



The Order of Worship

October 15, 2023
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.
Stewardship Kick-off

TWENTIETH 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 Lobe den Herren, den mächtigen König der Ehren
 Johann Gottfried Walther
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP Daniel Lewis

One: Praise the Lord! O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;
All: God's steadfast love endures forever.
 One: Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness.
All: Remember us, O LORD, when you show favor to your people.
 One: Let us Worship the Lord!

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

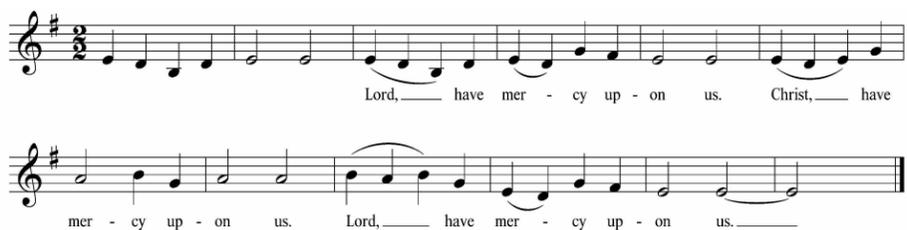
***HYMN NO. 132** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Good Christian Friends, Rejoice
In dulci jubilo

***CALL TO CONFESSION**
***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison) **

Mighty, merciful God,
 You encourage us not to worry
 But to make our requests known to you,
 Trusting in your goodness.
 Hear our prayers:
 For those who worship false idols.
 For those who seek security in status or wealth.

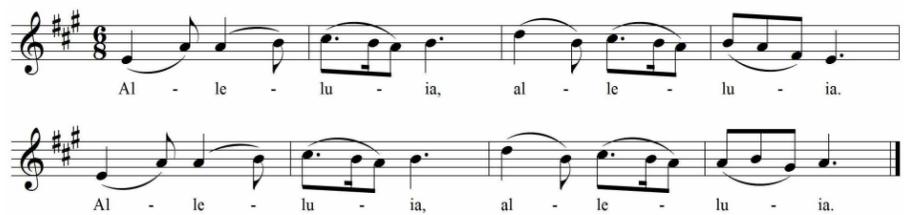
For the healing of earth from disaster.
 For loved ones who are struggling.
 For people who have no peace.
 For those without homes or shelter.
 For the strength to pursue our calling.
 Fill us with gentleness and joy,
 Give us the peace that passes understanding,
 And guard our hearts and minds;
 Through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 Psalm 23
A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Allie Brewington

Children age 4 through 3rd grade are invited to go downstairs for Children's Church.

SCRIPTURE READING Philippians 4:1-9
SERMON "Rejoice?" Rev. Dr. Richard Coble
***HYMN NO. 623** (*Glory to God* hymnal) I've Got Peace like a River
Peace Like a River

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.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
 9:00 Melanie Lewis
 11:00 George Barber

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) Heilig (from *Deutsche Messe*) Franz Schubert
 arr. Robert S. Wallace

Brass Choir
 (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
Old Hundredth

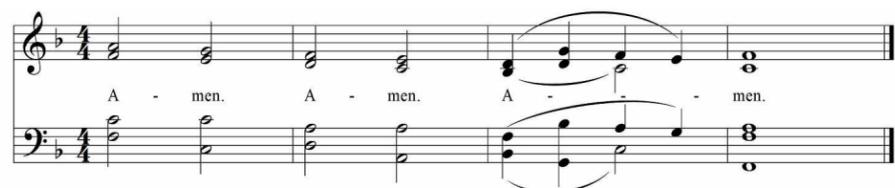
***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology
 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 65** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
Cwm Rhondda

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**
***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** (9:00) Amen Danish melody



***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** (11:00) Sevenfold Amen John Stainer
 Chancel Choir

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

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

**Please Stand in Body or Spirit*
 ** Prayer of Confession from Connections Worship Companion, David Gambrell, ed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Gloria Borum and Stephen Fortney
CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR OCTOBER: Deb McGaugh
LARGE PRINT HYMNALS/ HEARING DEVICES are available from the ushers.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES: (11:00) Sirah Smith and McKenzie Damron

GREETERS: (11:00) Ehren and Colleen Manrod

LITURGIST: Daniel Lewis

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: (9:00) Brass Choir; (11:00) Chancel Choir

SHEPHERD'S TEAM: Carl Whipple

SENIOR USHER: Tim Ryan

USHERS: (9:00) Stephanie Lynch-Wright and Jack Carley

(11:00) Kathy Shilling, Michael Yates, Ron Alexander, Jaclyn Beeler and
Linda Van Beke

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Jaclyn and Katherine Beeler in memory of their son, Brooks Beeler and Jaclyn's dad, Jackie "Paw-Paw" Beeler.

