



*"Where Faith and Life Connect"*

**The Order of Worship**

**September 11, 2022**  
**9:00 and 11:00 A.M.**

**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** Canzona No. 8 in G, BuxWV 175 Dieterich Buxtehude  
**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

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Luke 15  
 One: God calls to the lost, the least, and all who long for home;  
**All: God calls when we wander from the path;**  
 One: God scoops us up, carries us home;  
**All: God welcomes us, here, now, wherever we have been.**  
 One: We celebrate God's presence forever;  
**All: It is good to be here, and worship God.**

**TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...**

**\*HYMN NO. 22** (*Glory to God* hymnal) God of the Sparrow Roeder  
**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**  
**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)  
 Gracious and loving God, it is hard to place our trust in you. We look at the world, and see violence, pain, destruction, signs of hopelessness, and despair. We rely on our own strength, our own plans, our own devices, rather than trusting in your hand to hold us, your love to sustain us, and your wisdom to see us through. Forgive us, Holy One.  
 Help us turn to you when we are lost, that we might find our way home.

Help us navigate the treacherous waters of this world, that we might experience your abundant grace, mercy, and love. Help us put our trust in you, that the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus may shine in our lives for all to see. Amen.

**\*RESPONSE** Take, O Take Me as I Am John L. Bell

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**  
 Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!  
**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

**\*RESPONSE** Gloria Patri No. 576 (blue hymnal) Jacques Berthier

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

**SCRIPTURE READING** Psalm 14  
**\*CANTICLE NO. 565** (red hymnal) (11:00) Jubilate Deo Anglican chant  
**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN** (11:00) Allie Brewington  
*Children age 4 through 4<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Sunday School.*

**SCRIPTURE READING** Luke 15:1-7  
**SERMON** "Lost and Found" Rev. Dr. Anne McKee  
**\*HYMN NO. 649** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound  
*Amazing Grace*

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Bruce Prewer, Uniting Church of Australia  
**We believe in an innovative God, who does not wait for us to find ourselves but comes seeking the lost and calling us into a new way.**  
**We believe in Jesus of Nazareth as God's crucial initiative, that when he calls us to follow, Christ also gives us the power to become, both in creed and deed, the children of the living God.**  
**We believe in the Spirit by whom Jesus still comes to us, calling us to follow him into an obedience which is true liberty and to a humble service which is the fruit of holy friendship.**  
**We believe in the church as the fellowship of Christ's people, called to respect and support one another through joys and tribulations as we travel the road towards the "promised land" of God's future.**  
**Because Christ has called us, We follow in hope.**

**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**

(9:00) Zion's Walls (Revivalist Song) adapt. Aaron Copland  
 Come fathers and mothers, Come sisters and brothers, Come join us in singing the praises of Zion. O fathers don't you feel determined to meet within the walls of Zion. We'll shout and go round the walls of Zion.  
 John G. McCurry  
 (11:00) Great Day! African-American spiritual  
 Great day! Great day, the righteous marching, Great day! God's going to build up Zion's walls. Oh, Great day! Great day, the righteous marching, Great day! God's going to build up Zion's walls.

The chariot rode on the mountaintop, God's going to build up Zion's walls. My God spoke and the chariot did stop. God's going to build up Zion's walls. (Refrain)

This is the day of Jubilee, God's going to build up Zion's walls. God shall set the people free. God's going to build up Zion's walls. (Refrain)  
 African-American spiritual

**\*AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology *Lasst uns erfreuen*  
 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. 37** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Let All Things Now Living *Ash Grove*  
**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**  
**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE** Sevenfold Amen John Stainer  
 Chancel Choir  
**\*POSTLUDE** Fugue in C, BuxWV 174 ("Jig") Dieterich Buxtehude

\*Indicates standing.

**NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

**PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK:** Jaclyn Beeler and Chris Van Beke  
**CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR SEPTEMBER:** Cindy Spangler

### SERVING TODAY

**GREETERS:** Barbara Froula and Carol Beilharz

**LITURGIST:** Barbara Adamcik

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** Chancel Choir

**SENIOR USHER:** Bonny Naugher

**USHERS:** (9:00) David Woodall and Dan Berry

(11:00) Jaclyn Beeler, Buz Johnson, Tom and Georgann Byerley, Ken Hughes

**SHEPHERD'S TEAM:** Stephen Fortney

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

**WESTMINSTER CHORISTERS** (Grades 7 through 12) starts rehearsals this afternoon at 4:00.

**THIS MORNING'S PRELUDE** exhibits the contrapuntal mastery of the North German organist and composer Dieterich Buxtehude. It begins in typical fashion with the traditional canzona thematic elements and rhythm followed by entrances of each of the two accompanying voices with the same material, similar to a canon. Interestingly, this opening theme is then inverted to be the basis of the second section. Even more amazing is that Buxtehude then skillfully combines both the original and inverted forms of the theme in the third and final section!

