



The Order of Worship

September 19, 2021  
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

SEVENTEENTH 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 Praeludium in D, BuxWV 139 Dieterich Buxtehude

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT (9:00) Early Will I Seek Thee Thomas Weelkes

Early will I seek Thee, for my soul thirsteth for Thee, I will bless Thee while I live, And lift up my hands in Thy Name. Early will I seek Thee, O God, Thou art my God.

Psalm 63:1,4

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: When our thoughts are scattered and feelings confused, how gracious of our God to help us order our lives.

People: **We give thanks to God for calling us to discipleship.**

Leader: When we sense an inner emptiness and search for meaning and purpose, how gracious of our God to open the path that leads toward fulfillment.

People: **We give thanks to God for calling us into mission, into service in the name of Christ.**

Leader: When our spirits lack focus and our strength gives way, how gracious of our God to draw us near.

People: **We give thanks to God for calling us to worship.**

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

\*HYMN NO. 15 (*Glory to God* hymnal) All Creatures of Our God and King  
*Lasst uns erfreuen*  
(Verses 1-4)

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Gracious God, we confess how much we are like those first disciples of Jesus. Our cravings for more and more toss us about like leaves in the fall winds. We boast of our great wisdom, yet do not understand your ways of peace and gentleness. We do not plant ourselves in your hope and grace, and so reap harvests of disorder and conflict.

Draw near to us, Gracious God, and forgive us. Draw us close and teach us peace, gentleness, the willingness to put the other first, the wisdom to serve instead of seize, so we might bring forth a harvest of righteousness, justice, and peace in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

\*RESPONSE Take, O Take Me as I Am John L. Bell

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

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

\*RESPONSE Gloria Patri No. 576 (blue hymnal) Jacques Berthier

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING James 3:13-4:3, 7-15

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Allie Brewington

Children age 3 through 4<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Children's Sunday School.

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 9:30-37

SERMON "Be a Goldfish" Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips  
– Ted Lasso

\*HYMN NO. 684 (*Glory to God* hymnal) Faith Begins by Letting Go *Lux prima*

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

In forming his people and sending them into the world Jesus called individuals to be disciples. They were to share the joy of his companionship, to understand and obey his teachings, and to follow him in life and death. We confess that Christians today are called to discipleship. Life shared with Christ and shaped by Christ is God's undeserved gift to each of us. It is also God's demand upon every one of us, never perfectly fulfilled by any of us. Forgiven by God and supported by brothers and sisters, we strive to become more faithful and effective in our daily practice of the Christian life.

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. Though many of us contribute online 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 ANTHEM

(9:00) If Ye Love Me Thomas Tallis

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may bide with you for ever, e'en the spirit of truth.

John 14:15-17

(11:00) God Moves in a Mysterious Way John Wall Callcott  
God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform; He plants His footsteps in the sea, And rides upon the storm.

Deep in unfathomable mines, With never failing skill, He treasures up His bright designs, And works His sov'reign will.

William Cowper

\*AT THE PRESENTATION For the Life That You Have Given *Pleading Savior*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

\*HYMN NO. 28 (*Glory to God* hymnal) (11:00) You Are Before Me, Lord  
*Sursum corda* (Smith)  
(Verses 1 and 2: All; 3: Women; 4: Men; 5: All)

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

(9:00) Twofold Amen Vincent Persichetti

(11:00) Threefold Amen Vincent Persichetti

Chancel Choir

\*POSTLUDE Trumpet Tune and the Bell Symphony Henry Purcell

\*Indicates standing.

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NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Jaclyn Beeler and Jack Carley

CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR SEPTEMBER: Bonny Naugher and Brenda Seip

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:** Linda and Scott Rutherford

**LITURGIST:** Mary Boyd

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:**

(9:00) Members of the Chancel Choir

(11:00) Chancel Choir

**SHEPHERD’S TEAM:** Jay Schmid

**SENIOR USHER:** Melissa Everett

**USHERS:**

(9:00) Dan Berry and Kathy Huck

(11:00) Andrew and Kristi Gordon, Reed Ellis, Buz Johnson, and Judy Jordan

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given by Jackie Vanden Dorpel and Alexandra McDonald in memory of Neil Vanden Dorpel for his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on September 21.

