** (*Glory to God* hymnal) We Gather Together Kremser

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
 We believe in God above us, creator of all things, sustainer of all life.
 We believe in Christ beside us, companion and friend, redeemer of all the broken pieces of our universe.
 We believe in Spirit deep within us, advocate and guide, who lives with us eternally.
 We believe in God's resurrection created world, Where all things are fixed, and all creation fits together in vibrant harmonies. We believe in God above, beside, within, God yesterday, today and forever, the three in one, the one in three, We believe in 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.
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.

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) Aria in Classic Style for Harp and Organ Marcel Grandjany
 (11:00) The Goodness of the Lord C. P. E. Bach
 The goodness of the Lord aboundeth, Lives there one man beyond its spell? Our song of grateful praise resoundeth, And anthems celestial His glory tell. His love to cherish His grace to measure, Shall ever be my great concern, His mercy is my highest treasure, My goal His benison to earn.

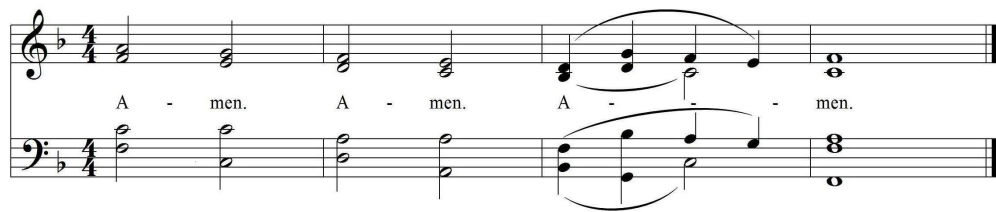
O Master, let Thy loving care be clear before me through all my days, And let this be my earnest prayer, Thy heav'nly kingdom to serve always: Thou art my comfort In time of sadness, Thou my Delight in time of cheer, And ever Thou my soul's great gladness, For fear departs when Thou art near.
adapt. Walter Ehret

***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! Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 37** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Let All Things Now Living Ash Grove
***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**
***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** Amen Danish melody



***POSTLUDE** Nun danket alle Gott Max Reger
 (from 30 kleine Choralvorspiele für Orgel, Op. 135a)

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by the congregation in honor and thanksgiving of Marty and Frank Marsh, as well as, the unbounded love and glory of God, and the seemingly endless love and glory of our Westminster Family from Marty and Frank Marsh.



THE PNC INVITES you to complete our congregational survey. Your input will help us learn more about WPC's strengths and values, and in turn will help us find a Senior Pastor that best suits the needs and concerns of the congregation. Use your smart phone's camera to scan this image and a link will appear for you to follow to the online survey.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Gloria Borum and Chris Van Beke

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR NOVEMBER: Janet Tortorelli

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES: (11:00) Elinor Collins and Josie Chattin

GREETERS: (11:00) Renee Wiesehuegel and Sue Byerly

LITURGIST: Kathy Parsons

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: (11:00) Chancel Choir

SENIOR USHER: Tim Ryan

USHERS: (9:00) Mike Kaufman and Reed Ellis

(11:00) Jaclyn Beeler, Barbara Froula, Ken Hughes, Charlie and Alice Mercer

HARPIST CINDY EMORY will give a solo harp recital on Monday evening, November 28, at 7:30, here in the sanctuary. Please come enjoy works by J. S. Bach, Albert Roussel, Marcel Tournier, and Carlos Salzedo, among others performed on the harp. Our thanks to Cindy Emory for her enrichment of our worship this morning and for providing notes on Marcel Grandjany.

MARCEL GRANDJANY (1891-1975) was a French virtuoso harpist, organist, composer, recording artist and teacher. He is one of the most important and influential harpists of the twentieth century. He headed the harp departments at Juilliard and the Manhattan School of Music, and also facilitated the formation of the American Harp Society. "To me, the possibility of color, dynamics, effects and scope of literature are endless with this beloved instrument of mine."

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP will be boxing up Thanksgiving meals from 5-7 this evening at the church.

FISH CHRISTMAS CARDS: FISH Hospitality Pantries is the largest direct provider of food relief in East Tennessee. They have remained open during the COVID-19 crisis, serving twice the number of families that they did pre-pandemic and helping to ease the financial burden made worse by the pandemic. When you send FISH Christmas cards to family and friends, they provide food relief to the neediest in our community. Every \$5 donation feeds a family of 4 for 3 days. You can purchase these beautiful cards from the church office.

ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS GIFT FAIR will be December 4. Please join us in the Schilling Gallery between worship services and/or after the 11:00 a.m. service. We will have at least 11 participants selling all kinds of wonderful things! Each vendor will be representing a certain organization/charity to which the profits will go. This is a great way of finding some very meaningful gifts during the holidays! Please note that some participants will accept credit cards as well as Venmo. Not all booths will have credit card machines, so be prepared for cash purchases.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will meet (evening group) at 7:00 p.m. November 28 on Zoom. Mary will send out a Zoom link prior to the meeting. Let her know if you would like to join in. maryboyd1@gmail.com The morning group meets Thursday, December 1 at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone interested can go out for lunch following the meeting.

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS will be available next Sunday in the digital form or printed.

OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, November 20

9:00 am - Sanctuary Worship

10:00 am - Sunday School

11:00 am - Sanctuary Worship

12:15 - Play Practice

12:15 - PNC Meeting

12:15 - Chancel Choir

5:00 pm - Youth Fellowship

Monday, November 21

7:00 - Congregational Zoom

Tuesday, November 22

6:30 pm High School Lock-Out

Wednesday, November 23

Church Office Hours 9-1



November 24-25
Thanksgiving Holiday
Church Office Closed

Sunday, November 27

First Sunday of Advent

9:00 am Worship in the Sanctuary

10:00 Adult Sunday School

No Youth Sunday School or Children's Fellowship Hour

Nursery available for 0-5.

11:00 Worship in the Sanctuary

12:15 Play Practice

2:00 pm Youth Fellowship

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ADVENT FLORAL DONATIONS are being accepted. There is no set amount for each dedication. A list of donations will be included in the Christmas Eve bulletins as well as the *Abbey*. Donations can be placed in the offering plate or brought to the office.

I would like to contribute to the Flower Guild for Advent:

\$ _____

In memory of/honor of (circle one):

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Allie Brewington, Director of Children's Ministries

Renee Wiesehuegel, Office Manager/Bookkeeper

Melissa Everett, Administrative Assistant

Sarah Rackley, Youth Assistant

Debbie Bendy, Abbey Editor

Arthur Collins, Worship Tech

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.

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)

THE SESSION

Class of 2023

Jaclyn Beeler

Jack Carley

William Milam

Penny Tschantz

Bill Wiesehuegel

Youth Elder: Meghan Oros

Clerk of Session: Leigh Dunlap

TRUSTEES

Robert McKeehan

Ron Alexander

Alice Mercer