



The Order of Worship

September 26, 2021
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

EIGHTEENTH 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

(9:00) Capriccio di durezze Girolamo Frescobaldi
(from *The First Book of Capricci, Ricercari and Canzoni* 1626)
Peter Van Eenam, Harpsichord
(11:00) Adagio (from *Concerto in a*, BWV 593, after Antonio Vivaldi) J. S. Bach
Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier, BWV 731
Dearest Lord Jesus, We Are Here

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT (11:00) Blessed Jesus, at Your Word *Liebster Jesu*
harm. J. S. Bach

Blessed Jesus, at Your word We are gathered all to hear You; Let our hearts and souls be stirred Now to seek and love and fear You; By Your teachings true and holy, Drawn from earth to love You solely.

Glorious Lord, Yourself impart! Light of light, from God proceeding, Open now our ears and heart, Help us by Your Spirit’s pleading; Hear the cry that we are raising; Hear, and bless our prayers and praising.

Tobias Clausnitzer

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 100

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come into God’s presence with singing.
People: For the LORD is good; God’s steadfast love and God’s faithfulness extends to all people and endures forever.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

*HYMN NO. 473 (blue hymnal) For the Beauty of the Earth Dix
*CALL TO CONFESSION
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)
Gracious God, forgive us:
For the indulgence that thinks freedom has no limits;
For the indifference that stops caring to avoid the pain;
For the despair that acts on our fears instead of our hopes;
For the distrust that clutches old securities to avoid the risks in making things new;
For the narrowness that makes blinders of our viewpoints;
For the broadness that equates tolerance with seeking justice;
For the smallness that constricts the circles of our love;
Transform us, O God, that we might live more fully as your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
*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 5:13-20
A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Deborah Phillips
Children age 3 through 4th grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Children’s Sunday School.
SCRIPTURE READING Mark 9:38-50; Esther 4:14-17
SERMON “Faith or Fate...Who knows?” Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips
*HYMN NO. 286 (blue hymnal) Give to the Winds Thy Fears *St. Bride*
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)
Creed of the United Church of Canada (Reformed)

We are not alone, we live in God’s world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God’s presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

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 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) Fancy for Two to Play Thomas Tomkins
John Brock and Peter Van Eenam, Harpsichords
(11:00) I Heard the Voice of Jesus Kingsfold
arr. Russell Schulz-Widmar

I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Come unto me and rest; and in your weariness lay down your head upon my breast.” I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad; I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Behold, I freely give the living water, thirsty one, stoop down and drink, and live.” I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream; my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, “I am this dark world’s light; look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright.” I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my Star, my Sun; and in that light of life I’ll walk ‘til traveling days are done.

Horatius Bonar
Becky Connelly, Katherine Harmon, Cindy Pearman,
and Debbie Schmid, Handbells

*AT THE PRESENTATION For the Life That You Have Given *Pleading Savior*
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 361** (blue hymnal) (11:00) How Firm a Foundation *Foundation*
***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**
***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** Amen Danish melody

***POSTLUDE** Herr Gott, dich loben alle wir Johann Pachelbel
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Indicates standing.

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NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Lisa Oros and Josh Birdwell
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: (11:00) Angela Shilling and Brenda Seip

LITURGIST: Rev. Gradye Parsons

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: (11:00) Chancel Choir and members of the Handbell Choir

SHEPHERD’S TEAM: Stephen Fortney

SENIOR USHER: Melissa Everett

USHERS:

(9:00) Bonny and Doug Naugher

(11:00) Jaclyn Beeler, Mary Lou Crow, Janet Drumm, Bill Holt, and Loann Price

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Paula Hogan in loving memory of Larry Weinberg. The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline provides 24/7, free and confidential support for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones. Help is available, call 800-273-8255 or text HOME to 741741.

OUR THANKS to Becky Connelly, Katherine Harmon, Cindy Pearman, and Debbie Schmid for their enrichment of our worship this morning as they accompany the Chancel Choir. The anthem’s arranger creates a sonic “mist” of bell color through a nearly hypnotic pattern of note clusters that underlie the melody and its various harmonizations sung by the choir. Contributing to this mystical bell sound is the use of the bells’ softest clapper settings.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

10:00 am

Wired Word

Meets in the library, discussion around current event topics with an eye and ear toward scripture

Feasting on the Word

This lectionary-based class meets in the pavilion.

Bible Study

The Adult Bible Study class is studying Hebrews 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.

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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.

SHOW AND WAMS

12:00-2:30 pm SHOW is going to Ijams!

We’ll have a picnic, then go canoeing and kayaking for those that want to rent boats. There is hiking for those that don’t! Bring \$15 if you want to rent a boat.

2:30 pm We’ll return to WPC. We can pick up any Middle-schoolers that want a ride to mini golf @ Farragut Putt Putt (164 West End Ave, Knoxville, TN 37934), or you can meet us there at 3:00.

3:00 pm- 5:00 pm WAMS Putt- Putt @ Farragut Putt-Putt--

164 West End Ave, Knoxville, TN 37934

Bring \$10-15 for golf, games, (snack if you’d like.)

Pick up at 5 at Putt Putt or 5:30 @ church.

We will likely need a parent driver for each event. Please let Barbara know if you can help. Questions? Call Barbara @ 865

- Saturday, October 2, the youth will participate in the **JDRF One Walk** at Zoo Knoxville.

ABBEY DEADLINE is October 3! You can submit your articles to unitedprinters@comcast.net.

WOMEN’S EVENING BIBLE STUDY will meet at 7:00 pm, Monday, September 27.

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Melissa Everett, Administrative Assistant

Daniel Lewis, Youth Assistant

Debbie Bendy, *Abbey* Editor

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: The Property Team is still looking for one or more volunteers to help weed and maintain the newly landscaped plaza area. If you are willing to help keep this area looking its best, please contact Tom Byerley at .

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.

BREAKFAST IN THE SMOKIES 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 am 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. Wednesday, September 29 is the final day to RSVP so that the team can prepare!

A STATED SESSION MEETING is today at 12:15 pm in the McKinnon Room.

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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