



**The Order of Worship**

May 12, 2024  
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

**ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

**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) Going Home (from *Symphony No. 9 "From the New World"*) Antonín Dvořák  
arr. Peter Van Eenam

(11:00) Majesté du Christ demandant sa gloire à son Père Olivier Messiaen  
(from *L'Ascension*)

*Majesty of Christ Praying That His Father Should Glorify Him*

"Father, the hour is come: glorify Thy Son, that Thy Son also may glorify Thee."

Prayer from Christ, The Gospel according to St. John

**OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (Responsive, From Psalm 1)\*\* Dave Dupper

One: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked.

**All: We delight in God's Word; we meditate on God day and night.**

One: Our worship grounds us in God, like trees planted by streams of water

**All: God helps us yield good fruit. We do not wither when we spend time in God's presence.**

**TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...**

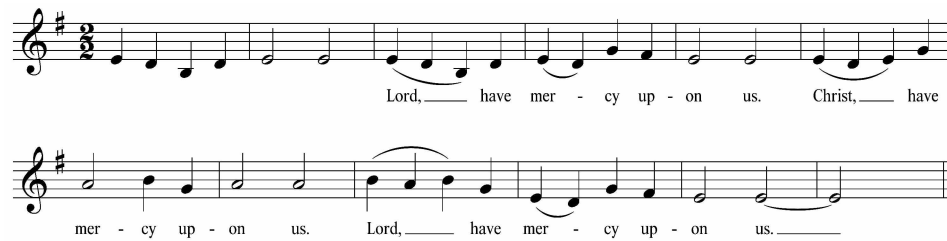
**\*HYMN NO. 35** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty  
*Lobe den Herren*

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

Gracious God,  
Our fear of the unknown keeps us from moving at all. Help us not to know.  
Protect our minds when anxious thoughts about the future refuse to leave us alone. Deepen our breath. Bring us into communities who can be trusted when they tell us we are safe. Comfort us when our minds become frenzied trying to determine what we cannot possibly know. Make us kind with our own self-talk, tender to our bodies, loving with all we do have control over. When no amount of courage can diminish fear's power over us, remind us that we too have power as we rise to meet it. Provide a way to peace. We will not fear the dark. Amen.

**\*KYRIE ELEISON** arr. David N. Johnson

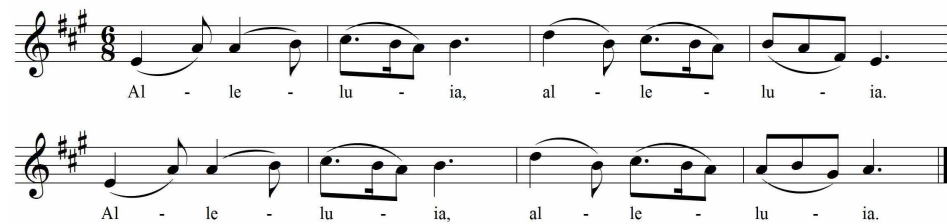


**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

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** Ephesians 1:15-23

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

**CONFIRMATION** (11:00)

Rebecca Shelby, confirmand; Jan Barber, Mentor

*Children age 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to go downstairs for Children's Church.*

**SCRIPTURE READING** Luke 24:44-53

**SERMON** "A Joyful Sending" Rev. Dr. Richard Coble

**\*HYMN NO. 462** (*Glory to God* hymnal) I Love to Tell the Story *Hankey*

**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) Pavan (from *Three Pieces*) Anthony Holborne  
Brass Choir

(11:00) O Taste and See Ralph Vaughan Williams  
O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blest is the one that trusteth in him.

Psalm 34:8

Meredith Mackay, Soprano

**\*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**

**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** (Unison)\*\*

We go with minds and hearts that are humble to share a faith strengthened by always seeking God.

We go with hands and feet that are just to take part in God's healing of a hurting world.

We go with souls and spirits that are kind to tell God's story of dignity, empathy, and love.

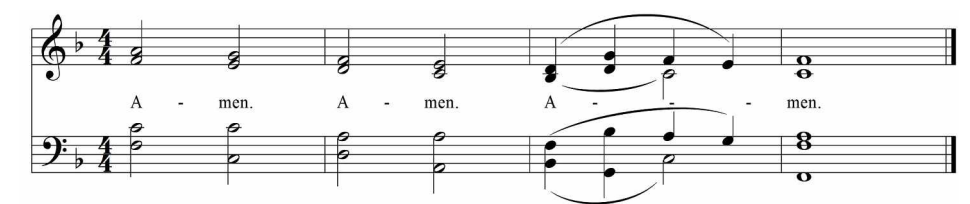
And we go led by the God who sends us, calls us back, and sends us again to be and become more than we could ever dream for ourselves. Amen.

**TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...**

**\*HYMN NO. 238** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Thine Is the Glory *Judas Maccabeus*

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** (9:00) Amen Danish melody



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

**\*POSTLUDE**

(9:00) Siegesfürste, Ehrenkönig Wilhelm Borngässer  
*Conquering Prince and King of Glory*

Chorale text: Conquering Prince and King of glory, Majesty sublimely bright! Heaven and all the heavens adore Thee, Throned above their farthest height. Shall I not, enraptured gazing, At Thy feet fall prostrate, praising, When mine eyes, by faith alight, Mark Thy glory and Thy might?

(11:00) Prélude (from *Suite Médiévale*) Jean Langlais  
Gerhard Tersteegen  
trans. Alfred Ramsey

\*Please stand in Body or Spirit

\*\*Call to Worship by Terri McDowell Ott and *The Presbyterian Outlook*

Prayer of Confession adapted from Cole Arthur Riley, *Black Liturgies: Prayers, Poems, and Meditations for Staying Human*

Affirmation of Faith by Bruce Reyes-Chow, *Everything Good about God is True:*

*Choosing Faith*

### NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

**PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK:** Barbara Froula and Josh Birdwell

**CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR MAY:** Deb McGaugh

**LARGE PRINT HYMNALS/ HEARING DEVICES** are available from the ushers.

### SERVING TODAY

**ACOLYTES:** (11:00) James Gilbert and Nolan Oros

**GREETERS:** (11:00) Alice and Charlie Mercer

**LITURGIST:** Dave Dupper

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

**SHEPHERD'S TEAM:** Tom Byerley

**SENIOR USHER:** Buz Johnson

**USHERS:** (9:00) Linda Van Beke and Dan Berry

(11:00) Kathy Shilling, Ron Alexander, Jaclyn Beeler, Jan Gross and Janet Drumm

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given by Gail and Vern Bruner in celebration of Mother's Day and thanksgiving for the joy of motherhood.

**THIS MORNING'S ANTHEM** was written by eminent English composer Ralph Vaughan Williams in 1953 for the coronation of Elizabeth II. It was also sung at her funeral.

**PRAYER LIST** (Please keep the following names in your prayers this week)

Juanita Campbell, Shirley Draper, Sonja Jones, Judy and Joseph Moon, Lalla Phillips, Kitty Rasa, Doris Solomon, Sara Cantrell, Vicki Chapman

**MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT** is next Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. Missions will be bringing refreshments.

**ONE WORSHIP SERVICE** Beginning May 26<sup>th</sup> we will be having one service each Sunday at 10:00am in the Sanctuary.

**SENIOR HOUSING** Hoping to live in a community with supportive neighbors? Wishing to live in a community of seniors? Interested in sharing amenities as a way to conserve resources? Having difficulty finding a place to live in Knoxville during the senior years? Confused about whether to rent or buy? If this sounds like you, come join us TODAY at 12:15pm in the Lisa Kaufman Hall. This initial meeting should take about one hour. Please contact Joanna Warren (joanna@wpcknox.org) if you are interested, but cannot attend.

**FOOD TRUCKS** are coming to Westminster on May 19<sup>th</sup> after the 11:00 worship service. We hope you make plans to join us for lunch and fellowship!

**WELCOME SUMMER YOUTH PARTY!!** Join us next Saturday, May 18 at 2:00pm, at the Carley's house (and pool!). All Youth (5th-12th) grade are invited for games, swimming and cookout fun. Those who want to carpool, meet at the church at 1:30pm.

**BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK** Blood pressure checks will be available in the Schilling Gallery after both worship services next Sunday, May 19.

**LISTENING SESSIONS FOR WPC MUSIC PROGRAM** The Worship, Music, and Arts Ministry Team and Richard Coble are holding two listening sessions about your vision, hopes, and concerns about the coming music search at Westminster. These conversations are open, positive, and forward looking. The staff and WMA are interested in hearing and learning from you as we begin to formulate what the search will look like. The final scheduled meeting will be held on Sunday, May 19 at 7pm.



