



The Order of Worship

August 18, 2024
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE CHURCH GATHERS . . .

Welcome to Westminster Church! We are a family of Christians gathered from many traditions and neighborhoods, worshipping 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 How brightly shines the Morning Star (Part 1) Dieterich Buxtehude

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP (From Proverbs 3) Daniel Lewis

One: All God's children, do not let these escape from your sight:
Keep sound wisdom and prudence,
and they will be life for your soul
and adornment for your neck.

**All: Then we will walk in God's way securely
and our feet will not stumble.**

One: Let us worship the Lord!

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

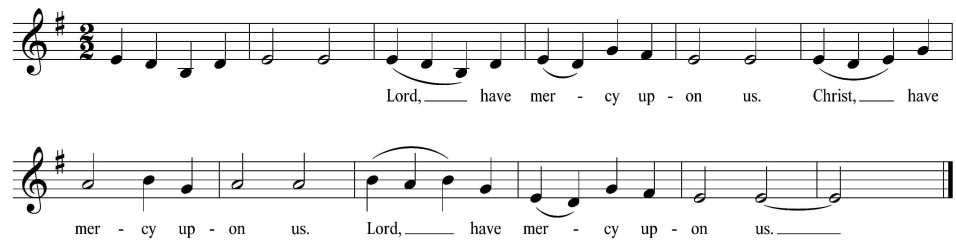
***HYMN NO. 15** (*Glory to God* hymnal) All Creatures of Our God and King
Lasst uns erfreuen

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)**

O Holy One,
We hear and say so many words, and yet yours is the word we need.
Speak now, and help us listen;
and, if what we hear is silence,
let it quiet us,
let it disturb us,
let it touch our need,
let it break our pride,
let it shrink our certainties,
let it enlarge our wonder.
In Christ's holy name, we pray, Amen.

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

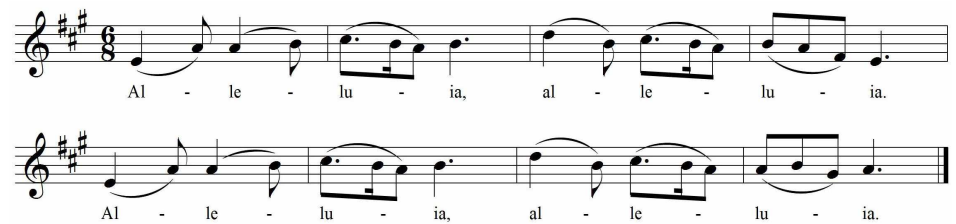


***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Friends, believe the Good News!
All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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



TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 5:15-20

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Mary Sophia Hawks

Children age 4 through 5th grade are invited to go downstairs for Children's Church.

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Kings 3:1-14

SERMON "The Foolishness of Wisdom" Rev. Dr. Richard Coble

***HYMN NO. 451** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Open My Eyes That I May See
Open My Eyes

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) (from 1 Corinthians 1)

God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise;
God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong;
God chose what is low and despised in the world,
things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are,
so that no one might boast in the presence of God.
God is the source of our life in Christ Jesus,
Who became for us the wisdom from God.
So that our faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

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

(9:00) My Lord, What a Morning Arranged and Compiled by Douglas Smith
Brass Choir

(11:00) "Be Thou My Vision"
Irish Ballad melody; setting by David Ashley White

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; all else be nought to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping they presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me,
Lord. Thou and thou only, first in my heart; great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Great God of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision O Ruler of all.

***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology *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. 459** (*Glory to God* hymnal) O Word of God Incarnate *Munich*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** How brightly shines the Morning Star (Part 2) Dieterich Buxtehude

*Please stand in Body or Spirit

**Prayer of Confession adapted from Ted Loder, *Guerrillas of Grace: Prayers for the Battle*

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Wendy Collins and Lee Ingram
CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR AUGUST: Cindy Spangler
LARGE PRINT HYMNALS/ HEARING DEVICES are available from the ushers.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES: (11:00) McKenzie Damron and Sirah Smith
GREETERS: (11:00) Penny Tschantz and Cindy Spangler
LITURGIST: Daniel Lewis
MINISTRY of MUSIC: (9:00) Brass (11:00) Chancel Choir
ORGANIST: John Brock
ACCOMPANIST: Karen Yarbro
CHOIR DIRECTOR: Ibbie Muntz
SHEPHERD'S TEAM: Bill Oros
SENIOR USHER: Alice Mercer
USHERS: (9:00) Daniel Berry and Scott Brunger
(11:00) Jaclyn Beeler, Elizabeth and Josh Birdwell, Tim and Joyce Ryan

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given 'To the glory of God' by Anne Davidson.

MUSICAL NOTE While many spirituals may have been conceived on plantations in the southern United States, it is believed that some were composed in the independent Black congregations of the North. "My Lord, What a Morning" appears to have been one of those. The apocryphal words to this hymn have led to some debate as to whether it was intended to be morning, mourning, or even mournin.' The spiritual became the title for the autobiography of the celebrated African American contralto and interpreter of spirituals, Marian Anderson. A more complete discussion of the hymn can be found through the QR code.



BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS TODAY in the Schilling Gallery before and after 11:00 am Worship Service.

