



The Order of Worship

**May 26, 2024
10:00 A.M.**

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 Adagio in C, BWV 564, 2 J. S. Bach
OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION
CALL TO WORSHIP** Barbara Adamcik

One: Holy, holy, holy is our God;
All: Heaven and earth are filled with God's glory.
 One: The God of glory thunders;
All: God's voice shakes the wilderness.
 One: No one knows from where it comes, or to where it goes,
All: and all in God's temple say, "Glory!"
 One: Will we hear that voice saying:
 "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"
All: O God, we are here, send us!
 One: Let us worship God in holy splendor.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 1** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! *Nicaea*
***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)**
 God who whispers,
 We have waited. We have listened in silence, in noise, with head bowed and eyes wide open - all while wondering if you are with us. Heal the lie that, when you are silent, you are far from any one of us. Help us to find you outside our narrow expectations of how the divine presents itself. Let us be tender with the parts of us that lack clarity and assurance about our purpose. And in those days of uncertainty, when we are unsure of your call upon our lives, remind us that many different paths can be holy. And for those of us who feel that our lives lack purpose, reveal our meaning to us daily. In the faces of those we love, in the way we are loved in return. Amen.

***KYRIE ELEISON** arr. David N. Johnson

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**
 Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
***PASSING OF THE PEACE**
 Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.

***RESPONSE** Celtic Alleluia (*sing twice*) Fintan O'Carroll

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION
SCRIPTURE READING Romans 8:12-17
A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Mary Sophia Hawks
Children age 4 through 5th grade are invited to go downstairs for Children's Church.
SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 6:1-8
SERMON "Called In" Rev. Dr. Richard Coble
***HYMN NO. 634** (*Glory to God* hymnal) To God Be the Glory To God Be the Glory
***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Nicene Creed (Unison)
We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he

was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father (and the Son), who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE OFFERING
Please sign and pass the Friendship Register found on the pew nearest the center aisle. Your holding and passing the offering plate is an act of blessing and dedication to our life together in Jesus Christ.
OFFERTORY ANTHEM Praise the Father and the Son Tomás Luis de Victoria
 Praise the Father and the Son, Sing their praise with jubilation, Honor God the Father and the Son, Worship each eternally, Blessed be the Holy Trinity, Render praise coequally. Amen.

***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology Robert S. Hines
Old Hundredth
 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**
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.

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 318** (*Glory to God* hymnal) In Christ There Is No East or West St. Peter
***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**
***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** Amen Danish melody

***POSTLUDE** Fugue in C, BWV 564, 3 J. S. Bach
 *Please stand in Body or Spirit
 ** Call to Worship from *Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music and the Arts*. Vol 57.1.
 Prayer of Confession Adapted from Cole Arthur Riley, *Black Liturgies: Prayers, Poems, and Meditations for Staying Human*

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Lucy Johnson and Ed Babelay
CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR MAY: Kathy Shilling
LARGE PRINT HYMNALS/ HEARING DEVICES are available from the ushers.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES: Monroe and Mason Carley
GREETERS: Brenda Seip and Linda Rutherford
LITURGIST: Barbara Adamcik
MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Chancel Choir
SHEPHERD’S TEAM: Stephen Fortney
SENIOR USHER: Buz Johnson
USHERS: Linda Van Beke, Jeff Bendy, Barbara Froula, Carol Bielharz, Ken Hughes

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Reed and Lisa Ellis in loving memory of Ginger Elting who would be 96 today!!

PRAYER LIST (Please keep the following names in your prayers this week)
Juanita Campbell, Shirley Draper, Sonja Jones, Judy and Joseph Moon, Lalla Phillips, Kitty Rasa, Doris Solomon, Sara Cantrell, Vicki Chapman, Karen and Brian

THIS MORNING’S PRELUDE AND POSTLUDE are the remaining two parts of Johann Sebastian Bach’s *Toccatà in C*, perhaps more commonly known as the *Toccatà, Adagio, and Fugue*. The toccata was played at Westminster this past Palm Sunday, and one may recall its improvisatory beginning and joyful, energetic counterpoint for the remainder of the movement. The adagio, heard today, is in the relative minor key and is a lovely and expressive melody over a steady, plaintive, almost hypnotic, pedal line and block chords in the left hand. The movement ends with a gravity-filled and harmonically dramatic few measures that sum up the extraordinarily deep beauty of this adagio. The fugue that follows is exuberant, uplifting, and *dancing!*

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 am
Adult Bible Study: Beginning May 26 at 9 a.m. the Bible Study class will read the Old Testament Book of Micah. Micah is famous as the prophet in Judah who proclaimed, "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"(6:8) We will see that those requirements are both individual and societal.

CHILDREN’S OFFERINGS AT WESTMINSTER
During 10:00 Hour - Nursery available for children ages 0-3 years old
Children up to 5th grade will be walked to Children’s Church classes following the Time with Children during the 10:00 worship service.

