



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Do Justice · Love Kindness · Walk Humbly

September 25, 2022

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost – Birthday Sunday

The Service of Worship

** Please rise in body or in spirit as you are able.*

Please observe silence and turn off mobile devices during the preludes.

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ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

ORGAN PRELUDES

Chorale Preludes on *Aus tiefer Not (Out of the Depths)*

Three Little Chorale Preludes:

All Depends upon God's Blessing – When in the Hour of Utmost Need – Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

Monica Umstaedt Rossman

Randall Thompson – F.W. Zachau – Samuel Scheidt

Jan Bender

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cheryl Barton Henry

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

Hymn **402, vs. 1:**

Merle's Tune

How lovely, Lord, how lovely is your abiding place;
My soul is longing, fainting, to feast upon your grace.
The sparrow finds a shelter, a place to build her nest;
And so your temple calls us within its walls to rest.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Through work and through rest,

Rejoice and be glad.

Through doubt and through certainty,

Rejoice and be glad.

Through all we have overcome to come together in this place,

Through lives of joy and times of time, we choose to rejoice and be glad!

* THE HYMN **403** OPEN NOW THY GATES OF BEAUTY

Unser Herrscher

THE ACT OF CONFESSION

Alex Stayer-Brewington

Why do we confess our sin?

Because all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

But why do we do this together?

Because we are a community, a covenant people.

Then let us confess our sin.

Merciful God, we confess to turning away from you in the ways we wound our lives, the lives of others, and the life of the world. We have allowed jealousy and resentment to drive a wedge between us and our friends. Obsessed with our own wounds, we have often forgotten that others hurt, too.

Open our eyes, O Christ. Help us to see one another, in our beauty and in our pain, that we might grow to love our neighbors more perfectly. Amen.

A TIME OF PERSONAL SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE ELEISON

arr. David N. Johnson

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* THE GLORIA PATRI No. 581

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*Following the Children's Message, children 4 yrs–1st grade are invited to Godly Play in the Church Parlor.
Younger children may join the nursery in Mission Center Room G7 or the playground.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Adapted from John Milton's Prayer of Illumination

Holy Spirit of God, instruct us in all truth. What is dark, illumine, what is low, raise and support, what is shallow, deepen; that every chapter of our lives may witness to your power. In the name of Jesus, giver of all grace. Amen.

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Genesis 39:1-23, Matthew 5:11-12

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

"Now Joseph"

Cheryl Barton Henry

MOMENTS OF SILENCE

* THE HYMN NO. 172 BLEST ARE THEY

David Haas

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From "A Declaration of Faith"

Jesus Christ stands at the center of the biblical record. The Bible is the account of God's word and action in history, together with his people's response in faith. It tells how the Lord has moved with Israel and the church towards the kingdom of God, his just and loving rule over all. It is the story of the one God, who is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. That story is still unfolding and in faith we make it our own. It forms our memory and our hope. It tells us who we are and what we are to do. To retell it is to declare what we believe.

BIRTHDAY PRAYER

O God, our times are in your hands. Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Birthday Hymn

African-American spiritual

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Chris Tuttle

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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

[8:30] Chorale Prelude: *Wenn wir in höchsten Nöten sein*
(When in the hour of utmost need)

J.S. Bach

[11:00] Out of the Depths

Out of the depths I cry to you; O Lord God, hear me calling.
Incline your ear to my distress in spite of my rebelling.
Do not regard my sinful deeds. Send me the grace my spirit needs;
Without it I am nothing.
In you alone, O God, we hope, and not in our own merit.
We rest our fears in your good word; uphold our fainting spirit.
Your promised mercy is my fort, my comfort, and my strong support;
I wait for it with patience.

The Chancel Choir

Aus tiefer Not; tune & text by Martin Luther
Harmonization by J. S Bach; see hymn 424, vs. 1 & 3

* DOXOLOGY

Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* THE HYMN 731 GIVE THANKS FOR THOSE WHOSE FAITH IS FIRM

Repton

* THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* MUSICAL BLESSING

Hymn 750:

Goodness is Stronger

Goodness is stronger than evil, love is stronger than hate;
Light is stronger than darkness; life is stronger than death.
Victory is ours, victory is ours through God who loves us.
Victory is ours, victory is ours through God who loves us.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Te decet Hymnus (To Thee We Sing)

John E. West

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WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Today

