



The Order of Worship

**October 20, 2024
9:00 & 11:00 A.M.**

TWENTY-SECOND 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.

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

PRELUDE

(9:00) Sonata, K545, Andante Wolfgang Mozart
 (11:00) Sometimes a Light Surprises the Christian Light, The Christian Lyre, 1830
 arranged by Robert J. Powell

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)**

Rev. Dr. Richard Coble

One: God's greatness is beyond our understanding, yet we proclaim

All: Bless the Lord, O my soul!

One: God stretched the heavens across the sky;

All: let us marvel at the stars that fill it.

One: God raised mountains above the depths;

All: let us gather in wonder before them.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 410** (*Glory to God* hymnal) God Is Calling through the Whisper

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***CALL TO CONFESSION**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Responsive)*

One: God beyond borders

We bless you for strange places and different dreams

For the demands of diversity of a wider world

For the distance that lets us look back and re-evaluate

For new ground where broken stems can take root, grow and blossom.

We bless you for the friendship of strangers

The richness of other cultures

And the intricate gift of freedom.

All: Blessed are you, God beyond borders.

One: But as we have overlooked the exiles in our midst

Heightened their exclusion by our indifference

Given our permission for a climate of fear

And tolerated a culture of violence

All: Have mercy on us,

God who takes the side with justice.

Confront our prejudice

Stretch our narrowness

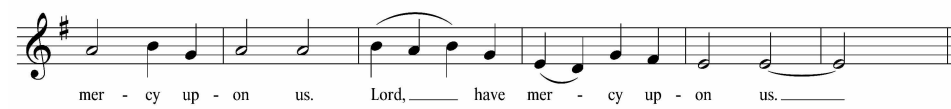
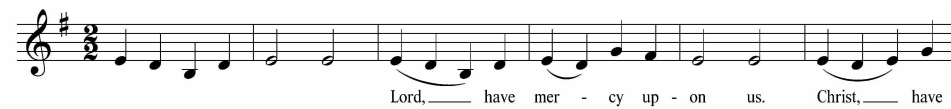
Sift out our laws and our lives

With the penetrating insight of your spirit

Until generosity is our only measure. Amen.

***KYRIE ELEISON**

arr. David N. Johnson



***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

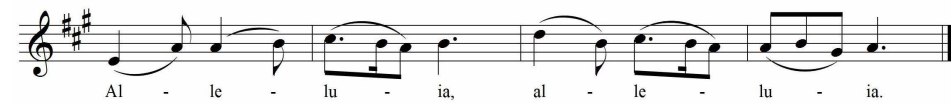
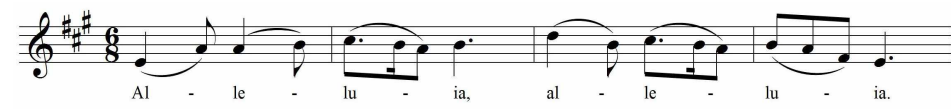
Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

People: **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

Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

Kristel Gibbons

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 10:35-45

SERMON

"The Servanthood Dilemma"

Rev. Dr. Eileen Campbell

***HYMN NO. 727** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

The Servant Song

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

(9:00) Stephanie Lynch-Wright

(11:00) Casey Page

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) Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place

Lanny Wolfe

(11:00) There Has to Be a Song

Andrea Ramsey

Text by Bob Benson

There are too many dark nights, too many troublesome days,
 too many wearisome miles.

There has to be a song to make our burdens bearable;

to make our hopes believable; to transform our triumphs into praise.

There has to be a song!

Somewhere down deep in a forgotten corner of each one's heart,
 to release the chains of past defeats, there has to be a song.

Like a cool, clear drink of water; like the gentle warmth of sunshine;

like the tender love of a child.

There has to be a song!

***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**

RECOGNITION OF INTERIM MINISTERS OF MUSIC (11:00)

Ibbie Muntz (Interim Director of Music)

Ruth Ann Bendy (choir leadership, pianist)

David Krahl (brass choir)

Jan Barber (handbells)

Mary Lou Holt (pianist, organist)

Theresa Pepin (organist)

John Brock (organist)

One: ...were clothed with Christ in baptism

and called by God through the voice of the church

to give particular service as interim music leaders.

All: **We remember with joy**

Our common calling to serve Christ

And celebrate God's call

To all who minister among us.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Unison)**

Abba Amma:

all good, all loving, all blessing,

our creator, author of our being;

Father and mother of our Lord Jesus Christ

and all who believe in him:

Mother and father of all families in heaven and earth:

May you be known by all;

May you be honoured and loved.

