



The Order of Worship **November 12, 2023**
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.
Dedication Sunday

TWENTY-FOURTH 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 Canzona No. 8 in G, BuxWV 175 Dieterich Buxtehude
INTROIT (9:00) Let All Things Now Living Ash Grove
harm. Gerald H. Knight

Let all things now living A song of thanksgiving To God our Creator triumphantly raise; Who fashioned and made us, Protected and stayed us, By guiding us on to the end of our days. God’s banners are o’er us, Pure light goes before us, A pillar of fire shining forth in the night: Till shadows have vanished, All fearfulness banished, As forward we travel from light into Light.

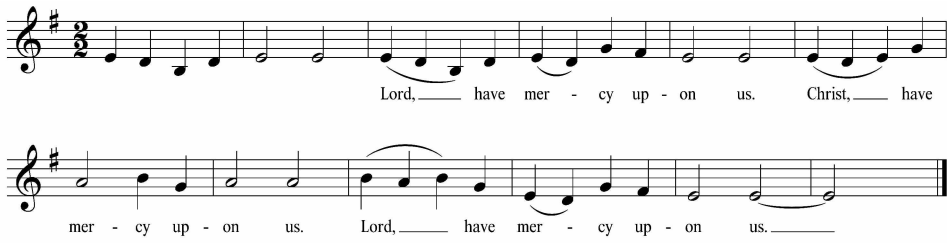
By law God enforces, The stars in their courses, The sun in its orbit obediently shine; The hills and the mountains, The rivers and fountains, The depths of the ocean proclaim God divine. We, too, should be voicing Our love and rejoicing With glad adoration, a song let us raise: Till all things now living Unite in thanksgiving, To God in the highest, hosanna and praise.

Katherine K. Davis
Boys’ and Girls’ Choirs

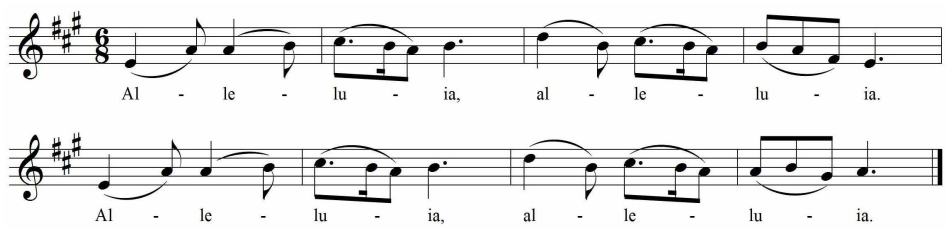
OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION
CALL TO WORSHIP Kathy Parsons
One: We are pulled in many directions.
All: Many duties and tasks seek to lay claim on our lives.
One: This day, in this place, let service to God be your choice.
All: This day, in this place, we open our hearts and spirits to God.
One: Blessed be the God of creation who has called us here.
All: Praise be to God who sustains and nurtures our lives.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 23** (*Glory to God* hymnal) God, You Spin the Whirling Planets *Pleading Savior*
***CALL TO CONFESSION**
***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)
O Lord, there never seems to be enough time to do all the things that are demanded of us. We think we are ready for all events that will come our way. But we are rarely ready for you. We would like you to come to us at a planned time so that we can fit you into our busy lives. Forgive us, Lord, for trying to make you a scheduled event. We have moved you to a time on our weekly calendars. Yet you are the eternal God who has always loved us and been ready to receive us. Help us to learn that, with you as our foundation, we can handle anything that comes our way. With you as our focus, all things pale in comparison. Let us look at the priorities in our lives and see where we have placed service to you. **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 70
***CANTICLE NO. 565** (red hymnal) (11:00) Jubilate Deo Anglican chant
A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Kathy Parsons
Children age 4 through 3rd grade are invited to go downstairs for Children’s Church.

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 25:1-13
SERMON “Gifts and Presents”
Rev. Gradye Parsons
***HYMN NO. 822** (*Glory to God* hymnal) When We Are Living *Somos del Señor*
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 Stephanie Lynch-Wright; 11:00 Mike Kaufman
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) The Gift of Love *O Waly Waly*
arr. Hal H. Hopson
Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire, And have not love; my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess, But not be giv’n by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.
Come, spirit come, our hearts control, Our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide ev’ry deed. By this we worship and are freed. Amen. based on I Corinthians 13

Westminster Choristers
(11:00) Give Alms of Thy Goods Christopher Tye
Give alms of thy goods, and turn never thy face from any poor man [one]: and then the face of the Lord shall not be turned away from thee. based on Tobit 4

***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. 744** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Arise, Your Light Is Come *Festal Song*
***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**
***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**
(9:00) Go Now in Peace Natalie Sleeth
arr. Peter Van Eenam

Go now in peace; may the love of God surround you ev’rywhere you may go. Natalie Sleeth
(11:00) Sevenfold Amen Boys’ and Girls’ Choirs
John Stainer
***POSTLUDE** Alla Marcia Chancel Choir
John Ireland

*Please Stand in Body or Spirit

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Melanie Lewis and Bill Farnham
CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR NOVEMBER: Janet Tortorelli
LARGE PRINT HYMNALS/ HEARING DEVICES are available from the ushers.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES: (11:00) Elinor Collins and James Gilbert
GREETERS: (11:00) Darlen and William Milam
LITURGIST: Kathy Parsons
MINISTRY OF MUSIC: (9:00) Boys’ and Girls’ Choirs and Westminster Choristers
(11:00) Chancel Choir
SHEPHERD’S TEAM: Jack Carley
SENIOR USHERS: Ken Hughes and Casey Page
USHERS: (9:00) Carol Beilharz and Jeff Bendy
(11:00) Charlie and Alice Mercer, Darlen Milam, David and Shawn Owens

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given in honor of Lee and Bitsy Ingram from their son, Charles.

