

Service for the Lord's Day

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 8, 2019



*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
and teaching them to obey everything
that I have commanded you. And remember,
I am with you always, to the end of the age.*

Matthew 28:19-20

Welcome visitors, newcomers, and friends worshipping with us today!
Feel free to take a *Welcome to Westminster* pamphlet from the pew rack. We hope you will worship with us again, whenever possible. If you're interested in joining our church community, please speak to a pastor after worship or contact the church office, 434-293-3133.

Preparing to Hear God's Word

Opening Voluntary

Aria Prima

Johann Pachelbel

◆ Call to Worship

We come, to offer all we have to God:

our minds, our bodies, our hearts, our hopes.

We come, to offer all we are to God:

**our relationships with families and friends,
our longing to draw closer to other pilgrims.**

We come, to offer all we would be to God:

our faith, our discipleship, our yearning to follow Jesus.

We come, to offer ourselves to God:

We come, to worship with joy and thanksgiving.

◆ Hymn 473

For the Beauty of the Earth

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Call to Confession

The psalmist declares that God who creates us — God who loves us,

God who redeems us — searches us and knows us completely.

Before a word is on our tongues, God knows it completely. And we are assured that there is nowhere we can go where we are separated from the presence of God.

Prayer of Confession

O Lord,

you have examined our hearts and know everything about us.

We confess we have been reluctant to speak out clearly,

to name the injustice we see and to declare your vision.

We have run from our calling as your people:

to serve others, to love neighbor and to worship only you.

We have neglected to witness to your kingdom of justice and joy,

and we have hidden from your truth.

Forgive what we have been.

Help us amend what we are and shape what we shall be

that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways.

Silent Prayers

Sung Response *sung three times*

Jacques Berthier

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace, al-le-lu-ia!

Assurance of Pardon

*Hear the good news! The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.
I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Be at peace.*

Thanks be to God. Amen.

◆ Sung Response

HS No. 22

All glory be to God on high
And peace on earth from heaven,
And God's good will unfailingly be to all people given.
We bless, we worship you, we raise for your great glory, thanks, and praise,
O God, the great Creator.

◆ Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

Announcements for the Church and Community 11:00

Time with Children and Youth 11:00

God's Word to Us

Psalter

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

OT pg. 545

Anthem

11:00

Lord, Thou Hast Searched Me

arr. Alice Parker
text from Psalm 139

Lord, thou hast searched me and dost know where'er I rest, where'er I go;
Thou knowest all that I have planned, and all my ways are in thy hand.
My words from thee I can not hide; I feel thy power on every side;
O wondrous knowledge; awful might, unfathomed depth, unmeasured height.
Where can I go apart from thee, or whither from thy presence flee?
In heaven? It is thy dwelling fair; in death's abode? Lo, thou art there.
If I the wings of morning take, and far away my dwelling make,
The hand that leadeth me is thine, and my support thy power divine.

continued

If deepest darkness cover me, the darkness hideth not from thee;
To thee both night and day are bright, The darkness shineth as the light.

New Testament

Matthew 28:16-20

NT pg. 32

Sermon

Disciple-izing

Dr. Frances Taylor Gench

◆ Affirmation of Faith

adapted from *A Declaration of Faith*

We believe Christ calls us to be disciples.

In forming his people and sending them into the world,

Jesus called individuals to be disciples.

They were to share the joy of his companionship,

to understand and obey his teachings,

and to follow him in life and death.

We confess that Christians today are called to discipleship.

Life shared with Christ and shaped by Christ is God's undeserved gift to each of us.

It is also God's demand upon every one of us,

never perfectly fulfilled by any of us.

Forgiven by God and supported by the family of faith,

we strive to become more faithful and effective in our daily practice of the Christian life.

◆ Hymn 392 11:00

Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord

Hall

Prayers of the Congregation and the Lord's Prayer

hymnal, page 16

The Offering

Offertory

8:30

Badinerie

J.S. Bach

11:00

The Waters of Life

James Biery

ancient Christian hymn

The voice of God calls us above the waters,

The glory of the Son shines on us,

The love of the Spirit fills us with life.

◆ Doxology

No. 591

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

We give you thanks this day, gracious God,

for the goodness and love you have shown us in Christ.

We ask your blessing upon these gifts;

may they build your love in the world to the honor of your name. Amen.

◆ Hymn 429

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

Abbot's Leigh

◆ Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Tocatta and Fugue

Johann Pachelbel

◆ Please stand, as you are able.

The flowers today are given by Dan Heuchert, in memory of Dr. Charles M. Heuchert.

Hearing Enhancement – Westminster is equipped with personal hearing assistance devices for use by our worshippers. These are available in the narthex, to be checked out from the ushers before services. Our sanctuary is equipped with “T-coil” technology.

Large-Print versions of the bulletin, *The Presbyterian Hymnal*, and our own *Hymnal Supplement* are available for use during the service. If you would like to use any of these large print copies, please ask an usher.

