



The Order of Worship **September 3, 2023**
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

FOURTEENTH 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

(9:00) Be Thou My Vision *Slane*
arr. Faye Lopez
 (11:00) Prelude in E Minor, BWV 533, 1 J. S. Bach

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP Ann Owens Brunger

One: We gather hoping to see God,
All: here in worship, we realize that we see God in one another.
 One: We can see God
All: when we show one another honor,
 One: when we pursue hospitality to strangers,
All: when we live in harmony with one another,
 One: when we rejoice in hope.
All: Let us worship the visible God amongst us.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 401** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Here in This Place

Gather Us In

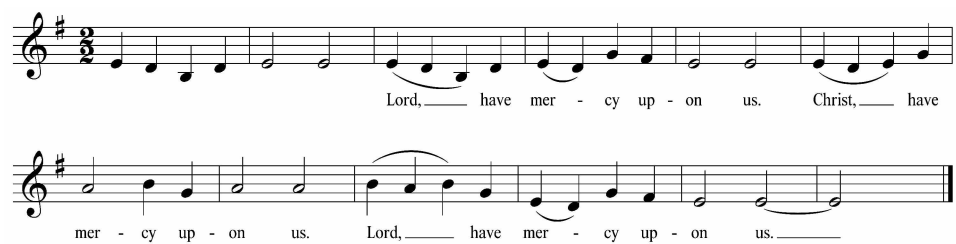
***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

God of love,
 you ask us to love one another from the center of who we are,
 you tell us to bless one another,
 you encourage us to do good.
But we have not listened to your words,
instead of loving we have practiced hatred,
instead of blessing, we have perfected cursing,
instead of doing good, we have sought to get even.
Forgive us for giving up.
Give us grace to try again,
and encouragement to make your ways, our ways.
We pray, we wait, and we hope. Amen.

***KYRIE ELEISON**

arr. David N. Johnson

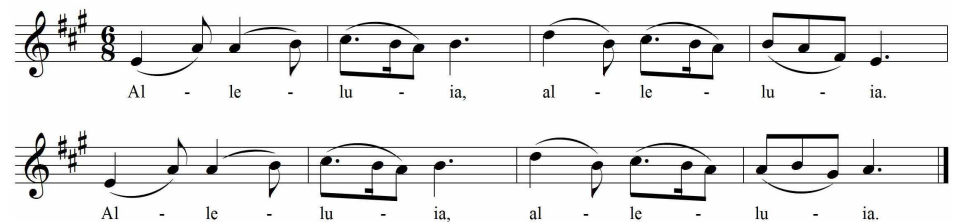


***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

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 ...

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 16:21-28

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

Mary Sophia Hawks

Children age 4 through 4th grade are invited to go downstairs for Sunday School.

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 3:1-15

SERMON

"Beyond the Wilderness"

Rev. Dr. Richard Coble

***HYMN NO. 507** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Come to the Table of Grace *Table of Grace*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) (From The Confession of 1967, inclusive)

The Lord's Supper is a celebration of the reconciliation of people with God and with one another, in which they joyfully eat and drink together at the table of their Savior. Jesus Christ gave his church this remembrance of his dying for sinners so that by participation in it they have communion with him and with all who shall be gathered to him. Partaking in him as they eat the bread and drink the wine in accordance with Christ's appointment, they receive from the risen and living Lord the benefits of his death and resurrection. They rejoice in the foretaste of the kingdom which he will bring to consummation at his promised coming, and go out from the Lord's Table with courage and hope for the service to which he has called them.

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) His Eye Is on the Sparrow

Sparrow

Charles H. Gabriel

Why should I feel discouraged? Why should the shadows come? Why should my heart be lonely and long for heaven and home, when Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is he: his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me. I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free, for his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

"Let not your heart be troubled," his tender word I hear, and resting on his goodness, I lose my doubts and fears; though by the path he leadeth but one step I may see: his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me. (Refrain)

Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise, when song gives place to sighing, when hope within me dies, I draw the closer to him; from care he sets me free: his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me. (Refrain)

Civilla Durfee Martin

Mary Sophia Hawks, Alto

(11:00) Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior

Adoro te devote

arr. John McIntyre

Thee we adore, O hidden Savior, thee, Who in thy Sacrament art pleased to be; Both flesh and spirit in thy presence fail, Yet here thy presence we devoutly hail.

