

**The Order of Worship**

**October 29, 2023  
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.  
Reformation Sunday**

**TWENTY-SECOND 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** Prelude in C, BWV 545, 1 J. S. Bach

**OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 90) Ibbie Muntz

One: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**All: Before the mountains were brought forth,**

One: or ever you had formed the earth and the world,

**All: from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

**Let us Worship the Lord!**

**TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...**

**\*HYMN NO. 275** (*Glory to God* hymnal) A Mighty Fortress Is Our God *Ein' feste Burg*

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

**Waken our hearts, O Lord, our God;**

**make them ever watchful to serve You and Your purposes.**

**Trouble us with the smallness of our vision and work.**

**Trouble us with Your great love for sinners**

**and our own slowness to make You our greatest love.**

**Trouble us with the brevity of our lives and time, talent, and treasure not invested in eternity.**

**Comfort us by drawing us to Yourself with the cords of Your unfailing mercy.**

**Comfort us, O Lord, with the assurance of our salvation and**

**unending glory with You when we suffer and are afflicted.**

**Rekindle in us a renewed desire for the coming of Your glorious kingdom**

**when all wrongs will be made right,**

**when everything that is broken will be made whole,**

**and when we will trade a cross for a crown.**

**In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

A dapted from the Prayers of Martin Luther

**\*KYRIE ELEISON**

arr. David N. Johnson



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have



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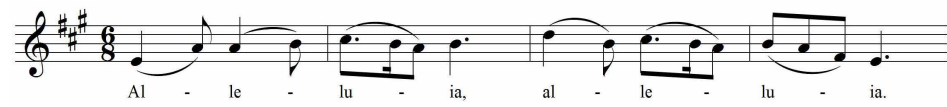
**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

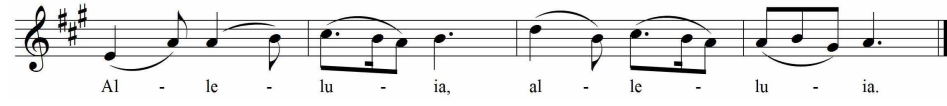
People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

**\*RESPONSE** Celtic Alleluia (*sing twice*)

Fintan O'Carroll



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

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

Anglican chant

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN** (11:00)

Michael Yates

*Children age 4 through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade are invited to go downstairs for Children's Church.*

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Matthew 22:34-46

**SERMON**

"Hanging by a Thread"

Rev. Dr. Richard Coble

**\*HYMN NO. 766** (*Glory to God* hymnal) The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

McKee

**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**

Sophia Manrod

**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) Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott

Michael Praetorius

trans. Peter Van Eenam

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

Trombone Choir

(11:00) The Hundredth Psalm

Felix Mendelssohn

Make a joyful noise, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness; and come before His presence with singing. And know ye that the Lord is God: it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His heav'nly gates with thanksgiving, and into His blessed kingdom, and praise God; thanks to Him, praises to His holy name. For the Lord is good; and His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endureth forever.

**\*AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology

*Old Hundredth*

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 ...**

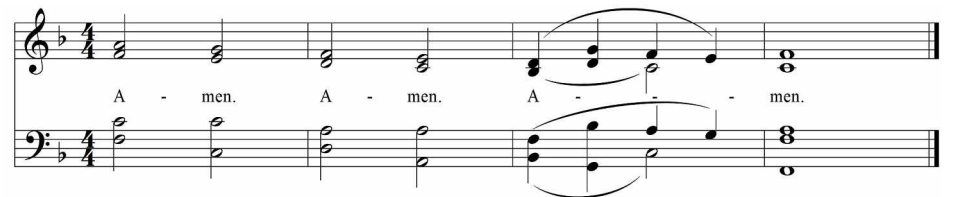
**\*HYMN NO. 697** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Take My Life

*Hendon*

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** Amen

Danish melody



A - men. A - men. A - men.

**\*POSTLUDE** Fugue in C, BWV 545, 2

J. S. Bach

**NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS**

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*\*Please Stand in Body or Spirit*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY**

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given by Paula Hogan in loving memory of Irene and Ronald DeCamp.

**FELIX MENDELSSOHN** lived and worked in Middle Germany. Both he and J. S. Bach finished their careers in Leipzig and it was Mendelssohn, in fact, who was a critical figure in beginning the revival of Bach's music around 1829. The famous Gewandhaus Orchestra, with its early roots tied to Bach's Collegium Musicum (an orchestra comprised of musically active university students which frequently performed at Zimmermann's coffeehouse), was led and further developed by Mendelssohn, who helped to initiate its great reputation.

**PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK:** Lisa Oros and Chris Van Beke  
**CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR OCTOBER:** Deb McGaugh  
**LARGE PRINT HYMNALS/ HEARING DEVICES** are available from the ushers.