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, Salma Alami

ADULT OFFERINGS

Adult Bible Study is reading the Gospel of Matthew (McKinnon room)
Feasting on the Word: Studies scriptures used in Worship (Lisa Kaufman Hall)
The Wired Word: Discusses current events with a theological eye (Library)

CHILDREN'S OFFERINGS

During 10:00 Hour - Nursery available for children ages 0-3 years old
Sunday School for Preschool through 5th grade
During 11:00 Hour - Nursery available for children 0-3 years old
Children's Church for children preschool through 5th grade
Children will be walked to Children's Church classes following the Time with Children during the 11:00 worship service.

YOUTH OFFERINGS

WAMS (Westminsters Awesome Middle Schoolers) - 6th & 7th Grades in the WAMS room.
Confirmation Class - 8th & 9th Grades in the downstairs Fellowship Hall.
SHOW (Senior Highs of Westminster) - 10th-12th Grades in the SHOW room.

SPECIAL DOCUMENTARY VIEWING TODAY at 4-5:30 p.m., we will have the unique opportunity to view the documentary Unadopted hosted by the film's maker, Noel Anaya. Also present will be representatives from a local adoption advocacy group. Unadopted starts with Anaya untangling his own unique story, which leads him to a wider examination that reveals the social welfare system's silent but pervasive systemic bias against families of color, and teenagers aka "older youth." Childcare will be provided for anyone attending the movie on Sunday at 4:00 p.m.
PEACE AND KINDNESS You may get pinned today! While at the Montreat Middle School conference, many of us found clothespins with inspiring messages attached to our clothing or belongings. It was a wonderful reminder that we are perfect and precious in God's eyes. Well, we were inspired by this, and you may just find one of those uplifting messages attached to you, reminding you that we see you beautiful children of God. Feel free to keep the pins or attach them to others, spreading the love. We see you, Westminster!!

POTLUCK WEDNESDAYS AT WESTMINSTER!!

August 21 - Come gather for a Westminster Family Potluck meal and programming! Dinner will be held from 6:00-6:45pm. Afterward, we will break up for opportunities for formation and programming from 6:45-7:45pm.



Option 1: *Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life* by Richard Rohr. We will be talking about our experiences finding meaning in the second half of life. Conversations led by Richard Coble and Gradye Parsons.

Option 2: *Never Thought of It that Way: How to Have Fearlessly Curious Conversations in Dangerously Divided Times* - series of conversations about how to address charged topics as a community of faith. Classes led by Jaclyn Beeler, Jeff Gilbert, Daniel Lewis, Wendy Neff.

Programming for Children: *Saints and Holy Helpers*

Who are saints? Are saints only from our past, or are there still saints today? How am I called to be a holy helper? Sophia Manrod, Mary Boyd, and Debbie Babelay will be leading the children while they experience God's love and presence in our lives.

Youth: *The Gospels*

We will explore how each Gospel plays its own unique role in sharing the message of Christ's life and ministry. We will also see how the combination of the four Gospels gives us a more holistic image of who Jesus was and why we believe what we do. The Youth classes, grades 6-12, will be led by Barbara Adamcik, Kathy Parsons, and others.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST Begins on Thursday, August 22 at 8:30am in the McKinnon Room. The program will be led by John Smartt entitled "Avoiding Political Regret." The breakfast will be provided by Tim Crais. The program should be very thought-provoking with lots of discussion, and the breakfast should titillate your taste buds!! So, mark your calendars and come join us for a rousing good time and bring a friend if you can.

WESTMINSTER NIGHT AT THE SMOKIES will be held Friday night, August 23, at Smokies Stadium in Sevierville. The Smokies will be taking on the Pensacola Blue Wahoos, with the first pitch set for 7:00 p.m. Ticket prices are \$15 per person, and we will be sitting on the home side of the field, down close to the action. The church office is now taking ticket orders. Make your checks payable to Westminster Presbyterian Church and note in the memo space that the payment is for "Smokies Tickets." **TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO REQUEST TICKETS.**

LADIES BOOK CLUB will meet on August 20 to discuss *The Covenant of Water* by Abraham Verghese. See Linda Rutherford's article in the August 7 edition of the Abbey that describes this interesting book as well as the list of upcoming books. Please join us on the 20th at 10:30am in the Library.

NATIONAL BANANA SPLIT DAY is next Sunday, August 25. The Fellowship Ministry team invites you to join them next Sunday after the 11am worship service to celebrate with banana splits!

ABBEY DEADLINE IS TODAY - please submit your articles to Debbie Bendy by 5:00pm. Her email address unitedprinters@comcast.net.



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Allie Brewington, Interim Director of Children's Ministries

OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, August 18
9:00am - Pavilion Worship
10:00am - Blood Pressure Checks
11:00am - Sanctuary Worship
12:15pm - Confirmation class gathering
2:00 - *Unadopted* Screening LKH
5:00pm - *Abbey* deadline
Tuesday, August 20
10:00am - Staff meeting
10:30am - Ladies' Book club
Wednesday, August 21
4:30pm - Companions
6:00pm - Wednesdays at Westminster
7:00pm - Chancel Choir Practice
Thursday, August 22
8:30am - Men's Breakfast Fellowship
4:30pm - Brass Choir
7:00pm - Handbell Choir