



**The Order of Worship**

**September 10, 2023**  
**9:00 and 11:00 A.M.**

**FIFTEENTH 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**

(9:00) My Lord, What a Morning, When the Stars Begin to Fall

African-American spiritual

arr. Tom Fettke

(11:00) 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 siblings 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, alt.

**OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION**

**INTROIT (11:00)** O Praise God

George Thalben-Ball

O praise God in his holiness; praise him in the firmament of his power.

Psalm 150:1

Michael Yates

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song!

**All: This day is God's gift to us.**

One: Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song!

**All: God has graciously gathered us together in this place.**

One: Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song!

**All: God is good and faithful. God is worthy of our praise.**

**TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...**

**\*HYMN NO. 307** (*Glory to God* hymnal) God of Grace and God of Glory

*Cwm Rhondda*

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

Tender God,

We are grateful for the ways beauty and blemish are enmeshed in the natural world around us - that what is irregular, what is marked, the bent and the bowed is often what stirs our souls most deeply. We confess that we have not yet learned what it means to behold ourselves without impulse to destroy ourselves. We are haunted by interior demands of perfection that came to us through a world that celebrates illusions of flawlessness. Help us to reject the mirages of perfection, and release ourselves from expectations that only serve to destroy us. Hold us in the truth of our dignity, that we would learn the language of self-compassion, and grant our souls the rest you have promised. Amen.

**\*KYRIE ELEISON**

arr. David N. Johnson



Lord, \_\_\_ have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, \_\_\_ have



mer - cy up - on us. Lord, \_\_\_ have mer - cy up - on us. \_\_\_

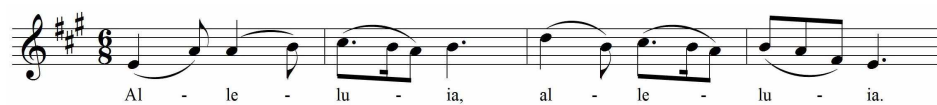
**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

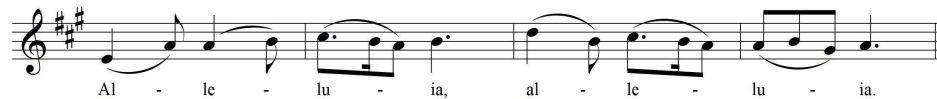
**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

**\*RESPONSE** Celtic Alleluia (*sing twice*)

Fintan O'Carroll



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Matthew 18:15-20

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)**

Sophia Manrod

*Children age 4 through 4<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to go downstairs for Sunday School.*

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Romans 13:8-14

**SERMON**

"Commerce and Community"

Rev. Dr. Richard Coble

**\*HYMN NO. 754** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Help Us Accept Each Other

*Baronita*

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

**The new life takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them. The new life however does not release people from conflict with unbelief, pride, and fear. They still have to struggle with disheartening difficulties and problems. Nevertheless, as they mature in love and faithfulness in their life with Christ, they live in freedom and good cheer, bearing witness on good days and evil days, confident that the new life is pleasing to God and helpful to others.**

**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.**

**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) A Modal Air

Michael Bedford

Handbell Choir

(11:00) Lord, for Thy Tender Mercies' Sake

Richard Farrant

Lord, for thy tender mercies' sake, lay not our sins to our charge, but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives, to decline from sin and incline to virtue, that we may walk with a perfect heart before Thee now and evermore.

from *Lidley's Prayers*, 1566

**\*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**

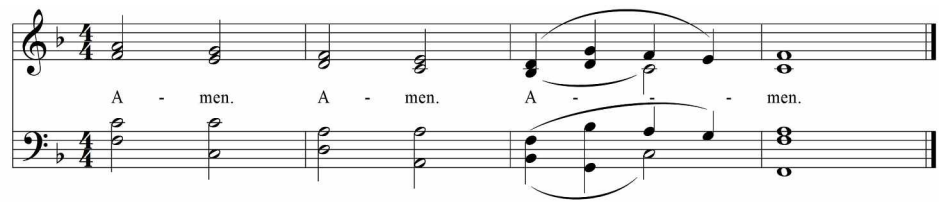
**TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...**

**\*HYMN NO. 408** (*Glory to God* hymnal) There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

*Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

\***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** (9:00) Amen Danish melody



\***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** (11:00) Sevenfold Amen John Stainer  
Chancel Choir

\***POSTLUDE**  
(9:00) All Creatures of Our God and King *Lasst uns erfreuen*  
arr. Lloyd Larson  
(11:00) Toccata No. 26 in G Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck

\*Indicates standing.

**NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY**

**PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK:** Kathryn Oakes and Ed Babelay  
**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) Josie Chattin and Caroline Anglin  
**GREETERS:** (11:00) Kathleen and Bill Farnham  
**LITURGIST:** Michael Yates  
**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** (9:00) Handbell Choir  
(11:00) Chancel Choir  
**SHEPHERD’S TEAM:** Rick Rawe  
**SENIOR USHER:** Tom Byerley  
**USHERS:** (9:00) Connie Graham and Donnie Graham  
(11:00) Georgann Byerley, Melissa Everett, Judy Jorden, Mike Kaufman, Gary Rowcliffe

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given by Penny Tschantz in memory of Bruce Tschantz, born September 15, 1938.

**OUR THANKS** to Ibbie Muntz for graciously serving as the pianist at the 9:00 service.

**RICHARD FARRANT (c. 1530-1580)** was a composer of church music, choirmaster, playwright, and theatrical producer noted for creating the Blackfriars Theatre, which hosted children’s companies. Becoming a gentleman of the Chapel Royal during the reign of Edward VI, he resigned the post in 1564 on being appointed master of the children at St. George’s Chapel, Windsor. He became Master of the Chapel Royal in 1569, holding this post concurrently with that at Windsor.

**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 Hour - Nursery available for children ages 0-3 years old  
Sunday School for kindergarten through 5th grade  
During 11:00 Hour - Nursery available for children 0-3 years old  
Children’s Church for children preschool thru 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

*Children will be walked to Children’s Church classes following the Time with Children during the 11:00 worship service.*

**YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES**

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

**WESTMINSTER MEN'S COVENANT BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP** Our next meeting will be Thursday, September 14th at 8:30 a.m. The lesson taken from Scott Galloway’s book *Adrift*, will be presented by John Smartt. Tom Byerley will provide a tasty breakfast. In *Adrift*, each chapter focuses on an economic or financial issue facing the USA today. John will focus on the last dozen chapters and graphs, each individually, with ideas and discussion for future changes. Come join us and bring a friend or a new member.

**THE INSTALLATION SERVICE** of our new Pastor and Head of Staff is a joyous and sacred event that marks the beginning of the covenantal relationship between the pastor and the congregation.

On this special day there will be one service, at 11:00am.  
Sunday school classes will be at the normal time and place.

The Rev. Samantha Gonzalez-Block, the Christian minister of the Interfaith Families Alliance in Washington DC and former co-associate pastor with Richard at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, will be preaching.

Dr. Heath Rada, former moderator of the PC(USA) and a member of Grace Covenant, will be leading the charge to the minister.

There will also be representatives from our Presbytery serving in the installation commission and helping lead worship.

Immediately following the service all the members of Westminster will host a potluck luncheon. We ask that you bring a meat dish, veggies, fruits, or desserts on trays ready to be served to the Schilling Gallery before the 11:00 service.

We have rented a big tent, tables and chairs for the church's courtyard. The Lisa Kaufman Hall will provide additional seating for our time together. We hope you make plans to attend this exciting service!

**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 TODAY!

**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.

**NEW ART IN THE SCHILLING GALLERY** Please take a moment and enjoy!

**Mike Berry's** exhibit focuses on the beautiful and poetic places in and around East Tennessee. Both landscapes and cityscapes are represented. He uses his own personal language of color and composition to create unique works that also capture his imagination. He received his MFA from the Savannah College of Art and Design in 1997. Knoxville has been the main subject of his work for more than two decades.

**Linda Sullivan's** pottery is displayed in the cases. She has a Bachelor of Arts in Art and Math from the University of Evansville (Indiana) and a Master of Fine Arts from Northern Illinois University where she focused on glaze chemistry and glaze testing. Her functional pottery has evolved to include interpretations of landscapes through the glazing process. All her glazes are self developed and poured to overlap one after another in a painterly way. She especially draws inspiration from the landscapes of the Southwest.

