



The Order of Worship

August 20, 2023
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE CHURCH GATHERS . . .

Welcome to Westminster Church! We are a family of Christians gathered from many traditions and neighborhoods, worshipping 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) Fairest, Lord Jesus *Schönster Herr Jesu*
 arr. Ann Marie David

(11:00) Antiphon V: How Fair and How Pleasant Art Thou *Marcel Dupré*
 (from *Fifteen Pieces for Organ*)

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 67) *Barbara Adamcik*

One: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make the Lord’s face to shine upon us,
All: that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.

One: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
All: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

One: for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.
All: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 41** (*Glory to God* hymnal) O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!
Lyons

***CALL TO CONFESSION**
***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)
 God our refuge, you hear our cries for mercy. You lift the lowly and offer hope to the hopeless. But we, who benefit from your grace, do not emulate you and your ways. We are quick to condemn, exaggerate, critique, and act mercilessly. We confess the ways we demean and dehumanize ourselves and others. We pray for your forgiveness. Amen.

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 ...

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION
SCRIPTURE READING *Matthew 15:10-20*
A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) *Melanie Lewis*
Children age 4 through 4th grade are invited to go downstairs for Sunday School.

SCRIPTURE READING *Genesis 45:1-15*
SERMON “Witnessing Without Words” *Rev. Dr. Richard Coble*
***HYMN NO. 22** (*Glory to God* hymnal) God of the Sparrow *Roeder*
***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) (From The Confession of 1967, inclusive)

We acknowledge that God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of human minds. We ascribe to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But in Jesus Christ God reveals love by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful people. The power of God's love in Christ transforms the world and discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of divine love.

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) Cantate Domino *Giovanni Francesco Anerio*
 trans. Peter Van Eenam

Brass Choir

(11:00) Lord, Speak to Me *Jeffrey H. Rickard*
 Lord, speak to me that I may speak in living echoes of thy tone; As thou hast sought, so let me seek Thy erring children lost and lone.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious things thou dost impart; And wing my words, that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.

O fill me with thy fullness, Lord, until my very heart o’erflow In kindling thought and glowing word, Thy love to tell, thy praise to show. Amen.
Francis Ridley Havergal

***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**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 612** (*Glory to God* hymnal) We Praise You, O God *Kremser*
***CHARGE AND BEDICTION**
***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** (9:00) Amen *Danish melody*

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** (11:00) God Be in My Head *John Rutter*
 God be in my head and in my understanding. God be in mine eyes and in my looking. God be in my mouth and in my speaking. God be in mine heart and in my thinking. God be at my end and in my departing.
from the Sarum Primer
 Chancel Choir

***POSTLUDE**
 (9:00) Praise to the Lord, the Almighty *Lobe den Herren*
 arr. Lloyd Larson
 (11:00) Point d’Orgue sur les Grands Jeux *Nicolas de Grigny*
 (from *Livre d’Orgue*)

*Stand in Body or Spirit

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Janet Drumm and Chris Van Beke
CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR AUGUST: Bonny Naugher and Brenda Seip
LARGE PRINT HYMNALS/ HEARING DEVICES are available from the ushers.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES: (11:00) Charlotte and Anna Van Beke
GREETERS: (11:00) Bud and Carolyn Cunningham
LITURGIST: Barbara Adamcik
MINISTRY OF MUSIC:
 (9:00) Brass Choir
 (11:00) Chancel Choir
SHEPHERD’S TEAM: Bryan and Rachel Powell
SENIOR USHER: Alice Mercer
USHERS: (9:00) Jack Carley and Daniel Berry
 (11:00) Brenda Seip, Melissa Everett, Jay Schmid, Tim and Joyce Ryan

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Shawn and David Owens in memory of Shawn’s father, Charles Castleberry. He would have been 86 on August 22.

A VERY SPECIAL THANKS to Ibbie Muntz for serving as the pianist this morning at the 9:00 service.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 am
Adult Bible Study: Chooses a book of the Bible to unpack (McKinnon Hall)
Feasting on the Word: Studies scriptures used in Worship (Lisa Kaufman Hall)
The Wired Word: Discusses current events with a theological eye (Library)

CHILDREN'S OFFERINGS AT WESTMINSTER
During 9:00 Hour - Nursery available for children 0-5 years old
During 10:00 Hour - Nursery available for children ages 0-3 years old
 Sunday School for kindergarten through 5th grade
During 11:00 Hour - Nursery available for children 0-3 years old
 Primary Sunday school for children 3, 4, and 5 years old
 Intermediate Sunday school for children 1st-3rd grade
Children will be walked to Sunday school classes following the Time with Children during the 11:00 worship service.

