



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship

August 22, 2021

10:00 A.M.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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 Vater unser im Himmelreich Georg Böhm
Our Father, Who Art in Heaven

Chorale text: Our Father in the kingdom of heaven, who has called us all to be equal brothers and to call to you, and wants to have prayer from us, grant that not only the mouth prays. Help it to come from the depths of the heart.

Martin Luther
literal trans. Mark Bighley

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP adapted, Psalm 84

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

People: **Blessed are those whose strength is in you, O Lord. Blessed is everyone who trusts in you.**

Leader: Blessed are those who gather in the house of the Lord...

People: Ever singing God’s praise.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 403** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty Unser Herrscher

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Gracious God, we are those who have inherited the promises first given to Israel. You have included us in the blessing of your salvation, yet we have not lived with the same acceptance of others. You intend that we define ourselves in relationship with you, but we tend to define ourselves by our self-made boundaries. We confess that these boundaries easily become walls of exclusion, prejudice, mistrust, and even hatred. So, we now confess the fear at the root of our actions, a fear that can only be rooted out by being grounded in your love. We confess with sorrow our failure to love as you love. Forgive us, we pray. Amen.

***KYRIE ELEISON NO. 574** (blue hymnal) arr. David N. Johnson
Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

***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 ...

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 11:1-9

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Kathleen Farnham
Children age 4 through 4th grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Children’s Worship.

SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 6:10-20

SERMON “Finally ...” Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

***HYMN NO. 370** (*Glory to God* hymnal) This Is My Father’s World Terra beata

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) from A Declaration of Faith

God has not taken his people out of the world, but has sent them into the world to worship God there and serve all humankind. We worship God in the world by standing before the Lord in behalf of all people. Our cries for help and our songs of praise are never for ourselves alone. Worship is no retreat from the world; it is part of our mission. We serve humankind by discerning what God is doing in the world and joining God in that work. We risk disagreement and error when we try to say what God is doing here and now. But we find guidance in God’s deeds in the past and in God’s promises for the future, as they are witnessed to in Scripture. We affirm that the Lord is at work, especially in events and movements that free people by the gospel and advance justice, compassion and peace.

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.

THE OFFERING

Please sign and pass the Friendship Register found on the pew nearest the center aisle.

Though many of us contribute electronically or by a check in the mail, your holding and passing the offering plate is an act of blessing and dedication to our life together in Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY Canzona No. 5, on the Ninth Tone Girolamo Frescobaldi
(from *The First Book of Capricci, Ricercari and Canzoni* 1626)
Harpichord

***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology No. 608 (*Glory to God* hymnal) Tallis’ Canon
(Sung to the tune of Hymn No. 748 (*Glory to God* hymnal))

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 375** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Shall We Gather at the River Hanson Place

***CHARGE AND BEDICTION**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Amen Danish melody

***POSTLUDE** Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr Georg Böhm
All Glory Be to God on High

Chorale text: Glory be to God alone on high and thanks for his mercy, for harm cannot touch us now or in the future. God has goodwill toward us. Now there is great peace without pause; all quarrels now have an end.

Nikolaus Decius
literal trans. Mark Bighley

*Indicates standing.

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NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Melanie Lewis and Bill Wiesehuegel.
CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR AUGUST: Lana Daverman and Susan McKeehan

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND HEARING DEVICES are available from the ushers.

PLEASE place your bulletin into a blue recycling bin located at the Narthex door if you do not care to take it home.

SERVING TODAY

GREETERS: Carlene and Max Robinson

LITURGIST: Daniel Lewis

SHEPHERD'S TEAM: Jack Carley

SENIOR USHER: Alice Mercer

USHERS: Genet Weber, Darlen Milam, David Woodall, Brenda Seip, and Leslie Versen

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Alice and Charlie Mercer with appreciation for the perseverance of health care workers and all others who have contact with the public.

GIROLAMO FRESCOBALDI lived from 1583 until 1643 and was one of the foremost organists and composers of his time. His keyboard compositions include ricercari, canzoni francesi, toccatas, capriccios, and a collection entitled *Fiori musicali*. In this morning's work, we hear his complete mastery of counterpoint, the compositional practice of "weaving" a short melodic passage throughout all the "voices" (soprano, alto, etc.) of the music in imitation, similar to a fugue.

