



The Order of Worship

**October 31, 2021
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.**

TWENTY-THIRD 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 share your contact information with us so we may be in touch. When the prelude begins let us quietly prepare for the worship of almighty God.

PRELUDE Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott, BuxWV 184 Dieterich Buxtehude
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT (11:00) O Praise God George Thalben-Ball
O praise God in his holiness; praise him in the firmament of his power.
Psalm 150:1

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 95

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord
and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

People: **Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving,
singing joyful songs of praise.**

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 457** (blue hymnal) I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art Toulon

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Gracious God, we humbly confess that too often we fall short of your intentions for us, and of our expectations of ourselves. We would touch the world with goodness, but often we withdraw in anxiety and self-concern. Many times we misuse your gifts and hoard what you would have us share. Often our loyalties and allegiances are misplaced. We need your forgiving presence if we are to be what we could be, and what we want to be. Renew us, strengthen us, that we might find wholeness with you and one another. 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

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

Ellen Anderson

Children age 3 through 4th grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Children’s Sunday School.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00)

Jack Landis Brewington

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 12:28-34

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

“What’s good for everyone is also what is best for each one of us.”

The Awakened Brain, Neuroscientist Dr. Lisa Miller

***HYMN NO. 260** (blue hymnal) A Mighty Fortress Is Our God *Ein’ feste Burg*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) Adapted from Romans, Chapter 5

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, we will be saved by his 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.

“Lord, save us from being self-centered in our prayers and teach us to remember to pray for others. May we be so bound up in love with those for whom we pray, that we may feel their needs as acutely as our own, and intercede for them with sensitivity, with understanding and with imagination.”

A Prayer of John Calvin (1509-1564)

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) Allegretto a la Gigue Donald E. Allured

Members of the Handbell Choir

(11:00) Domine, in auxilium Orlando di Lasso

Domine, in auxilium meum respice, confundantur et reveantur qui quaerunt animam meam ut auferant eam.

O Lord, make haste to help me. Let them be ashamed and confounded together that seek after my soul to destroy it.

Psalm 40:13b-14a

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 420** (blue hymnal) (11:00) God of Grace and God of Glory

Cwm Rhondda

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** (9:00) Amen

Danish melody

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** (11:00) Sevenfold Amen

John Stainer

Chancel Choir

***POSTLUDE** Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott

Max Reger

(from *Thirteen Chorale Preludes*, Op. 79b)

*Indicates standing.

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NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Sophia Manrod and William Milam
CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR NOVEMBER: Kathy Shilling
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) Chip and Pat Herzog

LITURGIST: Mary Boyd

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Members of the Handbell Choir

(11:00) Chancel Choir

SHEPHERD’S TEAM: Andrew Gordon

SENIOR USHER: Tim Ryan

USHERS:

(9:00) Bill Wiesehuegel and David Woodall

(11:00) Brenda Seip, John and Kathy Shilling, Jay Schmid and John Salsbery

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Patty Harmon in memory of family members gone; in honor of family members still here; and in praise of our church family.

CLOUD OF WITNESSES: We will celebrate All Saints' Day on Sunday, November 7 in both worship services, and would like to remember those you consider the saints in your life. It might be your great grandmother, who died 25 years ago. It might be a good friend who died recently, or a parent you miss dearly. Please email names of those people to Mary at marybwpc@gmail.com for inclusion in a "great cloud of witnesses" in the sanctuary. You can submit as many names as you want, and we will make sure those people surround us, especially on that day.

ORLANDO DI LASSO was one of the most prolific and famous choral composers of the late Renaissance. His work encompasses nearly every form and his harmonic language is expressive and colorful. His compositional technique and contrapuntal skill are highly developed, putting him on a par with contemporaries like Palestrina. Di Lasso’s output is vast, including masses, motets, magnificats, passions, psalms, and madrigals.

The Washington Cornett and Sackbutt Ensemble will be heard in concert at Westminster on Monday evening, **November 8, at 7:30**, in the sanctuary. Cosponsoring this special event is the Knoxville Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. We are privileged to have this outstanding ensemble perform here and to have the opportunity to hear early music played on period instruments. Please save the date and watch for more details. We look forward to your joining us! To sample the group, click on this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HirhIj6ogks>

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.

NEXT SUNDAY!

CHURCH WIDE FELLOWSHIP:

Sign-up sheet on the church office window.

RSVP today!

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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.

THE ABBEY DEADLINE is today. Send any articles to unitedprinters @comcast.net.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN has begun! You should have received a letter and information in the mail this week. We’re looking forward to November 21, Dedication Sunday.

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY will meet November 4 at 10:30 am in the McKinnon Room

MOVIE NIGHT IN THE PAVILION: Schedule Saturday night, November 6, at 7:00 for your family to view *The Biggest Little Farm* movie in the Ruthie Carey Pavilion. Variety said it- "feel[s] like fresh air for the soul." There will be free popcorn and "seed bombs." You'll be glad you came.

Class of 2022

Bob Albiston
Janet Drumm
Colleen Manrod
Charlie Mercer
Leslie Versen

Youth Elder: Sophia Manrod
Clerk of Session: Leigh Dunlap

Cile Mathews

THE SESSION

Class of 2023

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