**JOHN WALL CALLCOTT (1766-1821)** was a prominent English musical composer. Born in Kensington, London, he was a pupil of Franz Joseph Haydn. He composed settings of psalms as well as sacred canons, but is perhaps best known for his works for glee club, which were settings of lyrics by many of the leading poets of his day, including Sir Walter Scott and Thomas Chatterton. English poet and hymnodist William Cowper (1731-1800), aside from being one of the most influential and popular poets of his time, wrote a number of anti-slavery poems, including “The Negro’s Complaint” (1788), often quoted by Martin Luther King Jr. during the 20th-century civil rights movement.

**SHARE THE BOUNTY 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*.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES**

**Feasting on the Word**  
This lectionary-based class meets each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in the pavilion.

**Bible Study**  
The Adult Bible Study class is studying Ephesians each Sunday at 10:00 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.

**MEN’S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST** will meet September 23 at 8:00 am in the pavilion. See Tim Crais for more information.

**FALL WORKDAY:** Come join us for our Fall Workday as we us prepare WPC grounds and facilities for winter. Saturday, September 25, from 8:00-12:00. Numerous and diverse jobs for all, socially distanced - and outside. Put on your old clothes and bring your favorite tools to help us clean, weed, plant, haul, saw, mulch, trim, cut, rake, paint, and various other tasks. You bring the energy and spirit for any part of the time; we’ll provide the jobs and leadership.

**WPCknox YOUTUBE!** You can find all of our worship services on YouTube. You can find us by either visiting our website at [www.wpcnox.org](http://www.wpcnox.org) and clicking on the “WPC on YouTube” or you can search WPCknox on YouTube and find us to subscribe. If you subscribe, you will receive notifications of new videos when you log into YouTube. Bonus, the bulletin is available on our website by Friday afternoon so that you can print and follow along with ease.

**TUESDAY MORNING BOOK CLUB:** We will meet on September 21st at 10:30am in the RC Pavilion to discuss the book *A Woman of No Importance* by Sonia Purnell. This true story of a heroic woman spy during WWII has never been told before and is an amazing story of intrigue and daring. All women of the church who enjoy reading and discussing books in an informal setting are welcome to join us. Questions or information please call Linda Rutherford 690-3499 or email [scottlindatn@gmail.com](mailto:scottlindatn@gmail.com)

**CHILDREN'S OFFERINGS ON SUNDAYS:** There are so many ways for children to be involved on Sunday mornings!

- **9:00 Worship:** Children 0-5 are welcome in the Nursery.  
Children 6+ remain in Worship
- **10:00 Hour:** Children 0-3 are welcome in the Nursery. Children 4-10 are invited to Fellowship Time downstairs.
- **11:00 Worship:** Children 0-3 are welcome in the Nursery.  
Children 3.5-4th grade remain in Worship until Time with the Children, then are walked downstairs for Primary and Intermediate Sunday school.

**A STATED SESSION MEETING** will be September 26 at 12:15 pm.

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**VOLUNTEER HELP NEEDED:** The Property Team is looking for a few volunteers to help with specific "garden" areas on the church campus. We have several folks already maintaining areas such as the labyrinth, the pavilion, the courtyard corners; but we have three specific areas that need dedicated volunteers.

- The newly landscaped plaza area (primarily weeding)
- The potted plants: inside and on the cloister (watering, fertilizing, replanting as necessary)
- The bank on the left of the path to the labyrinth (primarily weeding)

Please consider volunteering for one of these 3 areas and contact Tom Byerley at 865-776-5915 or [t\\_gbyerley@yahoo.com](mailto:t_gbyerley@yahoo.com) with your willingness.

**BREAKFAST IN THE SMOKIES** sponsored by the Fellowship Ministry Team, is scheduled for October 2, 2021. We will meet at the Metcalf Bottoms Picnic Shelter in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park at 9:00 A.M. for the 9th annual Matt Mathews (13th Westminster Breakfast in the Mountains). We appreciate Don Byerly’s vision of providing this wonderful annual event all these years! There are sign-up sheets in the Schilling Gallery for you to RSVP. For any those wishing to hike after the BIG yummy mountain breakfast - there are several hikes you can take from the pavilion. The menu includes eggs, sausage, biscuits and gravy, grits and coffee cake, OJ, Coffee, and Hot Chocolate ... but most important - fellowship!

### THE SESSION

#### Class of 2022

Bob Albiston

Janet Drumm

Colleen Manrod

Charlie Mercer

Leslie Versen

Youth Elder: Sophia Manrod

Clerk of Session: Leigh Dunlap

#### Class of 2023

Jaclyn Beeler

Jack Carley

William Milam

Penny Tschantz

Bill Wiesehuegel

#### Class of 2024

Josh Birdwell

Gloria Borum

Melanie Lewis

Lisa Oros

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