



TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

*HYMN NO. 267 (*Glory to God* hymnal) Come, Christians, Join to Sing *Madrid*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Lord Jesus Christ, you call us to carry the Good News of God's love and forgiveness to the ends of the earth. Yet we often cannot find the words to tell others of our faith and hope. We fall silent when we could speak up. We try to act out your love, but we confess we usually act in our own best interests. Forgive us all the ways we fail to follow you. Bring us to the path where you guide us, that we might live in love and hope, by your Spirit. 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 ...

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 1:6-14

MOTET (11:00) Pilgrims' Hymn (from *The Three Hermits*)

Stephen Paulus

Even before we call on Your name To ask You, O God, When we seek for the words to glorify You, You hear our prayer; Unceasing love, O unceasing love, Surpassing all we know.

Glory to the Father, And to the Son, And to the Holy Spirit.

Even with darkness sealing us in, We breathe Your name, And through all the days that follow so fast, We trust in You; Endless Your grace, O endless Your grace, Beyond all mortal dream.

Both now and for ever, And unto ages and ages, Amen.

Michael Dennis Browne

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

Ellen Anderson

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

SCRIPTURE READING

John 17:1-11

SERMON "In the Waiting Room"

Rev. Dr. Anne McKee

*HYMN NO. 275 (*Glory to God* hymnal) A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Ein' feste Burg

*LITANY OF GRATITUDE FOR ALL WHO SERVE

Leader: In each season, Holy God, you have raised up people to lead your church.

People: Through their faithful witness, we receive your grace.

Leader: Today we give thanks for new members and old, who together serve you in this place;

People: Through their faithful witness, we receive your grace.

Leader: For those who touch the lives of children and youth- in nursery and classroom; in the time with children; for all who play and befriend and extend a hand;

People: Through their faithful witness, we receive your grace.

Leader: For those who visit, cook meals, send cards, pray for others, and welcome newcomers; who plan events, lead trips, organize classes, share insight;

People: Through their faithful witness, we receive your grace.

Leader: For those who's contributions through word, music, art and technology facilitate our worship, who tend the grounds and maintain the building, whose unseen tasks are an offering to you;

People: Through their faithful witness, we receive your grace.

Leader: For those who work for justice on the Earth and in our communities, reminding us of the Gospel's vision.

People: Through their faithful witness, we receive your grace.

Leader: We give thanks, Holy God, especially for members who have joined Westminster in the past few years. We pray that they will grow in faith, hope, love, and service as we share life together.

People: Send your Spirit to guide their path.

Leader: We pray for the Pastor Nominating Committee, that they will receive the gifts of wisdom, discernment, and insight.

People: Send your Spirit to guide their path.

Leader: Send your Spirit to guide our path, O God, that we may reflect your light in the world and your love to all people. Hear us as we pray as you taught us,

All: Our Father, who art in heaven.... *The Lord's Prayer*

THE OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

(9:00) Let Us Pray Black Uhuru

Mark Hulsether, Tenor and Piano

(11:00) At the Name of Jesus Ralph Vaughan Williams

At the Name of Jesus Every knee shall bow, Every tongue confess him King of glory now; 'Tis the Father's pleasure We should call him Lord, Who from the beginning Was the mighty Word.

At his voice creation Sprang at once to sight, All the Angel faces, All the hosts of light, Thrones and dominations, Stars upon their way, All the heavenly orders, In their great array.

Humbled for a season, To receive a name From the lips of sinners Unto whom he came, Faithfully he bore it Spotless to the last, Brought it back victorious When from death he passed:

The Order of Worship

May 21, 2023

9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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) Sanctuary arr. Carol Tornquist

(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

Daniel Lewis

Leader: Despite the world's chaos,

People: love is the root of all.

Leader: Over and beneath those who fight for power and influence,

People: love is the greatest power.

Leader: Though death looms and evil prowls,

People: Christ, risen from the dead, is in every time and place. God, the God of love, is with us. We worship in gratitude and joy.

Bore it up triumphant With its human light, Through all ranks of creatures,
To the central height, To the throne of God-head, To the Father's breast;
Filled it with the glory Of that perfect rest.

Name him, brothers, name him, With love as strong as death, But with awe
and wonder, And with bated breath; He is God the Saviour, He is Christ the
Lord, Ever to be worshipped, Trusted, and adored.

In your hearts enthrone him; There let him subdue All that is not holy, All
that is not true: Crown him as your captain In temptation's hour; Let his will
enfold you In its light and power.

Brothers, this Lord Jesus Shall return again, With his Father's glory, With his
Angel train; For all wreaths of empire Meet upon his brow, And our hearts
confess him King of glory now.

Caroline M. Noel

Old Hundredth

***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here
below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy
Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 263** (*Glory to God* hymnal) All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Coronation

***BENEDICTION**

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

Danish melody

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

John Stainer

Chancel Choir

***POSTLUDE**

(9:00) All Things Bright and Beautiful

arr. Robert Vandall

(11:00) Prélude (from *Suite Médiévale*)

Jean Langlais

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Barbara Froula and Bill Wiesehuegel
CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR MAY: Brenda Seip and Bonny Naugher
LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND HEARING DEVICES are available from ushers.
BLUE RECYCLING BINS are located in the Narthex if you do not wish to take your
bulletins home.