SHARE THE BOUNTY: You may have noticed that our *Share the Bounty* table is back in the Schilling Gallery for the summer. If you are not familiar with this, our table provides a space to share the bounty from our personal gardens and 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 something from your garden, bring it in to share. You may find here flowers and herbs, as well as vegetables. It changes every week, so take a look and take some home. There is also a donation basket with any contributions this year going to our Presbytery's *Carbon Footprint Fund*. Also, take a walk around our organic veggie garden located behind the sanctuary – it's amazing what good things can come from a small space!

SUMMER WORSHIP: We will have a single service each Sunday through September 5. This will be one worship service in the sanctuary at 10:00 am!

SESSION will meet today in the McKinnon Room immediately after worship.

ONLINE CHURCH DIRECTORY: You can submit a new photo any time throughout the year. Please send any updated family photos or new photos to the church office so that we may update the online church directory. Many of you have been using this resource and we want to keep it up-to-date. You can email photos to renee_wpc@comcast.net.

SHOW BIBLE STUDY is Tuesdays at 6:30 in the SHOW room! Dinner is provided.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Feasting on the Word

This lectionary-based class meets each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in the pavilion.

Bible Study

The Adult Bible Study class is studying Ephesians each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in the McKinnon Room with a Zoom option.

Congregational Chat Zoom with John & Ibbie Muntz

Will meet Mondays at 7:00 pm, the link can be found in E-news.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

By Mary Boyd

Our Bible study for 2021-2022 is entitled *What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus*.

Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, and Mary-Matthew names these women for a reason. How might Jesus have heard the stories of his grandmothers; how do we?

We'll explore all of this when we start back. The evening group will begin meeting on Monday, August 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the pavilion. The morning group will start on Thursday, September 2 at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The study guides are here. You can pick up yours in the church office or get one at the first meeting.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- ✓ You don't want to miss September 12. We will join together for outdoor fellowship on the church grounds with our *Rally and Reconnect* event. More info coming soon.
- ✓ Our annual Breakfast in the Smokies - sponsored by the Fellowship Team - will take place at the Metcalf picnic shelter on Saturday, October 2, beginning at 9 am. Details to follow.
- ✓ Oktoberfest - sponsored by our Connect Team - is scheduled for October 24 at 6:00 pm.

Back to School Ice Cream Social

Allie Brewington

Everyone is invited to join us for a Back to School Ice Cream Social immediately after worship in the church parking lot today. The Wooden Spoon Company food truck will be out front with free tasty treats for us all to enjoy! We hope to see you there!

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YOUTH NEWS

from Barbara and Daniel

Here's what is happening the next couple of weeks:

Sunday, August 22 (this Sunday)-- THE ICE CREAM MAN IS COMING!!!!
After church is over (11:00 a.m.) treat yourself to ice cream & Hawaiian Ice! The church has invited an ice cream truck, and the treats are absolutely FREE! This is also a great chance to spend some good fellowship time together!!

Sunday, August 29 -- WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

After church (which ends at 11), we are going to Zoe's on Bearden Hill and planning our youth year. We'll even buy you lunch... Let's plan to meet there at 11:15ish. Bring your ideas for things to do this year, (inside and outside) and we'll try to make them happen!! Parents are welcome to come help. (In the past, a parents' table has come up with some very awesome ideas, too!) We will finish up by about 12:30.

Sunday, September 5 -- Labor Day Holiday (No Evening Youth)

Sunday, September 12 -- Official Youth-year start!!!

Morning--Sunday School begins (WAMS, SHOW- Bible Study, and Confirmation)
Evening--We're going to celebrate all those things we missed celebrating in the last 1.5 years!! Stay tuned for more details...

THE SESSION

Class of 2022

Bob Albiston

Janet Drumm

Colleen Manrod

Charlie Mercer

Leslie Versen

Youth Elder: Sophia Manrod

Clerk of Session: Leigh Dunlap

Cile Mathews

Class of 2023

Jaclyn Beeler

Jack Carley

William Milam

Penny Tschantz

Bill Wiesehuegel

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Class of 2024

Josh Birdwell

Gloria Borum

Melanie Lewis

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