8:30am Service

Ushers: Margery Enberg, Pat Trost

Lector: Chuck Byrd

Offering Counter: *Volunteer needed*

11:00am Service

Welcome Station Andy Dunk

Ushers *Volunteers needed*

Lector: Joye Hodges Douthart

Offering Counters: *Volunteers needed*

Sound Technician Don Smith

Live Stream Technician Mark Hill

October 2

8:30am Service

Ushers: *Volunteers needed*

Lector: *Volunteer needed*

Offering Counter: *Volunteer needed*

11:00am Service

Welcome Station Sarah Motsinger

Ushers AJ Motsinger, *Volunteer needed*

Acolyte Lily Motsinger

Lector: *Volunteer needed*

Offering Counters: *Volunteers needed*

Sound Technician Ryan Steck

Live Stream Technician Ben Allen

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SEPTEMBER 25 WEEKLY UPDATE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Opportunities to learn, worship, connect, and serve

TODAY: New Members' Class Begins

Are you interested in learning more or joining our Westminster Family? Our Fall WPC Inquirers' Class begins today just after our first worship concludes, from 9:45 - 10:45am, in the Mission Center Room 205. The class will run for four weeks through October 16. You'll have time with our pastors, program staff, and WPC members as we learn together. Please speak with one of the pastors after worship today if you're interested in joining the group.



Church School for All Ages is Underway

A new season of Sunday classes for children, youth, and adults has begun! Look for posters around the campus to direct you to your rooms. **View the updated fall listing of adult offerings at <https://bit.ly/wpcfall22adultce>.** Receive information and get connected with class members by completing the registration form at <https://bit.ly/fall22adultlearning>.

NEW Church School Offerings

Faithful Families for Parents of Children & Youth Parents, wrangle your kids out of bed and bring them to Church School (we know it's not easy, so come casual!). Then head over to the Parlor to connect with other parents for coffee and conversation in a relaxed setting. We'll have important topics and thoughtful conversations to learn and grow in our journey of faith with God and in our ministry as a parent. Join the gathering **on Sundays, at 9:45-10:45am.**

Music for Young Children "Strings & Sounds" is a joyful time for our preschoolers (age two through Kindergarten) every Sunday morning beginning today at 9:45am! Children listen to a variety of child-friendly Christian songs while moving, singing along, and playing fun percussion instruments.

Brunch Bunch for Youth – Begins Next Sunday! Youth love connecting with one another, and they love food! This year, we're adding a fellowship breakfast to our schedule on the first Sunday of each month called Brunch Bunch. Parents are invited to bring in the ingredients for a breakfast that the youth then prepare and enjoy together in the kitchen of the Youth Suite. Parents will supervise, guide, cajole, and generally enjoy the fellowship with these young people. We'll aim to feed 10 to 12 youth and leaders. Sign up here to join the fun: <https://bit.ly/WPCyouthbrunch>.



Rise Against Hunger Meal-Packing Mission Event

Wednesday, October 12, Two sessions: 5:00-6:00pm and 6:00-7:00pm

Westminster is excited to again partner with Rise Against Hunger for a meal-packing event, this time in our new Fellowship Hall! Through this unique service opportunity, we will dance, sing along, and be in fellowship as we aim to package more than 10,000 meals.

Over the years, WPC has worked with Rise Against Hunger on 12 events and packed 128,324 meals! At just 39 cents per meal, these meals are distributed through Rise Against Hunger's global partners that administer school feeding programs, orphanages, health clinics, vocational training, and respond to crises.

Make plans to take part in this fun, educational, highly interactive, highly impactful, family-friendly event. Meal-packing is suitable for ages 5 and up. You may register or donate toward our \$3,800 meal-packing fundraising goal (or both!) at <http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/WPC>. Questions? Please contact Jami Howell (jamihowell37@gmail.com).



October: Beach Retreat for WPC Women's Grief Group

The WPC Women's Grief Group is making plans now to take a retreat to the beach October 27-29. If you are a widow and would enjoy the company of this awesome group of women, you are invited to come along! Please contact Cathy Snider (casdms@earthlink.net) for details.



Donations Needed for Families Moving Forward

Families Moving Forward, one of WPC's community partners, is in need of the following donations:

- Paper products: Paper towels, toilet paper
- Cleaning supplies: Pine-Sol, dish soap, bleach, glass cleaner, floor cleaner, toilet bowl cleaner, toilet brushes, scrub brushes, sponges.
- Personal care items: Shampoo, body wash, bar soap, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes

Please drop off your donations in the green bin located in the Mission Center reception area.

Questions? Please contact Pat Trost (pattrost@gmail.com).