### **MORE OF A GREAT MUSICAL OFFERING!**

Westminster Church has been delighted to host the 2023-24 season of The Knoxville Chamber Music Society, which endeavors to bring Knoxville's exceptional musicians to chamber music lovers throughout our community and region. The final concert in this series is **this Saturday evening, May 18, at 7:00, in the sanctuary.** Please visit <https://www.knoxvillechambermusicsociety.com> for the artists (and bios) and repertoire featured on this program.

**SUMMER LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY** Beginning May 22 and continuing weekly through June and July, we will hold a lectionary Bible study on the coming Sunday's sermon passage. These meetings will take place Wednesdays at 12:00pm in the McKinnon Room. The preacher of the following Sunday will be leading and organizing the Bible study. We will be studying some of the context and history of the passage, but will also be asking how it is speaking directly to us in our lives and faith.

### **YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES THIS SUMMER**

**Operation Backyard:** June 24-June 28 (grades 5<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> )

**Montreat Youth Conference:** Middle School July 17-July 21 (grades 6<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> )

High School June 9-June 15 (grades 8<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> )

Please contact Barbara ([Barbara@wpcknox.org](mailto:Barbara@wpcknox.org)) with questions or to sign-up by tomorrow, May 13<sup>th</sup>.

**SHARE THE BOUNTY** table is back in the Schilling Gallery for the summer. The table provides a space to share the bounty from our personal gardens as well as 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 that zucchini (or any other vegetable, fruit, or plant) from your garden, bring it in to share. All proceeds placed in the donation basket will be going to help support a ministry that the Environmental Concerns team chooses. We appreciate members of the Environmental Concerns Ministry Team for making this ministry possible! It is a beautiful thing to witness!!

**WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP** will meet next on May 21 at 10:30am to discuss the book *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt, discussion leader is Ginger Williams.

**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND** WPC pickleball tutoring and tourney for beginners and intermediate, Friday, May 31, 5:00-8:00pm at WEST HILLS. The Connect Team is throwing a Pickleball extravaganza where anyone age 11 or older can get some instruction (from "I've never played" to "I love this game!!") We'll have 6 courts available and teachers for Intermediate, Beginning, and Newby players. After a bit of tutoring, we'll play games (both Round-Robin fun games and a Pickleball Ladder-style tourney for those that want to compete.) We'll even provide paddles for those who need them! Call the office or sign up by the office and kitchen today!!

### **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 am**

**Adult Bible Study:** The Sunday Bible Class is studying the gnostic Gospel of Thomas, comparing it to Matthew, Mark, Luke and John in order to determine which of its teachings were recognized in the official gospels and which reflected gnostic beliefs that were eventually rejected by the Christian Church. (McKinnon Room)

**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 10:00 Hour - Nursery available for children ages 0-3 years old

Sunday School for Preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade

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

Children's Church for children preschool through 5<sup>th</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 (Westminsters Awesome Middle Schoolers) - 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grades** in the WAMS room.

**Confirmation Class - 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Grades** in the downstairs Fellowship Hall.

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

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## OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, May 12

9:00am - RCP Worship

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Sanctuary Worship

12:10pm - Choristers

12:15pm - Mike Kaufman Housing Meeting

5:00pm - *Abbey* deadline

### Tuesday, May 14

6:30pm - Ministry Team night

### Wednesday, May 15

10:00am - Staff Meeting

4:30pm - Companions

6:00pm and 7:00pm - Wombats softball games

7:45pm - Chancel Choir

### Thursday, May 16

4:30pm - Brass Choir

6:00pm - Recorders

7:00pm - Handbells

### Friday, May 17

4:00pm - Boys' and Girls' Choirs

### Saturday, May 18

3:00pm - Youth pool party and End of Year Party (Carley's home)

7:00pm - Knoxville Chamber Music - Sanctuary

## THE SESSION

### Class of 2024

Josh Birdwell

Gloria Borum

Melanie Lewis

Lisa Oros

Chris Van Beke

Youth Elder: Arthur Collins

### Class of 2025

Ed Babelay

Wendy Collins

Janet Drumm

Stephen Fortney

Barbara Froula

Clerk of Session: Bitsy Ingram

### Class of 2026

Bill Farnham

Lee Ingram

Lucy Johnson

Kathryn Oakes

Richard Ward