JOHANN PACHELBEL (1653-1706) was born and educated in Nuremberg. In 1673 he was appointed deputy organist at the famous St. Stephen's Cathedral in Vienna, where he served for five years, before moving north to the Eisenach and later Erfurt. It was during his time in these latter two cities that he met and became close friends with the Bach family (this was a few years before Johann Sebastian was born). Pachelbel would eventually return to Nuremberg to accept a position at St. Sebaldus Church, essentially completing a grand circle. This morning's postlude is a chorale prelude based on the "Old Hundredth" psalm tune, with the melody played in long notes in the pedal as a *cantus firmus*.



MUSICA ORGANI will present concert organist Kathleen Scheide in recital at Westminster Church **this Friday evening, October 20, at 8:00.** Dr. Scheide is Music Director and Organist at Church of the Loving Shepherd, West Chester, Pennsylvania, and she has concertized throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico, Europe, Russia, the Far East, and the Caribbean. Her program will include music by J. S. Bach, Böhm, Drischner, Kellner, Stirling, and her own music. The congregation is cordially invited to attend. Please visit <http://www.musicaorgani.org> for more information.

CRAFTING THEOLOGY men's group will meet today at 6pm at Yee-Haw Brewing. Feel free to grab food beforehand or while there. Please contact Jeff Gilbert or Daniel Lewis with any questions.

WPC WORKDAY: Join us for some part of this workday as we spruce up the church building and grounds, Saturday, October 21 anytime between 8am to noon. Numerous and diverse jobs for all. Put on your old clothes and bring your favorite tools to help us clean, weed, plant, haul, saw, mulch, trim, cut, rake, paint, and various other tasks. You bring the energy and spirit for any part of the time; we'll provide the jobs and leadership. Please help us get our WPC grounds and our facilities ready for winter.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 am

Adult Bible Study: The Bible Study class is reading and discussing every part of the Gospel of John. We compare many different translations to learn what the words meant to the followers of Jesus and to us now. (McKinnon Hall)

Feasting on the Word: Studies scriptures used in Worship (LKH)

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 0-5 years old

Sunday School for kindergarten through 5th grade will resume next Sunday

During 11:00 Hour - Nursery available for children 0-5 years old

Children's Church for children preschool thru 3rd grade

Children will be walked to Children's Church classes following the Time with Children during the 11:00 worship service.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

will resume next Sunday

FAITH, FOUNDERS AND FRIENDS: This Fall, we are going to reflect on Westminster's story. Here is the remaining schedule:

October 18 and 25 will have a 6-6:30 hospitality time (you are asked to bring finger food). The program will be from 6:30-7:30.

October 18: Lee Ingram will lead a program on the story of the Westminster Campus.

October 25: There will be a panel of folks who have been at Westminster almost from the beginning who will share their stories about Founders, Faith and Friends.

November 1: (All Saints Day) There will be a catered dinner where we will toast the founders of WPC and play Knoxville Westminster Trivia (nursery provided).

TRUNK-OR-TREAT is October 29th at 5:00pm. Along with trunk-or-treating, the Youth will host games and the Fellowship team will have dinner. We will be serving our traditional fall event menu---hot dogs, chips, apple slices, mini carrots, and pumpkin Oreos. Remember to pull into the church parking lot from Lyons Bend Road. The entrance from Northshore will be closed because we will have little ghosts and ghouls trunk-or-treating. If you would like to decorate your trunk, then please pull into the parking spots close to the front of the church along the fountain and you can decorate. (If you need ideas, there are packages for decorating on Amazon & at Oriental Trading.) Please arrive at 4:30 pm if you are planning to host a decorated trunk. Fun for all ages!! We look forward to seeing everyone there!!