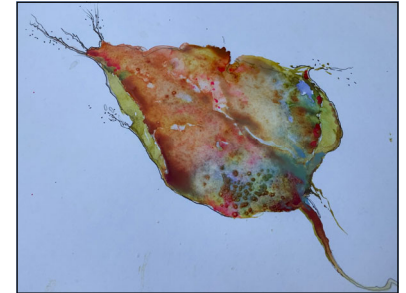
Signs of Love Art Exhibition

Opening: November 20, 2022

Art Drop-Off Deadline: November 6, 2022

"In our life, there is a single color, as on an artist's palette, which provides the meaning of life and art. It is the color of love." – Marc Chagall

The color of love is what unites us and is something that the world is yearning to see and experience. What are signs of love for you? What do you experience when you, or others around you, make love real? What are the colors and textures of love? Show us your colors of love and be a part of WPC's new Art Exhibition: Signs of Love.



Art by Kathryn Galey, WPC Member

- Artists of all ages and experience levels are invited to submit up to three works of original visual art.
- All submitted art should be framed or mounted in such a way that it can be hung or placed on a table display. 3M wall hanging strips will be used – please plan accordingly.
- All works should be submitted to Mission Center Room 204 by November 6.
- Please submit an artist's statement and registration form with your artwork. Visit <https://bit.ly/signsofloveart> for links.

Our Signs of Love Art Exhibition will be on display in the Fellowship Hall November 20 - January 8. Questions? Please contact Katie Donoway (kdonoway@gmail.com).

Important, Easy, and Rewarding

Serve Your Church Family as a Worship Volunteer

The old saying "it takes a village" can easily be applied to Sunday morning worship! It takes a lot of helpers to make it happen – Ushers, lectors, Welcome Station hosts, acolytes, offering counters, sound and video techs, and more! There's a role that suits every skill set, and it's a wonderful way to get to know others in the church. Sign up today!

Ushers: <https://bit.ly/2022-2023ushers> **Lectors:** <https://bit.ly/2022-2023lectors>

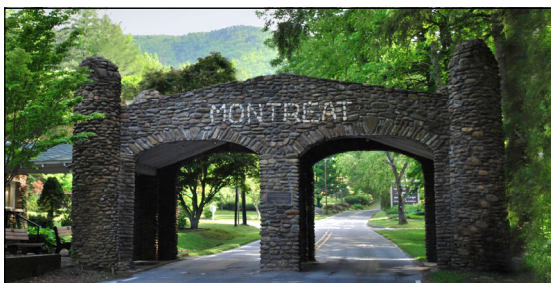
8:30am Offering Counters: <https://bit.ly/830amworshipvolunteers>

Welcome Station, Acolytes, AV, and 11:00am Offering Counters: <https://bit.ly/11amworshipvolunteers>



Welcome Back, Thankam

We're happy to have our former pastoral intern, Thankam Rangala, as Westminster's new part-time Pastoral Resident! You'll see her on Sunday mornings, sometimes leading worship and sometimes enjoying worship from the pews. Be sure to give her a warm welcome-back!



SAVE THE
date

All Church Retreat

March 3 – 5, 2023

Contact Marietta if you are interested

Details coming soon!



WESTMINSTER THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 25 – Birthday Sunday

- 8:15am Nursery opens for infants and toddlers – Room G7
8:30am Worship – Sanctuary
9:45am Church School for All Ages – *View the listing of class locations at the Mission Center main entrance*
Children's Strings & Sounds
Confirmation Class
Faithful Families Group – Parlor
Inquirers' Class – Room 205
10:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Music Room
11:00am Worship – Sanctuary & YouTube
5:00pm Session Meeting – Room 105
Local Missions Agency Review – Zoom
5:30pm Youth Group – Fellowship Hall

Monday, September 26

- 9:30am Monday Morning Bible Study – Room 105
7:00pm Westminster Ringers Rehearsal – Music Room

Tuesday, September 27

- 10:00am WPC Staff Meeting – Room 105
5:00pm Class of 2023 Deacons Serving Shelter Meal – Urban Ministries of Durham
7:00pm Congregational Care Committee – Zoom

Wednesday, September 28

- 1:45pm Food Distribution at Iglesia Emanuel Presbiteriana– **Sign-up:** <https://bit.ly/IglesiaPresEmanuel>

Thursday, September 29

- 9:30am Doorways – Parlor
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Music Room

Sunday, October 2 – World Communion Sunday

- 8:15am Nursery opens for infants and toddlers – Room G7
8:30am Worship – Sanctuary
9:45am Church School for All Ages – *View the listing of class locations at the Mission Center main entrance*
Children's Strings & Sounds
Confirmation Class
Faithful Families Group – Parlor
Inquirers' Class – Room 205
10:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Music Room
11:00am Worship – Sanctuary & YouTube
5:00pm Local Missions Agency Review – Zoom
5:30pm Youth Group Class Dinners – Various locations