**THE NEXT WPC HIKE** 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 Cindy know if you plan to hike so she 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

**PRESBYTERY MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT** at @ John Knox Sept. 22-24!!!  
Our Middle School group will be joining other youth from the presbytery at the John Knox Center (Camp John Knox) on Friday, Sept 22- Sunday, Sept. 24! The theme for the weekend is "Our Cup Overflows." We will attend the event as a Westminster group, and get to meet other groups over the course of the weekend. This fun weekend will include fabulous faith, singing, and team-building events. (We even get to do some of the great ropes course... including the flying squirrel!!) The cost for the weekend is \$100 (scholarships are available for all who need them!) Let Barbara know by Friday, Sept. 15 if you can join us for this fabulous weekend!!!!

**CRAFTING THEOLOGY** men’s group meets TONIGHT 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.

**OKTOBERFEST** A rousing good time with our OOMPAH band and lot of brew or wine, if you prefer, and traditional German fare - brat dinner and fixings! Games will be included for your entertainment! 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** or through the church office. Checks can be made out to ‘WPC’ with ‘Oktoberfest’ in the memo line. Only 120 can attend - DO NOT WAIT!

**SAVE THE DATE!** Our friends at Emmanuel Presbyterian have invited us for a Friends and Family Picnic on Saturday, October 7 starting at 11:30! They are preparing a feast for us, and say we can bring desserts if we would like. There will be games and lots of great stories and conversation. Emmanuel's address is 3023 Selma Ave, 37914. We hope you can come and enjoy sharing the love with our sister church!

**ADVENT SEASON** The Schilling Gallery Guild is planning to display nativities for the months of November and December in the locked showcases in the Schilling Gallery. We are looking for creches that are unusual, out of the ordinary, made in a foreign country, made of different materials, or just incredibly beautiful Please consider lending your special symbol of Christ’s birth to our church for the Christmas season by calling Lana Daverman (865-584-5266) or Judy Jorden (865-679-9756) if you are able to participate in the show.

**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.

**YOUTH EVENING PROGRAM STARTS TONIGHT!** In accordance with tradition, we call upon the YOUTH of Westminster (5th-12th grade) to assemble today from 4-7 p.m. to celebrate the 14th annual Westminster Olympic Games!! Examples of our games will be: Fountain Bowling, Wacky Relay (with water balloons!), Mario Kart, Crazy Catapult, and the Joke Decathlon!!! There are beautiful medals to be awarded at the end of this super-fun evening! A dinner break will be included in our evening, and the medal ceremonies will take place at 7:00. We definitely need some parent help at this event. (Please let Barbara know you can help.) We hope to see you there for our big kick-off!!!

**FISH DELIVERIES** will take place on Thursday, September 14. Please contact Kathy Huck aakhuck@gmail.com if you are able to help volunteer.

**YOUNG FAMILIES EVENT TODAY** 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.

\*\* Prayer of Confession adapted from Cole Arthur Riley, @blackliturgies, January 24, 2023

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Sophia Manrod, Director of Children's Ministries

Renee Wieseuegel, Office Manager/Bookkeeper

Joanna Warren, Administrative Assistant

Linda Judge McRae, Parish Nurse

Debbie Bendy, Abbey Editor

Arthur Collins, Worship Tech

**OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**Sunday, September 10**

9:00am - Pavilion Worship

10:00am - Sunday School

11:00am - Sanctuary Worship

12:15pm Young Families Pool Party - Peninsula Club

4:00pm - Youth Fellowship

6:00pm - Crafting Theology

**Tuesday, September 12**

10:00am - Staff Meeting

6:30pm - Ministry Team Night

**Wednesday, September 13**

4:30pm - Companions (Prayer Room)

4:45pm - Boys’ and Girls’ Choirs

7:45pm - Chancel Choir

**Thursday, September 14**

8:00am - WPC hike

8:30am - men’s Fellowship Breakfast

1:00pm - FISH

4:30pm - Brass Choir

7:00pm - Handbells

**Friday, September 15**

7:00pm - Smokies Baseball Game

**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

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