

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Lord's Day September 24, 2017  
 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*Hear our prayers, God of power, and through the ministry of your Son free us from the grip of the tomb, that we may desire you as the fullness of life and proclaim your saving deeds to all the world. Amen.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Lighting the Christ Candles

Call to Worship:

Leader: I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

People: My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the afflicted hear and be glad.

Leader: O magnify the Lord with me,

People: and let us exalt his name together! Psalm 34:1-3

All: To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen. First Timothy 1:17

\*Hymn: *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* #12

\*Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you called us to be a servant people, but we do not do what you command. We are often silent when we should speak, and useless when we could be useful. Have mercy on us, O God. Forgive us and free us from sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Time for Personal Confession

Response: *Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us* Dvořák

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

Lord, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us, upon us.

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: What then shall we say to this? If God is for us, who is against us?

People: He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, will he not also give us all things with him?

Leader: Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies; who is to condemn? Is it Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised from the dead, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us? Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

People: No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:31-35; 37-39

Leader: Friends, this is the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

\*Gloria Patri: *Glory Be to the Father* #581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
 As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.  
 Amen, amen.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings:

Offertory

\*Doxology: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; #606  
 Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
 Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*Prayer of Dedication

Prayer for Illumination:

Gracious God, give us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts, that we may receive what you have revealed, and do what you have commanded. Since we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth, make us hunger for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

Psalter: Psalm 105:1-10  
 (Refrain is from Lamentations 3:22-23)

Capo 1: (D) (D/F#) (G) (A7sus) (A)  
 E♭ E♭/G A♭ B♭7sus B♭

Refrain

The stead - fast love of the Lord nev - er ceas - es; God's  
 mer - cies nev - er come to an end. They are  
 new ev - ery morn - ing, new ev - ery morn - ing; great is your  
 faith - ful - ness, O Lord, great is your faith - ful - ness.

Leader: Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

People: Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.

Leader: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

People: Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always.

Sing Refrain

Leader: Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced, you his servants, the descendants of Abraham, his chosen ones, the children of Jacob.

People: He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth.

Leader: He remembers his covenant forever, the promise he made, for a thousand generations,

People: the covenant he made with Abraham, the oath he swore to Isaac.

Leader: He confirmed it to Jacob as a decree, to Israel as an everlasting covenant:

People: "To you I will give the land of Canaan as the portion you will inherit."

Sing Refrain

Scripture Reading: Matthew 20:1-16

Anthem: *O Master Let Me Walk With Thee* arr. David S. York

Time for Young Disciples

(Preschool children may return to their pew or gather at the piano door where today's shepherd will lead them in a time of special activities.)

\*Hymn: *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant* #727

Scripture Reading: Philippians 1:20-28

Sermon: *A Manner Worthy of the Gospel* Steve Newton

Prayers of the People

Lord's 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.

\*Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

\*Hymn: *Lift High the Cross* #826  
 \*Benediction  
 \*Choral Response: *We Will Walk with God* #742  
*Sizohamba naye*

Postlude

\*Please stand if you are able

## Westminster Presbyterian Church (PCUSA)

**Westminster Presbyterian Church exists to declare God's love for all through Jesus Christ, to nurture and encourage spiritual growth, to maintain the integrity of divine worship, and to share the love and joy found in Christ by giving ourselves to our community and to the world.**

# Westminster Presbyterian Church

Nacogdoches, Texas



### ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Ushers: Clarence Bahs      Charlotte Sanderson  
           Sue Johnson        David Sanderson

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Liturgist: Clarice Miller

Reader: Clarence Bahs

### THE SESSION

<u>Class of 2017</u> Ken Deppisch Bennie Kitchens Chris Kline Lisa Thompson	<u>Class of 2018</u> Bobbie Ann Anderson Clarence Bahs Deborah Dalton Kristi Hachtel Michele Peck	<u>Class of 2019</u> Bruce McNellie Robin Moore Ray Taylor Patricia Thompson Betsy Tucker
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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Sunday, September 24

5:00 pm Youth  
 6:00 pm Session Meeting

#### Monday, September 25

5:15 pm Soul Sisters

#### Tuesday, September 26

1:00 pm Sanctuary Guild  
 5:30 pm Handbell Practice

#### Wednesday, September 27

5:45 pm Dinner and Program  
 7:30 pm Choir Practice

#### Thursday, September 28

9:30 am Circle Meeting

#### Sunday, October 1

##### *World Communion Sunday*

9:30 am Sunday School  
 10:30 am Children's Choir  
 11:00 am Worship Service  
 12:00 noon Communion Reception hosted by  
 Worship Committee  
 5:00 pm Youth

**THE INVITATION TO MEMBERSHIP at Westminster Church is always open to persons who wish to join us in witness and service to Jesus Christ. If you are interested in church membership or desire more information about this congregation, please indicate on the Friendship Pad or speak to the pastor, or one of the elders following the service.**

MINISTERS: All the Members of the Congregation

CHURCH STAFF:

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 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

<sup>20</sup> I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. <sup>21</sup> For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. <sup>22</sup> If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! <sup>23</sup> I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; <sup>24</sup> but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. <sup>25</sup> Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, <sup>26</sup> so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me.

<sup>27</sup> Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel <sup>28</sup> without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you.

Philippians 1:20-28