



The Order of Worship

November 26, 2023
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY

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 Variations on “The King of Love”

St. Columba

Raymond H. Haan

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 100)

Barbara Adamcik

One: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

All: Worship the LORD with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.

One: Know that the LORD is God. It is God that made us, and we are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.

All: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise.

One: Give thanks to God, bless God's name.

All: For the LORD is good; God's steadfast love endures forever, and God's faithfulness to all generations.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

*HYMN NO. 35 (Glory to God hymnal) Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Lobe den Herren

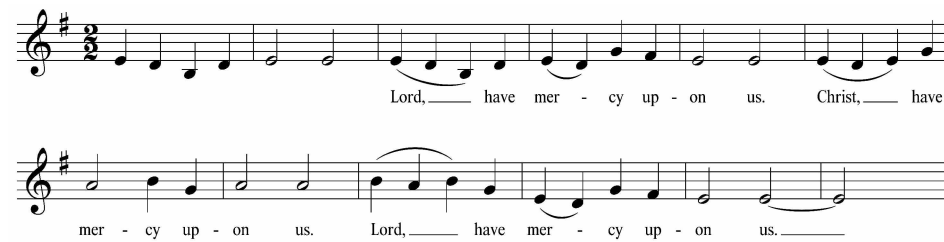
*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

Shepherding God, you have called to us, but we have not answered. You have sought us out, but we have continued to wander. You have tenderly gathered us together and cared for us, but we have not extended that same care and mercy to others. Forgive us. Remind us. Teach us. Set us free from sin that we might turn toward your love and justice for the whole world. Guide us so that, tentative step after tentative step, we may walk in your way. Amen.

*KYRIE ELEISON

arr. David N. Johnson



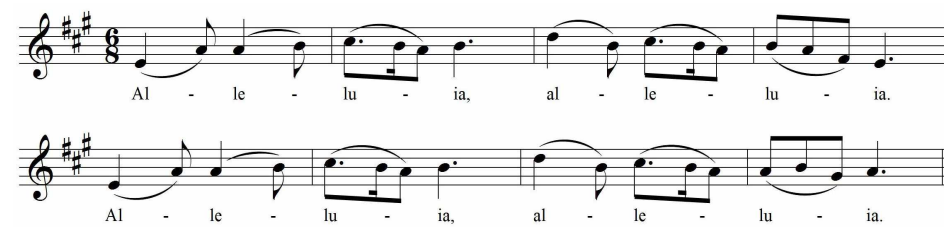
*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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 25:31-40

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

Melanie Lewis

Children age 4 through 3rd grade are invited to go downstairs for Children's Church.

SCRIPTURE READING

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

SERMON

“Scattered and Gathered”

Rev. Dr. Richard Coble

*HYMN NO. 187 (Glory to God hymnal) Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

Bradbury

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) From the Iona Community

We believe that God is present in the darkness before dawn; in the waiting and uncertainty where fear and courage join hands, conflict and caring link arms, and the sun rises over barbed wire. We believe in a with-us God who sits down in our midst to share our humanity. We affirm a faith that takes us beyond the safe place into action, into vulnerability and into the streets. We commit ourselves to work for change and put ourselves on the line; to bear responsibility, to take risks, live powerfully and face humiliation; to stand with those on the edge; to choose life and be used by the Spirit for God's new community of hope. Amen.

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 All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above Lobet den Herrn, ihr arr. Ludwig Lenel

All praise to God, who reigns above, The God of all creation, The God of wonders, pow'r, and love, The God of our salvation! With healing balm my soul He fills, The God who ev'ry sorrow stills To God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty pow'r hath made His gracious mercy keepeth; By morning dawn or evening shade His watchful eye ne'er sleepeth; Within the kingdom of His might, Lo, all is just, and all is right To God all praise and glory!

Johann Schütz

*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

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

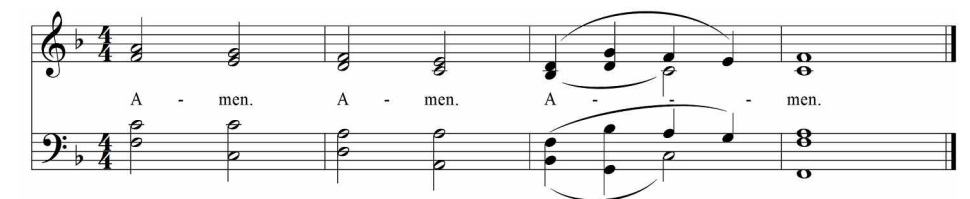
*HYMN NO. 643 (Glory to God hymnal) Now Thank We All Our God

Nun danket

*CHARGE AND BEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Amen

Danish melody



*POSTLUDE Variations on “God of Grace, God of Glory”

Cwm Rhondda

Paul Manz

*Please stand in Body or Spirit

** Prayer of Confession by the Rev. Ginna Bairby and the Presbyterian Outlook

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Lucy Johnson and Lee Ingram
CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR NOVEMBER: Janet Tortorelli
LARGE PRINT HYMNALS/ HEARING DEVICES are available from the ushers.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTE: (11:00) Eli Everett
GREETERS: (11:00) Kathryn Oakes and Renee Wiesehuegel
LITURGIST: Barbara Adamcik
MINISTRY OF MUSIC: (11:00) Members of the Chancel Choir
SHEPHERD’S TEAM: Tom Byerley
SENIOR USHER: Ken Hughes and Casey Page
USHERS: (9:00) Jack Carley and Reed Ellis
(11:00) Tim and Joyce Ryan, Jay Schmid, Mike Kaufman, Michael Yates

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Janet and Peter Tortorelli in thanksgiving for their daughter, Julia on her 37th birthday.