In this memorial of thy death, O Lord, Thy body and thy blood thou here afford: Oh, may our souls forever feed on thee, And thou, O Christ, forever precious be.

Fountain of goodness, Jesus, Lord and God: Cleanse us, unclean, with thy most cleansing blood; Increase our faith and love, that we may know The hope and peace which from thy presence flow.

O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see: May what we thirst for soon our portion be, To gaze on thee unveiled, and see thy face, The vision of thy glory, and thy grace. Amen.

St. Thomas Aquinas

***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**

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Responsive)

One: The Lord be with you.
Many: And also with you.
 One: Lift up your hearts.
Many: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
 One: Creator God... forever sing to the glory of your name.
Many: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.
 One: Jesus came as teacher... we proclaim the mystery of faith.
Many: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION and THE LORD'S 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

BREAKING OF BREAD

Congregation will come forward to receive the elements.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION (11:00) Adagio in D Minor, H. 352 C. P. E. Bach

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Hymn No. 539 (*Glory to God* hymnal) We Will Go Out with Joy
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***POSTLUDE**

(9:00) Invention No. 1 J. S. Bach
 (11:00) Fugue in E Minor, BWV 533, 2 J. S. Bach

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Melanie Lewis and Bill Farnham
CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR SEPTEMBER 1-16: Lana Daverman and Susan McKeehan

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS/ HEARING DEVICES are available from the ushers.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES: (11:00) Monroe and Mason Carley
GREETERS: (11:00) Tom and Georgann Byerley
LITURGIST: Ann Owens Brunger
MINISTRY OF MUSIC: (11:00) Chancel Choir
SHEPHERD'S TEAM: David Owens
SENIOR USHER: Linda Van Beke
USHERS: (9:00) Collen and Ehren Manrod
 (11:00) Penny Tschantz, Ron Alexander, Shawn Owens, Nancy Lowe, Barbara Froula

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by the Rawe family in celebration of their family and for Rick and Janice's 61st anniversary.

OUR THANKS to Mary Sophia Hawks for her enrichment of our worship this morning at the 9:00 service. Many thanks also to Mary Lou Holt for serving as the pianist for that service.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 am

Adult Bible Study: Chooses a book of the Bible to unpack (McKinnon Hall)
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 AT WESTMINSTER

During 9:00 Hour - Nursery available for children 0-5 years old
 During 10:00 and 11:00 Hour - Nursery available for children 0-3 years old
 Children's Church for children preschool thru 3rd grade
Children will be walked to Children's Church classes following the Time with Children during the 11:00 worship service.

CARL PHILIPP EMANUEL BACH (1714-1788), the second surviving son of Johann Sebastian Bach and his first wife Maria Barbara, was born on March 8, 1714, in Weimar. Following his father's appointment as cantor of St. Thomas' Church in Leipzig, C. P. E. attended St. Thomas' School, followed by the University of Leipzig, where he studied law. Three years later, he continued his studies at the University of Frankfurt (Oder), where he also worked as a harpsichordist, harpsichord teacher, and conductor. During this time, in 1738, he was appointed harpsichordist in the court orchestra by Frederick, Crown Prince of Prussia (1712-1787). After Frederick had ascended to the throne in 1740, the following year Bach received a permanent position as concert harpsichordist in the royal orchestra. He became one of the most famous keyboard composers in Europe during his lengthy tenure there. In 1753, C. P. E. Bach published *An Essay on the True Art of Playing Keyboard Instruments*, which became the main treatise for keyboard instruments and basso continuo in this period. He eventually succeeded his godfather Georg Philipp Telemann as Hamburg's director of music director and of the municipal churches in 1768. This entailed a staggering workload for Bach, as he was now responsible for about 200 performances annually at the five principal churches and had to compose the music for all sorts of occasions. Additionally, he also had to organize public concerts, just as Telemann had done. This morning's organ music during Communion is a lovely trio on our organ's flute stops.