Children and Worship – Families are encouraged to worship together, whenever possible. We strive to include children who are first graders and older in our worship service. Children’s pew Bibles, children’s bulletins, and worship bags are available from the ushers. A “comfort room” is available downstairs for those with small children who might need a place to rest or play. A speaker in that room makes it possible to hear the service.

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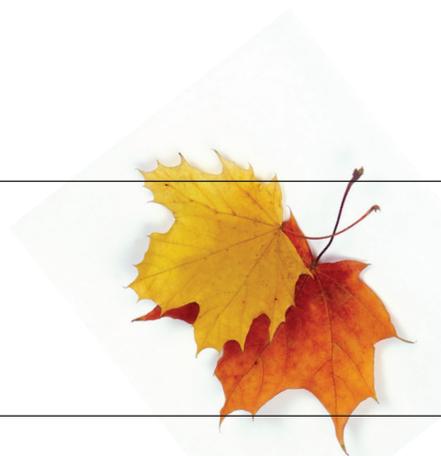


Church School Classes begin

Sunday, September 15

8:30 and 11 a.m. Worship with Ken Henry preaching

9:30 a.m. Classes for children, youth, and adults



Participants in Worship

Liturgists

Lynne Clements

Dorothy Piatt

Greeters

8:30 Lucy Burnette

11:00 Faith Andrews Bedford

Deacon of the Day

Betsy Bloom

Fellowship Team

Cyndy and Dave Martin

Nancy Takahashi

David Oakland

Soloist

Ellie Weikle

Sound Engineer

8:30 Mark Outlaw

11:00 Elton Oliver

Coming Up

Sunday, September 8

8:30 and 11 a.m. Worship

Frances Taylor Gench,
preaching

9:30 a.m. Breakfast and Welcome

12:15 p.m. Fellowship Hour

Session Meeting, library
Singers Retreat, choir room

Tuesday, September 10

10:30 a.m. Worship Comm.,
lounge

7 p.m. Tuesday Evening Study

Group, lower lounge

Wednesday, September 11

7 p.m. 20/30 CreW Wednesday

Wind-Down, Kardinal Hall

Thursday, September 12

12:30 p.m. Adult Lunch, library

4 p.m. Choristers Rehearsal,
choir room

6 p.m. All-Choir Potluck

7 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal,
choir room

Sunday, September 15

8:30 and 11 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. Church School

12:15 p.m. Fellowship Hour
Singers rehearsal, choir room

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WESTMINSTER NEWS & EVENTS

Westminster Choirs: Singers begin their program year with a retreat today, from 12:15 to 2 p.m. and meet on Sundays at 12:15 p.m. On Thursdays, Adult Choir meets at 7 p.m., and Choristers meet at 4 p.m. Questions? Contact Megan Sharp, music@westminsterva.org.

Materials for our local **CROP Hunger Walk** will be distributed today at 4 p.m. in the lower lounge in the church office. Please consider serving as a recruiter for your group, class, or organization. Our 48th Annual CROP Hunger Walk is on October 13.

On September 10, the **Tuesday Evening Bible Study** group begins monthly meetings to discuss *Loved Carved In Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments*. Meet in the lower lounge at 7 p.m., and books are available for \$15. Questions or transportation needs? Call Lucy Burnette, 434-979-0100.

Join us on September 15, when **our newest members** will be recognized in worship — and welcome them at fellowship hour after 11 a.m. worship!

Mission Endowment Proposals — Proposals are welcome from organizations that would like to be supported by the Mission Endowment Fund for Fall 2019. They are due to the church by noon on October 8, 2019. Funding for 2019 is anticipated to be \$12,000, to support one or more startup activities or new innovative projects that fulfill our mission to build a more just and peaceful world.

Introducing 20/30 CreW: for people in their 20s and 30s through Westminster! This group brings together graduate students and young professionals through social, spiritual, and service opportunities. Whether you're new to Charlottesville or simply want to meet new friends, join us September 11 at 7 p.m. at Kardinal Hall! To r.s.v.p. and stay posted on Wind-Down locations and other events, contact Dorothy Piatt, dpiatt@westminsterva.org.

On Sunday September, 8, from 3 to 5 p.m. at Congregation Beth Israel, 301 E. Jefferson Street, **learn about conditions at the Mexican border** from those who have recently spent time with asylum seekers at the border. Presenters include Kristin Clarens, an attorney for Legal Aid Justice Center (LAJC); David Baluarte, Assoc. Prof. of Law and immigration expert at Washington and Lee University; and Shawn Gewirtz, a licensed clinical psychologist.

Usher Volunteers Needed: By becoming a Westminster Usher Volunteer, you will have the opportunity to greet those coming to Sunday services. Volunteers can specify their preference for serving at the 8:30 or 11 a.m. service. Please email Saunders Midyette, saundersmidyette@gmail.com, to learn more.