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Barbara Cline in memory of Jennings
and in honor of Lisa and Dan, Gabe and Jeff, and Arianna.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES (11:00): McKenzie Damron-Beeler and Sirah Smith-Beeler

GREETERS (11:00): Bill and Bonnie Rogers

LITURGIST: Daniel Lewis

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: (11:00) Chancel Choir

SHEPHERD'S TEAM: Tom Byerley

SENIOR USHER: Buz Johnson

USHERS: (9:00) Ehren and Colleen Manrod

(11:00) Janet Drumm, Betty McKeehan, Shirley Wittman,

Rob and Susan McKeehan

THE BIRTH CANDLE lit today represents the birth of Marlowe Bryenton who was
born on May 5. Proud parents are Thomas and Mary Kate Bryenton. Congratulations
also go to her grandparents - Helen and Andy Bryenton!

THE FLOWERS ARE ALSO given in loving memory of Nancy Dean by her family.

OUR THANKS to Mark Hulsether for his enrichment of our worship this morning at
the 9:00 service. Many, many thanks also to Mary Lou Holt for serving as the pianist
for this service all through the spring.

STEPHEN PAULUS is an American composer writing in many genres, including
music for orchestra, chorus, chamber ensembles, solo voice, keyboard, and opera. His
evening hymn tune sets a text by Michael Dennis Browne that is based on an old
church prayer. The hymn is from Paulus' opera, *The Three Hermits* (commissioned by
The House of Hope Presbyterian Church, St. Paul, Minnesota, while Jim Carter,
Westminster's former minister, served there), and forms the meditative, yet stirring,
close to the opera. The poet has written, "we modern pilgrims are linked to those of
another time and place, who sing...a song of homage, praise, and love to God."

YOUTH TODAY: WPC youth and their families are invited to come to an
end-of-school and beginning-of-summer SWIM PARTY!!! After the late service, we
will head to Erin and Colleen Manrod's place and enjoy a cookout and swim. Please
bring a side dish or dessert to share. Barbara will have info and permission forms for
all our summer adventures. Youth families, we hope you can come!!

THE WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP will meet tonight from 5:30-7:30 pm
at the Ruthie Carey Pavilion for a time of fellowship. If you are living in our 37909
zip code, you are included. Please bring an appetizer to share. Paper goods and
drinks will be provided. RSVP to Anne Crais or Gail Bruner
Thanks and we are looking forward to seeing you there.

FRIENDS OF FISH: Please join us on Tuesday the 23 to help restock the FISH Pantry.
The Second Harvest truck will arrive about 10:00 and our line of volunteers will
move and shelve the cases in less than an hour. Church of the Savior, 934 Weisgarber
Road.

OUR THANKS to everyone who has volunteered and helped with the presbytery
meeting on Tuesday and with the service and reception in memory of Nancy Dean on
Saturday. We couldn't do it without you.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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New Member Reception TODAY!

Because of COVID, we have not hosted a New Member Reception since
May of 2019. The following are the newest members of Westminster
Presbyterian Church. Please join them in the Schilling Gallery following
the 11:00 service today, greet those you know, and introduce yourselves to
those you have not had the opportunity to meet before now. Lemonade
and cookies will be served!

Joined in 2019

Barbara Froula

Wanda and George Barber

Ken Hughes and Casey Page

Laura and Erick Weber

Emily and Tyler Gustafson

Elaine and Phillip Powell

Virginia and Jordan Knight

Alice Magee and Berta Bergia

Joined in 2020

Katie and Alex Huning

Chelsea and Ben Pritchett

Maria and David Gall

Charles Van Beke

Joined in 2021

Abby and Chris Freeman

Bill West

Miranda Carey

Joined in 2022

Maria Hagan

Jacqui Whittemore and Andrew MacDonald

David Krahl

Deb and Mike McGaugh

Lindsay (McSween) Smith

Joined in 2023

Bill Davis

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST will meet this Thursday, May 25, at 8:30 am in
the McKinnon Room. Our speakers will be Cindy Spangler and Tim Ryan who will
present a program entitled "The Jewel in our Backyard". Cindy and Tim will have
some pictures of the Smokies to show us along with some discussion. Our breakfast
will be provided by Ron Alexander. This last meeting until next August should be a
good one, so we hope you will attend and bring a friend. See you soon.

THE MEN'S BOOK CLUB will meet in the Library on June 15 at 9:00 a.m. to discuss
Snow Wolf. It is a page turner. The discussion will be initiated by Gordon Greeson.
Snow Wolf (1996) is Glenn Meade's second book. Please contact Mike Kaufman for
further information.

CRAFTING THEOLOGY MEN'S GROUP will meet on Sunday May 21 at 7 pm at
Alliance brewing in south Knoxville. Feel free to show up early to grab food on your
own. Contact Jeff Gilbert or Daniel Lewis with any questions.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2023 is June 12-15 (M-Th) 9:00-12:00. The theme for
the week will be *WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?* Allie will need adult and youth
volunteers to help too! Email Allie to volunteer or get the registration link for your
child. Allie_wpc@comcast.net

SAVE THE DATE: A Smoothie Truck will be available in the parking lot after
worship on June 4 at 11am. Let's celebrate the start of summer and the transition to
our 10:00 am summer worship schedule with some fellowship and a cool treat! We
hope you will stay after worship to enjoy smoothies from the Drink Smooth truck