#### **SERVING TODAY**

**ACOLYTES:** (11:00) Jason Birdwell and James Gilbert

**GREETERS:** (11:00) Melissa and James Everett

**LITURGIST:** Ibbie Muntz

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

**SHEPHERD'S TEAM:** Michael Betz

**SENIOR USHER:** Ken Hughes and Casey Page

**USHERS:** (9:00) Doug and Bonny Naugher

(11:00) Alice Mercer, Betty McKeegan, Shirley Wittman, Kathy Shilling, Gary Rowcliffe

#### **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 0-3 years old

Sunday School for kindergarten through 5th grade

During 11:00 Hour - Nursery available for children 0-3 years old

Children's Church for children preschool thru 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

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

#### **YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES**

**WAMS (Westminster's Awesome Middle Schoolers)** - 6th & 7th Grades in the WAMS room.

**Confirmation Class** - 8th & 9th Grades in the downstairs Fellowship Hall.

**SHOW (Senior Highs of Westminster)** - 10th-12th Grades in the SHOW room.

**TRUNK OR TREAT** TONIGHT!! 5 to 7pm. The youth run and give prizes for the games. This includes a cake walk, so bring a cake (or cupcake) if you want to contribute to that! 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, please arrive at 4:30 pm, pull into the parking spots close to the front of the church along the fountain. You're also encouraged to wear a costume if you would like! Blankets or chairs are welcome.

**THE NEXT WPC HIKE** will be to Mt. Cammerer TOMORROW. 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](mailto:spangler2@gmail.com)).

**FAITH, FOUNDERS AND FRIENDS** November 1: We will start with a catered dinner from Buddy's Barbecue at 6:00. We will have a table trivia contest with questions covering Knoxville and Westminster history. The Honorable Ken Hughes will serve as the Trivia Judge. A nursery will be provided.

**ADVENT SEASON** The Schilling Gallery Guild is planning to display nativities for the months of November and December in the locked showcases in the Schilling Gallery. We are looking for creches that are unusual, out of the ordinary, made in a foreign country, made of different materials, or just incredibly beautiful. Please consider lending your special symbol of Christ's birth to our church for the Christmas season by calling Lana Daverman (865-584-5266) or Judy Jordan (865-679-9756) if you are able to participate in the show.

**SPIRITUAL FORMATION** November 5<sup>th</sup> Spiritual Formation Elementary Survey: Parents and teachers of elementary age and younger children are invited to participate in information gathering about opportunities available to our younger members. Both parents and teachers will receive emails with the survey. Just complete and return to us using the information provided. If you prefer to complete a paper copy, pick one up today from the basket in the narthex and return it to the office when completed. Thanks for your participation!

**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.

#### **NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP MEETINGS WITH RICHARD COBLE**

**Cedar Bluff Neighborhood Group (RCP) TODAY** at 12:15pm

**Bluegrass Neighborhood Group** will meet on Wednesday, November 8th at 6pm at the Tortorelli's home for supper and fellowship with our pastor, Richard Coble, Lindsey Williford, and their children Joseph and Auden.

**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. RSVP by November 5 so that the Fellowship Ministry Team can shop appropriately or the breakfast. Sign up sheets are located on both bulletin boards in the Schilling Gallery.

**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.

**FOURTH UNITED PRESBYTERIAN INVITATION** Ron Sharpe reached out on behalf of Session to invite friends at Westminster to join us for our rededication celebration and potluck scheduled for Sunday November 5. The rededication of the recently restored 1914 sanctuary will take place during the regular 11:00 service and the potluck will follow at noon(ish). They would be delighted to welcome friends to the potluck even if they are unable to join us for the service.

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Sophia Manrod, Director of Children's Ministries

Renee Wiesehuegel, Office Manager/Bookkeeper

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**ABBEY DEADLINE** is this afternoon at 5pm. Please email your articles to Debbie Bendy at [unitedprinters@comcast.net](mailto:unitedprinters@comcast.net).

#### **OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE**

##### **Sunday, October 29**

9:00am - Sanctuary Worship

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Sanctuary Worship

12:10pm - Choristers

12:15pm - Play Practice (LKH)

12:15pm - Trustee Meeting (Library)

12:15pm - Cedar Bluff NG meeting (RCP)

5:00pm - *Abbey* deadline

##### **Monday, October 30**

8:00am - Hike at Mt. Cammerer

4:30pm - Rainbow Choir

5:15pm - Young Musicians

##### **Tuesday, October 31**

10:00am - Staff Meeting

12:00pm - Reading Race & Faithful Conversations Class

5:00pm - Boys' and Girls' Choirs

##### **Wednesday, November 1**

4:30pm - Companions (Prayer Room)

6:30pm - Faith, Founders, Friends

7:45pm - Chancel Choir

##### **Thursday, November 2**

10:30am - Women's Bible Study (LKH)

4:30pm - Brass Choir

6:00pm - Recorder Ensemble

7:00pm - Handbells

8:00pm - Four-in-Hand Ringers

##### **Friday, November 3**

4:00pm - Boys' and Girls' Choirs