May your everlasting kingdom come,

May there be an end of misery and sin,

of infirmity and death,

that all may be consummated in bliss.

**May we love to do your will as the angels do
May it be our meat and drink
our highest glory and joy.**

**Give us all that is needed for the body
and the life of the soul,
our common and sacramental bread.**

**Remove every hinderance that prevents us
From loving and serving you.
Freely and fully do we forgive those who have wronged us.**

**Do not let us be lured and enticed into temptation
and make a way for us to escape all evil,
All glory and honour and worship are yours. Amen.**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 760** (*Glory to God* hymnal) Bring Many Names *Westchase*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

(9:00) Passacaglia G.F. Handel
(11:00) And Faith Points Upward to the Sky Distress, Sacred Harp, 1833
arranged by Robert J. Powell

*Please stand in Body or Spirit

** Call to Worship from *Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music and the Arts*. Vol 57.1. Prayer of Confession adapted from Kathy Galloway and the Iona Community. Prayers of the People adapted from Nichola Slee, *Abba Amma: Improvisations on the Lord's Prayer*.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Lucy Johnson and Richard Ward
CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR OCTOBER: Kathy Shilling and Jan Barber
SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES: (11:00) Chase Sands and Marguerite MacDonald

GREETER: (11:00) Kathryn Oakes

LITURGIST: Richard Coble

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: (9:00) Pianist, Mary Lou Holt
(11:00) Chancel Choir; Organist, Theresa Pepin

SHEPHERD'S TEAM: Michael Betz

SENIOR USHER: Tom Byerley

USHERS: (9:00) Carol Beilharz and Jeff Bendy

(11:00) David and Shawn Owens, Jaclyn Beeler, Tom Byerley, and
Mike Kaufman

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Leslie Versen in loving memory of her mother, Phyllis Daniels and her brother, Paul Daniels. We Remember Them.

MUSIC NOTE Like many Psalms, both despair and praise are part of today's anthem text, all the while, calling for the power of song. The gospel style composition brings that message to life. In this time of transition, the faithful WPC Chancel Choir has not wavered from their calling to sing to the Lord. There has to be a song, and they are here to sing it!

The Rev. Dr. Eileen Campbell-Reed is our guest preacher today.

Dr. Campbell-Reed is the Visiting Associate Professor of Pastoral Theology and Care at Union Theological Seminary in New York City and the author of several books, including *Anatomy of a Schism: How Clergywomen's Narratives Reinterpret the Fracturing of the SBC* (2016) and *Pastoral Imagination: Bringing the Practice of Ministry to Life* (2021). She is a graduate of the same Vanderbilt University doctorate program as Richard and the daughter of two beloved WPC members, Ron and Juanita Campbell. We are excited to welcome her to our pulpit this Sunday!

PRAYER LIST (Please keep the following names in your prayers this week)

Juanita Campbell, Sonja Jones, Judy and Joseph Moon, Lalla Phillips, Kitty Rasa, Doris Solomon, Vicki Chapman, Jonah McCollum, Karen and her son Brian, Anne Hector (Mary Jo Mann's niece), Janice Jennings, Salma Alami, Melinda Foster, family of Kenny Baker, Tim Reynolds, Fred Sigafoos (father of Linda Legge),

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

During 10:00 Hour - Childcare available for children thru 5th grade

During 11:00 Hour - Nursery available for children 0-3 years old

Children's Church for children preschool through 5rd 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 10:00am

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

YOUTH THIS SUNDAY! We have a great Sunday planned TODAY!!

9:45 a.m. - Confirmation meets with their mentors (we're discussing Jesus!)

10:00 a.m. - 6th grade and High School will learn about generous giving.

For our evening gathering, we will meet at the church at 5:00pm, make our own picnic supper, and take it to Lakeshore Park! While there, we will check out their new facilities starting with their labyrinth! We're also bringing outdoor games, going on a treasure hunt, and checking out the new pickleball courts. We'll return to the church at 7 p.m. So much to do in our own backyard!!!

CELEBRATE MUSIC LEADERS: Please join us TODAY after the 11:00am service for a reception to thank all those who have graciously taken on leadership roles in Westminster's music ministry during this transition time.

STEWARDSHIP SEASON Today we kick off the Stewardship Campaign for the 2025 giving year. Packets will be mailed soon with more information and pledge cards. New this year is an option to pledge online. Scan the QR code if you prefer this method. Stay tuned to the Abbey and E-news for updates.