JUSTICE KNOX Want to be a part of a social movement that is achieving results? Justice Knox (JK) is kicking off a new season and inviting you to attend one of two Listening Sessions on October 15th and 22nd right after the 11 o'clock worship service. This is a time for existing team members, supporters, and visitors to gather together and listen to each other's concerns about community problems and what might be issues that keep participants up at night. In the past, JK has dealt effectively with problems such as homelessness, mental health, education, gun violence, and inequitable transportation opportunities. Live out our faith with JK by "walking the talk" with tangible, realistic action. Mark your calendar to join Tim Crais on October 15th or Andrew MacDonald on October 22nd. Both meetings will be held at Westminster. See you then.

READING RACE & FAITHFUL CONVERSATIONS every Tuesday through November 7th; 12:00 noon-1:00 p.m. in the McKinnon Room led by Richard Coble, Pastor/Head of Staff. We will be working through *Waking Up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race* by Debby Irving. The books, along with a number of other tools, will be utilized as starting points for us to examine how we — as individuals, as a community, and as Christians — are impacted by, complicit in, and faithfully resisting the forces of structural racism that we have inherited.

THE ABBEY DEADLINE is today at 5pm. Submit your articles to Debbie Bendy (unitedprinters@comcast.net).

NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP MEETINGS WITH RICHARD COBLE

- **Bearden Neighborhood Group**, October 21 at 4pm at Cindy Spangler's house, 4175 Ridgeway Lane. Contact Cindy for more information at spangler2@gmail.com.
- **Farragut and Rocky Hill Neighborhood Groups** (RCP) October 22 at 5pm
- **Cedar Bluff Neighborhood Group** (RCP) October 29 at 12:15pm

BREAKFAST IN THE SMOKIES: We have secured a lovely spot at Norris Dam State Park for this year's early morning feast. Originated by the late and beloved Don Byerly, this event has brought together members of our congregation to celebrate the memory of Matt Mathews, while enjoying good food, fellowship, and the beautiful outdoors. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, November 11, and look for more detailed information in future weekly newsletters and the Westminster Abbey. Sign up sheets are located on both bulletin boards in the Schilling Gallery.

LECONTE 2024: Four spaces remain! Our date for our annual hike to the LeConte Lodge is Saturday, July 20, 2024. The cost per hiker is \$184. WPC needs to get the check to LeConte no later than November 1 so the absolute deadline to sign up and pay for your space is October 25. Any unclaimed spots of our 36 spaces will need to be forfeited on October 26. Let's do this!!!

THE NEXT WPC HIKE will be to Mt. Cammerer on Monday, October 30. This hike is 11.1 miles long, 3149' elevation gain, and is rated DIFFICULT. We'll meet at the Strawberry plains Cracker barrel parking lot (side closest to the Weigel's) at 8am. Confirm your participation with Cindy Spangler (spangler2@gmail.com).

ICEBEARS GAME All are welcome to attend the January 26 Friday Night Ice Bears hockey game on Wands and Wizards Night. The fun starts at 7:35pm at the Knoxville Civic Auditorium and Coliseum. To reserve your place please bring or mail \$22.00 to the church office no later than October 31. Seats sell out fast and we can't guarantee a spot after that. Let us know if you'd like to carpool.

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OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, October 15

9:00am - Sanctuary Worship

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12:00pm - Justice Knox

6:00pm - Crafting Theology

Tuesday, October 17

10:00am - Staff Meeting

10:30am - Ladies Bookclub (Library)

12:00pm - Reading Race & Faithful Conversations Class

5:00pm - Boys' and Girls' Choirs

6:00pm - Mission Services; Property; Worship, Music and Arts

6:30pm - Congregational Care

Wednesday, October 18

4:30pm - Companions (Prayer Room)

6:30pm - Faith, Founders, Friends

7:45pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, October 19

4:30pm - Brass Choir

6:00pm - Recorder Ensemble

7:00pm - Handbells

8:00pm - Four-in-Hand Ringers

Friday, October 20

8:00pm - *Musica Organi*

Saturday, October 21

8:00am - WPC Workday

4:00pm - Bearden Neighborhood Group

THE SESSION

Class of 2024: Josh Birdwell, Gloria Borum, Melanie Lewis, Lisa Oros, Chris VanBeke, and Youth Elder: Arthur Collins

Class of 2025: Ed Babelay, Wendy Collins, Janet Drumm, Stephen Fortney, Barbara Froula

Class of 2026: Bill Farnham, Lee Ingram, Lucy Johnson, Kathryn Oakes, Richard Ward

TRUSTEES

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