OUR THANKS to Theresa Pepin for leading the choir and serving as organist this morning while Peter and Anne Van Eenam are on vacation.

ORGANIST AND COMPOSER LUDWIG LENEL (1914-2002) was in Strasburg, Germany. Quoting Wikipedia: “During his youth, Lenel met and was strongly influenced by Albert Schweitzer, who frequently stayed with the Lenel family while visiting Heidelberg. He then later studied organ with Schweitzer, and assisted him on tours of Germany and Switzerland in 1932 and 1936, respectively. In 1935, he was awarded his diploma from Hochschule für Musik in Cologne. In 1938, he was awarded a diploma from Basel Music Academy in Switzerland.” After emigrating to the United States, Lenel worked as an organist while continuing his study of music composition at Oberlin Conservatory of Music, where he was awarded a Master of Music degree in 1940. Later, he was a professor of music, head of the music department, and composer in residence during his 27 years at Muhlenberg College before retiring in 1979.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 am

Adult Bible Study: The Bible Study class is reading and discussing every part of the Gospel of John. We compare many different translations to learn what the words meant to the followers of Jesus and to us now. (McKinnon 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 - Kids Camp Nursery available for children of all ages.
During 11:00 Hour - Nursery available for children 0-3 years old
Children’s Church for children preschool through 3rd grade
Children will be walked to Children’s Church classes following the Time with Children during the 11:00 worship service.

UNDER THE TREE: This Advent season, we are supporting Volunteer Ministry Center’s Under the Tree holiday drive. You can find our Christmas tree full of tags set up in the church office through December 10. Please take as many tags as you like and purchase the listed gifts. Place NEW, unwrapped, gifts under the tree. We will deliver them to VMC by their December 15 deadline. The collected items will go to those who are working to achieve housing through the many VMC programs. Examples of items needed are: sweatpants and shirts, pullovers with hoods, socks, underwear, sports bras, hats, gloves, assorted hygiene products, shampoo, body wash, body lotion, adult coloring books, and coloring pencils. Thank you in advance for your help!!!

ADVENT ADVENTURES - SAVE THE DATES!!

Westminster is full of opportunities for everyone to gather in love and anticipation during this advent season! We hope you can join in the festivities!

Saturday, December 2, 5:30pm - Family Movie Night in the Ruthie Carey Pavilion

Sunday, December 3, 10:00am - Alternative Christmas Bazaar

Wednesday, December 6, 7:00pm, Lisa Kaufman Hall- Knoxville Jazz Youth Orchestra Christmas Concert. Talented young musicians from all of East Tennessee will skillfully play your holiday favorites!

Sunday, December 10, 6:00pm, Lisa Kaufman Hall- “The Best Christmas Pageant Ever.” WPC's youth and children will share the "real" story of Christmas in this hilarious and poignant story of children hearing it for the first time.

Wednesday, December 13, 5:30pm- Christmas Craft Night & Christmas Carol Sing! The three C’s: Catering, Crafts, and Caroling!! Westminster’s Connect Team is providing a meal from Olive Garden, Sophia is organizing awesome crafts to make, and Ibbie is leading us in a carol sing (featuring some musical guests!) Choose your own adventure- there's something for everyone!!

Wednesday, December 13, 5:30pm - Grace Filled Christmas 5:30pm at Ascension

Sunday, December 17, 10-10:45am - All-Church Christmas Breakfast!

Come enjoy a fabulous pot-luck breakfast with your Westminster family!

Tuesday, December 19, 7:00pm - Evensong presented by Chancel Choir

Sunday, December 24, 10:00am - Worship

5:00pm - Family Oriented Christmas Eve Service

8:00pm - Christmas Eve & Communion Candlelight Service

STEWARDSHIP Many thanks to all of you who have come together to offer your time, talents, and financial resources to the glory of God through the ministries of Westminster Presbyterian Church. We have received 139 pledges so far from our 255 family units for a total of \$747,868.00. We need EVERYONE’S participation in order to reach our asking budget of \$1,100,284. Big or small - when we come together - we can achieve our goal.

ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS GIFT FAIR will be December 3. Please join us in the Schilling Gallery between worship services and/or after the 11:00 a.m. service. Each vendor will be representing a certain organization/charity to which the profits will go. This is a great way of finding some very meaningful gifts during the holidays! Please note that some participants will accept credit cards as well as Venmo. Not all booths will have credit card machines, so be prepared for cash purchases.

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Renee Wiesehuegel, 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, November 26

9:00am - Sanctuary Worship

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12:15 - Play Practice (LKH)

Tuesday, November 28

10:00am - Staff Meeting

10:30am - Ladies Book Club

5:00pm - Boys’and Girls’ Choirs

Wednesday, November 29

4:30pm - Companions in Prayer Room

7:45pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, November 30

10:00am - Art Group

4:30pm - Brass Choir

6:00pm - Recorder Ensemble

7:00pm - Handbells

Friday, December 1

4:00pm - Boys’and Girls’ Choirs

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

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Alice Mercer

John Smartt