WESTMINSTER LEADERSHIP

SESSION

Moderator: Chris Tuttle **Clerk:** Sally Keener

2023 Class: Suze Bear, Ruth Caccavale, Geoff Vaughn, David Wilcox

2024 Class: Brad Davis, Michelle Ferguson, Mark Hill, May Stanfield, and Helen Tharrington

2025 Class: Mary DuBard, Gray King, Collin Phillips, Logan Toms, Laurel Trantham

DIACONATE

Co-Moderators: Ellen Vogel, Ashley Barnes **Clerk:** Sarah Motsinger

2023 Class: Jim Elkins, Spencer Leslie, Pru Meyer, Sarah Motsinger, Tom Tolley, Ellen Vogel, Elsa Woods

2024 Class: Shannon Allee, Charlie Atwater, Ashley Barnes, Sam Bryan Jr, Suzanne Graham, Rachel High, Sarah Reuning

2025 Class: Eleanor Hill, Melissa Katrincic, Page Page, Madison Rauscher, Bill Stokes, Nathan Swiggett, Sara Wylie, Kaitie Yeoman

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty 403

1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me
 2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so
 3 Speak, O Lord, and I will hear thee; let thy will be

en - ter there, where my soul in joy - ful du - ty
 un - to me; where we find thee and a - dore thee,
 done in - deed; may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee,

waits for God who an - swers prayer; O how bless - ed
 there a heaven on earth must be; to my heart O
 while thou dost thy peo - ple feed. Here of life the

is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace.
 en - ter thou; let it be thy tem - ple now.
 foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

In the first stanza "Zion" is not a general synonym for Jerusalem but a reference to the part of the city where the Temple stood. It prepares the way for the interior temple of the heart in stanza two. The pre-existing tune is by a prominent German Reformed hymnwriter.

TEXT: Benjamin Schmolck, 1732; trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt.
 MUSIC: Joachim Neander, 1680; harm. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863, alt.

UNSER HERRSCHER
 8.7.8.7.7.7

Blest Are They 172

1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; theirs is the
 2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones; they shall in -
 3 Blest are they who show mer - cy; mer - cy
 4 Blest are they who seek peace; they are the
 5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate, all be -

king - dom of God. Blest are they,
 her - it the earth. Blest are they who
 shall be theirs. Blest are they, the
 chil - dren of God. Blest are they who
 cause of me. Re - joice, be glad;

full of sor - row; they shall be con - soled.
 hun - ger and thirst; they shall have their fill.
 pure of heart; they shall see God.
 suf - fer in faith; the glo - ry of God is theirs.
 yours is the king - dom; shine for all to see.

Refrain
 All C D7 G D Em G C G
 Re - joice and be glad! Bless - ed are you;

Am A D C D7 Em Em7
 ho - ly are you! Re - joice and be glad!

C Dsus D C G
 Yours is the king - dom of God!

This hymn paraphrases the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12), the opening portion of Christ's Sermon on the Mount. Similar words of blessing also occur in the Sermon on the Plain (Luke 6:20-23). Both sets of sayings reverse worldly values and offer a new understanding of God's ways.

TEXT: David Haas, 1985
 MUSIC: David Haas, 1985; arr. David Haas and Michael Joncas, 1985
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BLEST ARE THEY
 Irregular

731 Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm

Capo 1: (D) E^b (A) B^b (Bm) Cm (G) A^b

1 Give thanks for those whose faith is firm when all a -
 2 Give thanks for those whose hope is clear, be - yond mere
 3 Give thanks for those whose love is pure, a spar - kling
 4 Give thanks for saints of a - ges past and saints a -

(D) E^b (A) B^b (D) E^b (G) A^b (Em) Fm (A) B^b (F#m) Gm

round seems bleak: on God's good prom - ise they re - ly, so
 mor - tal sight: who seek the cit - y God has planned, the
 pre - cious stone: they show by what they say and do an
 live to - day: though of - ten by this world de - spised, their

(Bm) Cm (G) A^b (Em) Fm (A7) B^b7 (D) E^b

while they live and when they die how force - ful -
 true, e - ter - nal prom - ised land, and steer on -
 in - ward beau - ty, warm and true, for God's con -
 hearts by God are rich - ly prized. Give thanks that

(A7) B^b7 (B) C (Em) Fm (G) A^b (A7) B^b7 (D) E^b

ly they speak: the strong, who once were weak!
 toward that light, a bea - con ev - er bright.
 cerns they own: God's love through them is known.
 we may say we share their pil - grim way.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

The first three stanzas of this text are organized around the three great virtues—faith, hope, and love—mentioned in 1 Corinthians 13:13. These have indeed been the marks of the faithful people of God always and everywhere, and the final stanza sums up our gratitude for them.