READY, SET, GO FISH!!
FIRST - Unload Second Harvest food truck Tuesday, May 28, 9am. Due to an overstock in the pantry this will be a very small delivery.
THEN - Bag Groceries Sunday, June 2, 5:30; Thursday, June 13, 5:30; and Monday, June 24, 5:30.
THEN - Deliver Groceries Thursday, June 13
LASTLY - Smile for a mission well done

SAVE THE DATES for Peter Celebrations. Please mark your calendars for June 28 from 7:00-8:30pm as well as worship on June 30 at 10:00am to help celebrate Peter’s amazing 42 years as Organist and Choir Master.

SUMMER LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY Each Wednesday this summer we will hold a lectionary Bible study on the coming Sunday’s sermon passage. These meetings will take place Wednesdays at 12:00pm in the McKinnon Room. The preacher of the following Sunday will be leading and organizing the Bible study. We will be studying some of the context and history of the passage, but will also be asking how it is speaking directly to us in our lives and faith.

SHARE THE BOUNTY table is available in the Schilling Gallery. The table provides a space to share the bounty from our personal gardens as well as our very own Westminster organic garden. You are more than welcome to help yourself to what is provided on the table. All proceeds placed in the donation basket will be going to help support Presbytery’s Carbon Footprint ministry.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
VBS will be June 10th-12th from 9am-12pm. This year's theme is “Saints and Holy Helpers!” All children up to rising 5th graders are invited to attend. Contact: Sophia Manrod (sophia@wpcknox.org) for more information.

PARENTS MORNING OUT!!
Starting the week after VBS, we will be having Parents Morning Out June 17th through July 31st from 9am-12pm on Mondays and Wednesdays. You can sign up your kiddos or as a volunteer! Contact: Sophia Manrod (sophia@wpcknox.org) for more information.

PARENTS NIGHT OUT will be the 3rd Friday of every month! The dates for this are June 21st, July 19th, August 16th! Contact: Sophia Manrod (sophia@wpcknox.org) for more information.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND WPC pickleball tutoring and tourney for beginners and intermediate, Friday, May 31, 5:00-8:00pm at WEST HILLS. The Connect Team is throwing a Pickleball extravaganza where anyone age 11 or older can get some instruction (from "I've never played" to "I love this game!!") We'll have 6 courts available and teachers for Intermediate, Beginning, and Newby players. After a bit of tutoring, we'll play games (both Round-Robin fun games and a Pickleball Ladder-style tourney for those that want to compete.) We'll even provide paddles for those who need them! Call the office or sign up by the office and kitchen today!! Please register no later than 5/28.

YOUTH NEED SUPERFOOD!! Our Westminster Youth (and many generous adult instructors) will be joining with Operation Back Yard to transform a house this summer! From June 24-June 27, we will be working to paint, side, landscape, and do small construction projects (like building a ramp) for a Knoxville family who needs our help. This group of about 25 + the family for whom we're working, will need a lunch provided for them each of those 4 work days. If you are interested in helping out or being part of a team to provide food on one of those days, please let Barbara know. You'll love seeing and being part of this community-building, life-changing project!!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES! This summer WPC has opportunities to help Home Federal with their full build of a house for **Habitat for Humanity**. They are mainly looking for help with Registrar and hospitality, but may have other needs as well. The dates are: 7/27/24 ; 8/3/24 ; and 9/28/24. The location is 205 Sapling Ln. To register go online to: knoxvillehabitat.volunteerhub.com/vv2/1p/westminsterpres You will need to create a volunteer Hub account which is fairly straight-forward. If you have any questions, you can contact Daniel Lewis.

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Arthur Collins, Worship Tech

OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, May 26
9:00am - Bible Study Class
10:00am - Sanctuary Worship
11:15am - Session Meeting
Monday, May 27
Memorial Day - Staff Holiday
Tuesday, May 28
9:00am - FISH unloading at Pantry
Wednesday, May 29
12:00pm - Summer Bible study
4:30pm - Companions
7:00pm - Wombats softball game - double header!
7:45pm - Chancel Choir
Thursday, May 30
4:30pm - Brass Choir
6:00pm - Recorders
7:00pm - Handbells
Friday, May 31
5:00pm - All Skills Pickeball Event (West Hills Park)

THE SESSION		
Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Josh Birdwell	Ed Babelay	Bill Farnham
Gloria Borum	Wendy Collins	Lee Ingram
Melanie Lewis	Janet Drumm	Lucy Johnson
Lisa Oros	Stephen Fortney	Kathryn Oakes
Chris Van Beke	Barbara Froula	Richard Ward
Youth Elder: Arthur Collins	Clerk of Session: Bitsy Ingram	

TRUSTEES		
Ron Alexander	Alice Mercer	John Smartt