**WESTMINSTER 101:** Are you interested in learning more about Westminster, whether as a visitor, new member, or long-time member? Next Sunday, Sept. 18, we will start a four-week adult class during the Sunday School hour, Westminster 101, in the Pavilion, weather permitting. Don't worry if you have to miss a week or two; just let Anne know you're interested, and we'll make it work!

**IN THE SCHILLING GALERY** for the months of September and October, we have two artists displaying their work. It is exciting when a child of our congregation has developed into a nationally recognized artist. Cory Greeson Wright (daughter of Gordon and Robin Greeson) brings to us her talent of portraying mainly plein aire paintings of Floridian beaches, rural East Tennessee and still lifes. These small beautiful paintings are found in the showcases. On the walls, local artist, Robert Felker presents his paintings of mainly local landscapes. He also uses collage for many of his works in a series of notable musicians. Please stop by to see these creative works which are available for purchase. All transactions are directly between the buyer and the artist.

**BIG, SCARY QUESTIONS** with Anne McKee is starting September 20. You are invited to participate in a noon (bring your own lunch) discussion of a variety of PCUSA statements on various social questions. These statements try to use the best Biblical and theological insights to guide, not dictate, our understandings. The first Tuesday, we'll look at why and how Presbyterians develop social witness policy, and for five Tuesday's after that, we'll look at specific statements, which the group will choose from a list of topics considered in the last few years. All are welcome, no matter your point of view or previous knowledge or lack thereof!

**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/>

**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST:** This Thursday, September 15th, at 8am in the Fellowship Hall will be our first fall meeting. Our speaker will be John Smartt, he is going to present a program that day and it is entitled "Covid -- Needless Death Count". We will provide hot coffee and a sausage biscuit if you order from Tim Crais via phone (), text, or email () by noon on Wednesday. We hope you will join us and perhaps bring a friend.

### **CHILDREN'S OFFERINGS AT WESTMINSTER**

#### **During 9:00 Worship:**

-Nursery available for children 0-5 years old

#### **During 10:00 Hour:**

-Nursery available for children 0-5 years old

-Fellowship time for kids 1st-4th grade

#### **During 11:00 Hour:**

-Nursery available for children 0-3 years old

-Primary Sunday school for children 4 y.o.-Kindergarten

-Intermediate Sunday school for children 1st-4th grade

(Children will be walked to Sunday school classes following the Time with the Children during the 11:00 worship service)

### **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**

10:00 am

**Adult Bible Study:** Led by Scott Brunger, this class meets in the McKinnon Room. The class chooses a book of the Bible to unpack in depth.

**Feasting on the Word:** This is a lectionary-based curriculum. The class, led by a rotating team of knowledgeable teachers, studies the scriptures that are used in worship. This class meets in the Fellowship Hall.

**The Wired Word:** Take a look at current events with a theological eye. The class, which meets in the library, is facilitated by a rotating team. The library is in the education wing. Go through the breezeway and turn right after you enter the building. There is plenty of lively discussion!

**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. The group is beginning *LADDER to the LIGHT, An Indigenous elder's meditations on hope and courage* by Steven Charleston.

**SHARE THE BOUNTY** table is in the Schilling Gallery. You are more than welcome to help yourself to what is provided on the table or share what you have extra of!

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### **OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE**

#### **Sunday, September 11**

9:00 am - Pavilion Worship

10:00 am - Sunday School

11:00 am - Sanctuary Worship

12:00 - Rally Day Festivities

4:00 - Choirsters

*Abbey Deadline*

#### **Monday, September 12**

7:00 pm- Congregational Zoom

#### **Tuesday, September 13**

6:30 pm - Ministry Team Night

#### **Wednesday, September 14**

4:45 pm Boys' and Girls' Choirs

6:30 pm- Companions Group - Prayer Room

7:45 pm Chancel Choir

#### **Thursday, September 15**

8:00 am Men's Breakfast Fellowship

4:30 pm Brass Choir

#### **Saturday, September 17**

7:30 am Habitat Blitz Day

**BREAKFAST IN THE SMOKIES** will be on October 1 at 9:00 at the Greenbriar Pavilion Picnic Area. Sign up on the bulletin board in the Schilling Gallery. Westminster to help welcome Afghan Refugee Family of Seven !

**BRIDGE REFUGEE SERVICES:** Our congregation (along with Lake Hills Pres) is working through Bridge to help a refugee family as they transition to a new life in Knoxville. We are preparing for a family of seven from Afghanistan adjust to a new life in Knoxville. We will be welcoming a Dad, Mom, and five kids ages 2-11 yrs on or around 9/14. Please check the Abbey for more details about how you can help.