



The Order of Worship

November 19, 2023
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

TWENTY-FIFTH 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 Nun danket alle Gott (Bicinium) Georg Philipp Telemann
Now Thank We All Our God

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP** Chris Van Beke

- One: Lord, you have been our dwelling place;
- All: we come today to rest in you.**
- One: You have been the voice that guides us;
- All: we come today to listen.**
- One: You have been the host who feeds us;
- All: we come today to be filled.**
- One: You have been our joy and crown;
- All: we come today to sing your praise!**

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 12** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise St. Denio

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)**
 Rested God,
 We want more than a life lived exhausted. That you have woven healing rhythms of rest into our minds and bodies reminds us we are worthy of habitual restoration. Remind us that when we pause or rest, we are restoring not only our own bodies but the very condition of a world held captive by greed and utility. We grow weary of societies who view us as more machine than human, more product than soul. The fear that we won't survive without overworking stalks our days. Liberate us from the depraved socioeconomic structures that require that the poor and vulnerable sacrifice their own rest at the alter of survival and opportunity. Remind us that the beauty and paradox of our humanness is that we are made to close our eyes, so that we might see. May it be so. 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 90:1-8, 12
A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Wanda Barber
Children age 4 through 3rd grade are invited to go downstairs for Children's Church.
SCRIPTURE READING 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
SERMON "Beloved" Rev. Dr. Richard Coble
***HYMN NO. 44** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us Austin

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison)

- We believe**
- that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.
 - that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.

(From the Confession of Belhar)

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 Meditation on "Forest Green" Jodi Acker Bohr
 Handbell Choir

***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. 749** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Come! Live in the Light! We Are Called
***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**
***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** Amen Danish melody

***POSTLUDE** Nun danket alle Gott Georg Friedrich Kauffmann

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

*Please stand in Body or Spirit
 **Call to worship by the Rev. Carol Holbrook Prickett and The Presbyterian Outlook
 Prayer of Confession by Cole Arthur Riley, @blackliturgies, October 22, 2023

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Barbara Froula and Ed Babelay
CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR NOVEMBER: Janet Tortorelli
LARGE PRINT HYMNALS/HEARING DEVICES are available from the ushers.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES: (11:00) Josie Chatin and Katie Manrod
GREETERS: (11:00) Ibbie Muntz and Casey Page
LITURGIST: Chris Van Beke
MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Handbell Choir
SHEPHERD’S TEAM: Dan Collins
SENIOR USHER: Ken Hughes and Casey Page
USHERS: (9:00) Dan Berry and Scott Brunger
(11:00) Buz Johnson, LoAnn Price, John Salsbery, Rob and Susan McKeehan

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given in memory of Frank and Marty Marsh.

JODI ACKER BOHR is the Lower School Music Coordinator at Germantown Academy and the Director of Music and Organist at Lower Providence Presbyterian Church, Norristown, Pennsylvania. For two years she has accompanied for the summer choirs of the Pennsylvania Academy of Performing Arts. From 2004 to 2011 she was the Associate Director and accompanist for the Pennsylvania Girlchoir. Earlier, she served as a staff accompanist for the Fred Waring Music Workshop. This morning’s handbell piece was recommended to us by Margaret Harrison’s mother, Audrey Belyea. The arranger of this morning’s prelude, Matthew Prins, is currently director of handbells at two churches in the Chicago area: First Congregational Church of Glen Ellyn and Park Ridge Presbyterian Church. Our Four-in-Hand Ringers have enjoyed playing other arrangements of his during Advent and Christmas.

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 through 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 OPPORTUNITIES

WAMS (Westminsters 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.

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. We will deliver them to VMC by their December 15 deadline. The collected items will go to those who are working to achieve housing through the many VMC programs. Examples of items needed are: sweatpants and shirts, pullovers with hoods, socks, underwear, sports bras, hats, gloves, assorted hygiene products, shampoo, body wash, body lotion, adult coloring books, and coloring pencils. Thank you in advance for your help!!!

THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT, EVER! Sunday, December 10th at 6:00 p.m. Westminster’s youth and children will be presenting the hilarious story of the misbehaving Herdman children. These six rowdy siblings inspire chaos and laughter, while revealing the true meaning of Christmas. Our hard-working, young Westminster Players will help us all get into the spirit with this wonderful production. Admission is free. Childcare is provided. We hope to see you there!

STEWARDSHIP Many thanks to all of you who came together to offer your time, talents, and financial resources to the glory of God through the ministries of Westminster Presbyterian Church this past Sunday for Dedication Sunday. We have received 126 pledges so far from our 255 family units for a total of \$685,088. We need EVERYONE’S participation in order to reach our asking budget of \$1,100,284. Big or small - when we come together - we can achieve our goal. Thank you for your faithful support of Westminster Presbyterian Church’s bright and courageous future! 2023 Stewardship Committee: George Barber, Allie Brewington, Melanie Lewis (chair), Penny Tschantz, and Michael Yates

YOUTH SHOWing LOVE THROUGH SERVICE!! Today from 5-7 p.m., SHOW and WAMS youth (5th - 12th grade) are needed and welcome to help us make Thanksgiving baskets for our friends who need them. Not only are we putting together a feast for all, but we will be making awesome desserts for them! (Think candyland, but with a Thanksgiving theme!) We will also share a yummy "taco night" dinner, and play one or two Jackbox Games. Come enjoy this night of service and fun!!

CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE will be held at Westminster today at 3:00pm. Samuel Byron McCartha - age 68, passed away October 18, 2023 in Knoxville, TN. Family will also be holding a Celebration of Life at Westminster Presbyterian Church of Knoxville from 3:00pm to 5:00pm on Saturday December 30, 2023 for friends and family. In lieu of flowers, please donate to Second Harvest Food Bank.

ADVENT EVENTS COMING UP

December 2 - Movie Night in the Ruthie Carey Pavilion
December 3 - Alternative Christmas Bazaar
December 6 - Youth Jazz Concert 7pm
December 10 - Youth Christmas Drama
December 13 - Christmas Craft Night, catered dinner from Olive Garden, and Carol Singing beginning at 5:30pm
December 13 - Grace Filled Christmas 5:30pm at Ascension Church.

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Sophia Manrod, Director of Children’s Ministries
Renee Wiesehuegel, Office Manager/Bookkeeper
Joanna Warren, Administrative Assistant
Linda Judge McRae, Parish Nurse
Debbie Bendy, Abbey Editor
Arthur Collins, Worship Tech

OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, November 19
9:00am - Sanctuary Worship
10:00am - Sunday School
11:00am - Sanctuary Worship
12:10 - Choristers
12:15 - Play Practice (LKH)
12:15pm - Trustee Meeting
5:00 pm - Youth Fellowship
Monday, November 20
7:45pm - Chancel Choir
Tuesday, November 21
10:00am - Staff Meeting
Thursday/Friday, November 23-24
Thanksgiving Holiday Office Closed

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
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