THE INSTALLATION SERVICE for Rev. Dr. Richard Coble will be held during the worship service on September 17. A church-wide potluck luncheon will be held immediately after the 11:00am service (one service only) under a big tent in the church's courtyard. Please make plans to attend this joyous occasion in the life of Westminster!!



WESTMINSTER NIGHT AT THE SMOKIES Come and enjoy the baseball game with friends!! Smokies vs. Rocket City Trash Pandas, September 15. Tickets are \$14/person via the church office. Checks can be made out to 'WPC' with 'Smokies baseball' in the memo line. Deadline to order tickets is September 11.

CRAFTING THEOLOGY men's group will meet on Sunday, September 10 at 6pm at Schulz Brau brewery. Feel free to grab food beforehand or while there. Please contact Jeff Gilbert or Daniel Lewis with any questions.

SHARE THE BOUNTY is held in the Schilling Gallery for the summer. Our Dave Dungan organic garden at the church is growing heartily. Our table provides a space to share the bounty from our personal gardens and our very own Westminster organic garden. 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. There is also a donation basket with any contributions this year going to our Presbytery's Carbon Footprint Fund.



YOUNG FAMILIES EVENT

September 10 at the Peninsula Club - pizza and pool party for all the young families at Westminster after the 11:00am worship. Bring your favorite swim gear to church to change into after worship (or when you get to the pool). The Peninsula Club is about 2 miles from the church, 2222 Houser Road. RSVP to Melissa Everett melissajane0112@gmail.com.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will meet Thursday, September 7, at 10:30am. We will be doing a book study on *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again* by Rachel Held Evans. The books are to be picked up at the first meeting where Mary Boyd will give some background on the author and introduction to her work. You do not need to read anything before then. The same class will also be offered on the second Sunday of each month during the 10:00am Sunday school hour beginning September 13.

HIKE WITH WPC the next hike will be a moderate stroll on the Middle Prong Trail to Indian Flat Falls on Thursday, Sept 14. This 8-mile RT hike follows an absolutely gorgeous stream for most of the 4-mile (gradual) climb. Our destination is a beautiful waterfall which is not on the Park map! As this is an out-and-back, one can turn around at any point. Let's gather at 8 AM at the church parking lot to organize carpools. If you prefer to meet at the trailhead, plan to arrive by 9:15. Let me know if you plan to hike so I can apprise of any last-minute changes due to weather. Feel free to pre-organize your carpool based on your preferred distance. Happy Trails! Contact Cindy Spangler to let her know you will be joining the group spangler@utk.edu



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OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, September 3

9:00am - Pavilion Worship

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Sanctuary Worship

5pm - *Abbey* deadline

Monday, September 4

Labor day Holiday - Church office closed

Tuesday, September 5

10:00am - Staff Meeting

12:00pm - Sage-ing Class

Wednesday, September 6

4:30pm - Companions (Prayer Room)

4:45pm - Boys' and Girls' Choirs

7:45pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, September 7

10:30am - Women's Bible Study

4:30pm - Brass Choir

7:00pm - Handbells

THE SESSION

Class of 2024

Josh Birdwell

Gloria Borum

Melanie Lewis

Lisa Oros

Chris Van Beke

Youth Elder: Arthur Collins

Class of 2025

Ed Babelay

Wendy Collins

Janet Drumm

Stephen Fortney

Barbara Froula

Clerk of Session: Leigh Dunlap

Class of 2026

Bill Farnham

Lee Ingram

Lucy Johnson

Kathryn Oakes

Richard Ward

TRUSTEES

Ron Alexander

Alice Mercer

John Smartt

OKTOBERFEST Sunday, September 24, 2023 from 5-8 pm at the Ruthie Carey Pavilion; Adults only. \$15 per person due in advance. **Tickets may be purchased before and after the 11:00 service today.** Checks can be made out to 'WPC' with 'Oktoberfest' in the memo line. Capacity of 120 people.

LADIES BOOKCLUB will be meeting September 19 at 10:30am in the Library to discuss *The Sharper Your Knife, the Less You Cry: Love, Laughter and Tears at the World's Most Famous Cooking School* by Kathleen Flinn.