SHARE THE BOUNTY is held in the Schilling Gallery for the summer. Our Dave Dungan organic garden at the church is growing heartily. Our table provides a space to share the bounty from our personal gardens and our very own Westminster organic garden. You are more than welcome to help yourself to what is provided on the table. If you have a bit too much of something from your garden, bring it in to share. There is also a donation basket with any contributions this year going to our Presbytery’s Carbon Footprint Fund.

THIS MORNING’S POSTLUDE at the 11:00 service is by French organist and composer Nicolas de Grigny (1672-1703), Organist at Rheims Cathedral from 1697 until his untimely death just a few years later. The supreme compliment was paid him by both J. S. Bach and Johann Gottfried Walther as each made a copy of his entire *Livre d’Orgue*, which concludes with the piece heard today. Though our organ and its reeds are inspired by North German and Dutch instruments, one is still able to hear the intense color of the registration called for by the composer. The title refers to the use of very long pedal notes above which the music for the hands seems to ride.

YOUTH NEWS
TODAY, 8/20 after church (noon) -- Planning lunch in the McKinnon Room. All Youth (6th-12th grade) and parents are invited to come for lunch and help brainstorm+plan our Fall youth activities. We will assemble at Casa Don Gallo (west on Northshore.) They have a space for us inside! Plus... Our new pastor, Richard, will be there!!! We hope you can help us plan a great semester!

Friday, 8/25 @ 6 p.m. -- ALL Youth (5th-12th grade) are having dinner, swimming, and a pool+movie watch at the Carley home! Mason and Monroe are having us over for a great evening of summer fun!! We will meet at the church at 5:15 and carpool there. (You're also welcome to drive there on your own.) The Carley's address is: 209 Bonnie Vista, Maryville, TN 37804

HIKING WITH WPC Join us for a hike at Seven Islands State Park TODAY after church. It will be a moderate hike, approximately 5.5 miles long. Hikers can bring their lunch and eat in the McKinnon Room, change clothes and then load up for carpools around 12:45. Non-carpoolers can meet at the parking lot at 1:15.

MEN’S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST will meet this Thursday, August 24, at 8:30am in the McKinnon Room. Our speaker will be Sky Huck who will talk about his book, *Golden Advice from Global Icons*. Phil Barnette will provide the breakfast. We hope you will join us and perhaps bring a new member or a friend.

FAMILY PROMISE of Knoxville is hosting a Pasta and Bluegrass Festival on August 26 from 6pm-8pm at Sacred Heart School to benefit families experiencing homelessness in Knoxville. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children. Tickets will be sold today as well as online. See Gail Clark for further information.

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY will meet Thursday, September 7, at 10:30am. We will be doing a book study on *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again* by Rachel Held Evans. The books are to be picked up at the first meeting where Mary Boyd will give some background on the author and introduction to her work. You do not need to read anything before then. The same class will also be offered on the second Sunday of each month during the 10:00am Sunday school hour beginning September 13.

WESTMINSTER NIGHT AT THE SMOKIES Come and enjoy the baseball game with friends!! Smokies vs. Rocket City Trash Pandas, September 15. Tickets are \$14/person via the church office. Checks can be made out to ‘WPC’ with ‘Smokies baseball’ in the memo line.

LADIES BOOKCLUB will be meeting September 19 at 10:30am in the Library to discuss *The Sharper Your Knife, the Less You Cry: Love, Laughter and Tears at the World’s Most Famous Cooking School* by Kathleen Flinn.

OKTOBERFEST Sunday, September 24, 2023 from 5-8 pm at the Ruthie Carey Pavilion; Adults only. \$15 per person due in advance. Capacity of 120 people
DO NOT MISS THIS!

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OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, August 20
9:00am - Pavilion Worship
10:00am - Sunday School
11:00am - Sanctuary Worship
12:15pm - Parents/Youth Planning Lunch
12:15pm - Fellowship Hike to Seven Islands State Park
Tuesday, August 22
10:00am - Staff Meeting
12:00pm - Sage-ing Class
Wednesday, August 23
4:30pm - Companions (Prayer Room)
7:45pm - Chancel Choir
Thursday, August 24
8:30am Men’s Fellowship Breakfast
4:30pm - Brass Choir
Friday, August 25
6:00pm WAMS Swim Party
Saturday, August 26
6:00pm - Family Promise Pasta Cook Off at Sacred Heart

THE SESSION		
Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Josh Birdwell	Ed Babelay	Bill Farnham
Gloria Borum	Wendy Collins	Lee Ingram
Melanie Lewis	Janet Drumm	Lucy Johnson
Lisa Oros	Stephen Fortney	Kathryn Oakes
Chris Van Beke	Barbara Froula	Richard Ward
Youth Elder: Arthur Collins	Clerk of Session: Leigh Dunlap	

TRUSTEES		
Ron Alexander	Alice Mercer	John Smartt