WPC HIKE The next hike will be the Angel Falls Overlook at Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area on Thursday, October 24. Total mileage is 6. The last mile to the overlook involves a bit of rock scrambling and a ladder but otherwise the hike is rated easy-moderate. Let's gather at Outback Steak located at 314 Merchants Drive at 8:30 am. Park at bottom of the lot facing Merchants. Please register with Cindy Spangler if you're interested, spangler2@gmail.com.

MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP The next meeting will be on Thursday, October 24 at 8:30 am in the McKinnon Room. Our guest speakers will be Chris Agee and Steve Clabough from KARM, the Knox Area Rescue Ministries. Mike Casey will serve up breakfast. Come join us for this very special program.

HOLIDAY WREATH ORDER Wreaths are made to order with Fraser Fir greenery, which holds needles longer. Each wreath comes complete with handmade, weatherproof, Red VelPruf bow. Pre-orders must be placed no later than **Sunday, October 27** on the sheet located in the Schilling Gallery or via email to Linda Legge (lmlegge21@gmail.com). Payment of \$30/wreath is due upon delivery in cash, or a check made out to P.E.O.-Chapter D/TN.

TRUNK-OR-TREAT, OCTOBER 27 Please join us for our Westminster Trunk or Treat event Sunday, October 27, from 5-7 p.m. Our Fellowship team will be providing a hot dog dinner for everyone. The youth will be hosting games with fabulous prizes, and speaking of fabulous: we invite everyone to decorate your trunks and give out treats to our many trick-or-treaters! We will have prizes for the Scariest, Funniest, and Best-of-Show trunks!! We will be setting up the trunks and games at 4:30, and our Trunk-or-Treaters should arrive by 5. Come and join the fun!!

NORRIS LAKE BREAKFAST We are getting closer to the "Breakfast at the Lake" and can share some more details about this fellowship event. First off, you can now register for the breakfast by signing the sign-up sheet located on the bulletin board in the Schilling Gallery or the one in the hallway near the kitchen. Second, the address of the Faerber lake house is 821 Lindsey Mill Circle, Rocky Top, Tennessee, which is about three miles off Exit 128 of I-75 North. This is about a 40 to 45 minute drive from the church, but don't despair. A hearty appetite will make the drive worthwhile. And finally, carpooling is encouraged, especially if we have a lot of folks (and we hope we do) to sign up. Our veteran cooking crew is looking over their recipes and getting their pots, pans, grills, and utensils primed and ready for this country breakfast extravaganza, so start dreaming about Saturday morning, November 16. You will not be disappointed!

LECONTE 2025 We have 26 spots reserved on Sunday, July 20. The cost is \$190 per hiker. The cost covers a beautiful night stay in the luxurious cabins. It covers dinner that night and a big mountain breakfast the following morning before we head back down the mountain. If you would like to go, please call or email the church office how many spaces you would like and then send in your payment no later than November 20.

ALL SAINTS DAY CARDS This year we are asking folks to commemorate their lost loved ones by writing their name on the gray cards in your bulletin (extras on the name tag table) and placing them in the offering plate. These tags will be used as a remembrance during the service November 3.

THE LOST AND FOUND table is overflowing! Please check to see if any of the items are yours. We will be donating unclaimed items October 21 to KARM.



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Ibbie Muntz, Interim Director of Music

Allie Brewington, Interim Director of Children's Ministries

Renee Wiesehuegel, Office Manager/Bookkeeper

Joanna Warren, Administrative Assistant

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Debbie Bendy, Abbey Editor

Sawyer Warren, Worship Tech

OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, October 20

12:15pm - Youth Drama practice

12:15pm - Music Reception

12:30pm - Kid Check Meeting

5:00pm - Youth Lakeshore Labyrinth

5:00pm - Wombats Softball game

5:00pm - *Abbey* deadline

Tuesday, October 22

10:00am - Staff meeting

12:00pm - Class: Christian Nationalism

2:00pm - Memorial Service Chip Herzog

Wednesday, October 23

4:30pm - Companions

7:00pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, October 24

8:30am - Men's Breakfast

4:30pm - Brass Choir

7:00pm - Handbell Choir

THE SESSION

Class of 2025

Ed Babelay

Wendy Collins

Janet Drumm

Stephen Fortney

Barbara Froula

Youth Elder: Lucy Gilbert

Class of 2026

Bill Farnham

Lee Ingram

Lucy Johnson

Kathryn Oakes

Richard Ward

Class of 2027

George Barber

Mary Boyd

Allie Brewington

Emily Gustafson

Ken Hughes

Clerk of Session: Bitsy Ingram