THIS MORNING’S PRELUDE exhibits the contrapuntal mastery of the North German organist and composer Dieterich Buxtehude. It begins in typical fashion with the traditional canzona thematic elements and rhythm followed by entrances of each of the two accompanying voices with the same material, similar to a canon. Interestingly, this opening theme is then inverted to be the basis of the second section. Even more amazing is that Buxtehude then skillfully combines both the original and inverted forms of the theme in the third and final section!

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 3rd grade

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

CELEBRATION OF LIFE: The service for Byron McCartha will be held Sunday, November 19 at 3:00pm in the sanctuary. We need volunteers to bring finger foods on platters, ready to serve for the reception. Please contact Joanna in the church office if you are able to bring a tray of goodies, joanna@wpcknox.org.

MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT is this Tuesday, November 14. Worship, Music and Arts will be providing refreshments beginning at 6:30pm.

YOUTH NEWS...BOWLING!! This Sunday, we will be meeting at the church at 2:00 p.m. and heading downtown for bowling at Maple Hall Lanes (on Gay street)!!! Bring \$15 for bowling + snacks. We are planning to return by 4:30 or 5. We will need at least one additional driver, and the driver bowls for free!! Let Barbara know if you can help with this fun afternoon!!

On Sunday morning, we'll be having our great Sunday School classes from 10-10:50 a.m. WAMS (6th and 7th grade) will meet with the Jennings' and begin lessons about the Symbols of the Nativity. SHOW (10th-12th) is meeting with Daniel and William to continue a great discussion on Prayer. Our Confirmation class will be learning about Discipleship (being Servants) with Barbara and Kathy. Thanks to all for teaching these great lessons!!

MT. CAMMERER was rained out! The new date is now Friday, November 17! This hike is 11.1 miles long, 3149 elevation gain, and is rated DIFFICULT. Well 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).

JUSTICE KNOX - This Monday, 7pm - 8:30pm, will be our Annual Assembly when we will vote on Research-to-Action problems to work on this coming year. The Assembly will take place at the Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church at 2137 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. We will join 22 other churches to cast our votes for the issues to research for the next 3 months. Carpools will leave the Westminster parking lot at 6:15pm, let us know if you plan to carpool, if you need a ride just contact Andrew McDonald by email: dancewithandrew@gmail.com or text him at 865-696-9411 or email Tim at timcrais@gmail.com or text him at 972-948-2887.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING as evidenced by the many Nativities which can be seen in the Schilling Gallery showcases: from a small button to beautifully made needle-pointed figures to the hand-painted faces of those who came to see the baby Jesus; from places such as Poland, the Vatican, Bethlehem, Peru, to Appalachia, USA. Christians through the ages have depicted the story of the birth of Jesus in creative ways. The Gallery Guild hopes you will take the time to enjoy the presentation of these works of art and a renewed sense of the mystery and wonder of the birth of our Savior.

UNDER THE TREE: This Advent season we are supporting Volunteer Ministry Center's *Under the Tree* holiday drive. You can find our Christmas tree full of tags set up in the church office through December 10. Please take as many tags as you like and purchase the listed gifts. Place NEW, unwrapped, gifts under the tree.

DEDICATION SUNDAY for our 2023 stewardship campaign is TODAY. Please join us in worship as we come together to offer our time, talents, and financial resources to the glory of God through the ministries of Westminster Presbyterian Church. There are pledge cards available the church office, and the back of each pew during worship. You can fill one out and drop it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. If you haven't yet, please visit the tables set up in the Schilling Gallery to explore the bountiful opportunities to share your gifts through the ministries of our church. The stewardship committee will be available in the Schilling Gallery on Sunday to answer any questions you may have. Stewardship is a year long discipline as we faithfully manage our gifts and resources. Receiving your pledges during our stewardship campaign enables us to plan for the upcoming year.

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ABBAY DEADLINE is this afternoon at 5pm.

Please email your articles to Debbie Bendy at unitedprinters@comcast.net.

OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, November 12

9:00am - Sanctuary Worship

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12:15pm - Play Practice

2:00pm - Youth Bowling

5:00pm - *Abbey* deadline

Tuesday, November 14

1:00pm Carry the Torch Luncheon

5:00pm - Boys’ and Girls’ Choirs

6:30pm - Ministry Team Night

Wednesday, November 15

4:30pm - Companions (Prayer Room)

4:30pm - Rainbow Choir

5:15pm - Young Musicians’

7:45pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, November 16

4:30pm - Brass Choir

6:00pm - Recorder Ensemble

7:00pm - Handbells

8:00pm - Four-in-Hand Ringers

Friday, November 17

8:30am - Mt. Cammerer Hike

4:00pm - Boys’ and Girls’ Choirs

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

Ron Alexander, Alice Mercer, John Smartt

