



*"Where Faith and Life Connect"*

**The Order of Worship**

**August 28, 2022**

**10:00 A.M.**

**TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**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** Vater unser im Himmelreich Georg Böhm  
*Our Father, Who Art in Heaven*

Chorale text: Our Father in the kingdom of heaven, who has called us all to be equal brothers and to call to you, and wants to have prayer from us, grant that not only the mouth prays. Help it to come from the depths of the heart.

Martin Luther  
literal trans. Mark Bighley

**OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 81

One: Sing aloud to God our strength and shout with joy:

**All: God, our Redeemer, welcomes us.**

One: God reminds us, "I brought you out of the land of Egypt and fed you along the way:"

**All: When we opened our mouths, God filled us with good things.**

One: God calls us to walk the path of faithfulness, trusting the promise:

**All: A feast for all-- Fresh bread, sweet honey.**

One: Let us worship God!

**TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...**

**\*HYMN NO. 624** (*Glory to God* hymnal) I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art Toulon

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

Merciful God, we find it hard to see in ourselves the trappings our society so admires and serves - power, wealth, and access that forget mutual love. We fail to see our allegiance to these dangerous gods - rushing for places of honor, scorning the humble and lowly, supporting systems that survive on greed and abuse. Forgive us when we are fearful that there is not enough. Remind us that you are enough. Teach us your generosity. Teach us your world-changing humility. Teach us your expansive love. Transform us and heal our lives. 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** Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN** Allie Brewington

*Children age 4 through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Children's Worship.*

**SCRIPTURE READING** Luke 14:1, 7-14

**SERMON** "Table Talk" Rev. Dr. Anne McKee

**\*HYMN NO. 215** (*Glory to God* hymnal) What Wondrous Love Is This Wondrous Love

**RECOGNITION OF CHURCH STAFF**

**LITANY OF GRATITUDE** (Unison)

One: In each season, Holy God, you have raised up men and women to lead your church.

**All: Through their faithful witness, we receive your grace.**

One: Elders, teachers, pastors, musicians, those who keep the books, send the news, maintain the building; and countless others, embody your love, wisdom, creativity, and power.

**All: Through their faithful witness, we receive your grace.**

One: For the staff at Westminster, who helped steer our ship through rough waters, and whose skill, generosity, kindness, and forbearance reflect Christ's love;

**All: Through their faithful witness, we receive your grace.**

One: For Gradye, whose preaching, knowledge, and wisdom helped us imagine a future we could not see;

**All: Through his faithful witness, we receive your grace.**

One: For Renee, Melissa, Peter, Barbara, Mary, Allie, and Daniel, whose steady hands and open hearts kept us rowing toward a safe harbor;

**All: Through their faithful witness, we receive your grace.**

One: For the energy, intelligence, imagination, and love evident in the entire staff, we give you thanks, and we ask you to bless and sustain them.

**All: Send your gifts of faith, hope, and love.**

One: When they are discouraged or weary, revive them by your Spirit.

**All: Send your gifts of faith, hope, and love.**

One: Be their comfort in sorrow, their healer from loss.

**All: Send your gifts of faith, hope, and love.**

One: Knit them together in friendship with us and one another, united in our Lord Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray:

**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.**

**THE OFFERING**

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

*Though many of us contribute electronically 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** Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show David Schelat

Praise the Lord, God's glories show, Alleluia, gloria! Saints within God's courts below, Alleluia, gloria! Angels round the throne above, Alleluia, gloria! All that see and share God's love, Alleluia, gloria!

Earth to heav'n and heav'n to earth, Alleluia, gloria! Tell the wonders, sing God's worth, Alleluia, gloria! Age to age and shore to shore, Alleluia, gloria! Praise God, praise for evermore! Alleluia, gloria!

Praise the Lord, great mercies trace, Alleluia, gloria! Praise this providence and grace, Alleluia, gloria! All that God for us has done, Alleluia, gloria! All God sends us through the Son. Alleluia, gloria!

Henry Francis Lyte  
Robert Adamcik, Congas

**\*AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology *Old Hundredth*  
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. 39** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Great Is Thy Faithfulness *Faithfulness*

**\*CHARGE AND BEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** Amen *Danish melody*

**\*POSTLUDE** Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr *Georg Böhm*

*All Glory Be to God on High*

Chorale text: Glory be to God alone on high and thanks for his mercy, for harm  
cannot touch us now or in the future. God has goodwill toward  
us. Now there is great peace without pause; all quarrels now have  
an end.

Nikolaus Decius  
literal trans. Mark Bighley

\*Indicates standing.

**NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY**

**PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK:** Wendy Collins and Stephen Fortney

**CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR AUGUST:** John Hankins

**SERVING TODAY**

**GREETERS:** Buz and Lucy Johnson

**LITURGIST:** Mary Boyd

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** Summer Choir

**SENIOR USHER:** Alice Mercer

**USHERS:** Rick and Janice Rawe, Joyce and Tim Ryan, and Gary Rowcliffe

**SHEPHERD'S TEAM:** Jack Carley

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given by Elizabeth and Josh Birdwell in  
celebration of their son Ward's 7<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**COME CELEBRATE OUR CHURCH STAFF** today after 10:00 am worship in the  
Schilling Gallery. We will have a reception to honor and thank Rev. Gradye Parsons  
for his interim leadership in recent months, Kathy Parsons and our wonderful church  
staff who weathered stormy seas with grace and faith. How abundantly blessed we  
are!

**OUR THANKS** to Bob Adamcik for his enrichment of our worship this morning as  
he accompanies the Chancel Choir.

**THIS MORNING'S ANTHEM** was composed by Oberlin College graduate,  
organist, and choral conductor David Schelat. Known for his ability to improvise free  
accompaniments to hymns and to set hymn texts imaginatively, this anthem  
combines contrasting layers of rhythm and vibrant vocal lines, resulting in a vivid  
and stirring setting of this familiar text.

**ABBEY DEADLINE** is today! Send articles to unitedprinters@comcast.net.

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE:** Labor Day weekend marks the last weekend of our  
summer worship schedule at 10:00 am. We will go back to two services on September  
11. The 9:00 am will take place in the pavilion and 11:00 am will be in the sanctuary.

**CHILDREN'S OFFERINGS TODAY:**

- Children 0-3 are welcome in the Nursery.
- Children age 3-4th grade remain in Worship until Time with the Children, then are  
walked downstairs for Children's Worship.

**UPCOMING HABITAT BUILD:** Please save these dates and sign up to help the  
Westminster Habitat Build. We will be partnering with Coldwell Banker the first and  
last day. The other dates will be the Westminster team only.

Saturday, September 17th 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. including lunch.

Saturday, October 15th 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. including lunch.

Saturday, October 29th 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. including lunch.

Saturday, December 3rd 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. including lunch

Use this link to sign up to build a home for the Komara family.

<http://westminsterpres.knoxvillehabitat.volunteerhub.com/>

**SHARE THE BOUNTY** table is in the Schilling Gallery. You are more than welcome  
to help yourself to what is provided on the table. If you have a bit too much of  
something from your garden, bring it in to share. You may find here flowers and  
herbs, as well as vegetables. There is also a donation basket with any contributions  
this year going to our Presbytery's Carbon Footprint Fund..

**COMPANIONS** is a spiritual development experience for women who seek a  
community in which to explore spiritual practices, deepen understanding of the  
scriptures and share in the contemplative experience. It is an open group, meeting  
each Wednesday 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Prayer Room. We alternate turns at facilitating,  
reading brief portions of the written material, with lively discussion and much  
sharing of reflective and inspired thoughts.

**SAVE THE DATE FOR WPC RALLY DAY**

Sunday, September 11

Regular Worship Schedule Returns

9:00 am - Pavilion Outdoor Worship

10:00 am - Sunday School

11:00 am - Sanctuary Worship

PLUS family fun and lots of information about

how to get connected and involved at WPC!

Watch for more details in the Abbey this week.



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Rev. Gradye Parsons, Parish Associate

Rev. John Linton Muntz, Parish Associate Emeritus

Peter Van Eenam, Organist and Choirmaster

Barbara Adamcik, Director of Youth and Connectional Ministries, CLP

Mary Boyd, Education Coordinator, CLP

Allie Brewington, Director of Children's Ministries

Renee Wiesehuegel, Office Manager/Bookkeeper

Melissa Everett, Administrative Assistant

Debbie Bendy, Abbey Editor

Arthur Collins, Worship Tech

***CHURCH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK***

*will be Monday - Thursday 9:00 to 2:00.*

***OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE***

**Sunday, August 28**

11:15 - Staff Reception

11:30 Stated Session Meeting

*Abbey Deadline*

**Monday, August 29**

7:00 pm- Congregational Zoom

**Wednesday, August 31**

4:45 pm Boys' and Girls' Choirs

6:30 pm- Companions Group - Prayer Room

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

**Thursday, September 1**

10:30 am Women's Bible Study

**Sunday, September 4**

9:00am- Adult Bible Study

10:00am- Worship in Sanctuary

**THE SESSION**

**Class of 2023**

Jaclyn Beeler

Jack Carley

William Milam

Penny Tschantz

Bill Wiesehuegel

Youth Elder: Meghan Oros

**Class of 2024**

Josh Birdwell

Gloria Borum

Melanie Lewis

Lisa Oros

Chris Van Beke

Clerk of Session: Leigh Dunlap

**Class of 2025**

Ed Babelay

Wendy Collins

Janet Drumm

Stephen Fortney

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