



*The Journey Begins ...
How Many Times?*

WESTMINSTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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September 17, 2023, 10:30am Pentecost 16



Attendance — text “HERE” to 443-234-0806.
Visiting?—text “WELCOME” to 443-234-0806.

WELCOME

Rev. Ken Humbert

PRELUDE

“Fugue in C Major”

Handel

* CALL TO WORSHIP—Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, March 2023

L: Children of God, when we face strife, upset, and harm in our midst, we so often turn to God and ask:

P: How many times should I forgive?

L: When Jesus answers that we should forgive again and again and again, we are tempted to repeat the question:

P: How many times should I forgive?

L: Until God turns the question around: “How many times have I forgiven you?”

P: Seventy times seven.

L: “How many times have I loved you?”

P: Seventy times seven.

L: “How many times has my grace been sufficient for you?”

P: Seventy times seven.

L: Let us learn, then, how to forgive not out of our own power, but out of God’s, who forgives us that we might be free to learn to live with one another, well.

* HYMN

“Joyful, Joyful”

Original Words by Henry Van Dyke
Additional Words and Music by Bernie Herms

* GATHERING PRAYER—Written by Tony Peterson, *The Africana Worship Book*, Year A
As we gather, O Lord, we give you thanks as we call on your name, and we will make known your deeds among the peoples. We'll sing to you, we'll sing praises to you; we'll tell of all your wonderful works. We glory in your holy name; let the hearts of those who seek you rejoice. Just as we will seek you, Lord, and your strength; and your presence continually. We remember the wonderful works you have done, your miracles, your teachings and the gift of new life through Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen and Amen.

* PASSING THE PEACE The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

KIDS' TIME

ANTHEM *"Gentle Words"* Words/Music by Polly M. Rupe (ca. 1867)
see bulletin note arr. Kevin Sigfried

PASTORAL PRAYER/COMMUNITY PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER (UMH 895)

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

* HYMN *"Help Us Accept Each Other"* stanzas 1-2 UMH 560

GOD'S WORD IS READ Matthew 18:21-35

REFLECTING UPON GOD'S WORD Pastor Malcolm Stranathan
"The Journey Begins: How Many Times?"

RESPONSE TO THE WORD SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM UMH 33
Baptized, today—Evelyn Grace Birmingham
daughter of Justin and Taylor (Klingelhofer) Birmingham

OFFERTORY *"Offertory on 'Pleading Savior'"* arr. Paxton

*Doxology *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"* UMH 94

*Offertory Prayer

Generous God, you have given so much to us in love and joy – every good thing in our life reflects your caring. Even in the giving of our offerings, we have tried to give our best but know we could do more. In a world where forgiveness has become a rare commodity, it is often an asset we hold back to maintain power over one another. Help us to hear the teaching of Jesus in the generosity of forgiveness. May we learn to give that to others with wild extravagance! We pray in Christ's name, who gave all. Amen. (Matt 18:21-35)

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Westminster UMC, P.O. Box 2316, Westminster, MD 21158-2316. Thank you.*

* HYMN *"Where Charity and Love Prevail"* stanzas 1-3 UMH 549

* SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE (please be seated) *"Morning Fanfare"* Martin

TODAY—POPCORN SALE—our Cub Scout Pack 631 is selling popcorn in the narthex before/after service. Stop by for all your popcorn needs and support your church pack.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY
WUMC offers members a 9-week class opportunity, **beginning Mon, Sept 18, 7pm, via ZOOM. Registration is required.** First 10 persons/couples to register—cost is \$75. Additional registrant—cost is \$80. Workbook and online access provided upon payment. Please contact Lorna Rice at councilsec@wumcmd.org or 443-506-1838 for more information or to register.

ANTHEM BULLETIN NOTE: Like thousands of songs in the Shaker music tradition, Gentle Words had fallen out of the oral tradition in the early 20th century, to be rediscovered in 1974 as a manuscript in Shaker history archives. Text and tune were written by Polly Rupe, a prolific female composer from the Shaker community in Pleasant Hill, Kentucky. The text is universal, evoking the ethic of reciprocity, the Golden Rule. Kindness matters. (Kevin Siegried, 1969).

CHILDREN OF HOPE—new start date: Sunday, Sept 24, 11:45am, Handbell Room

OFFICE HOURS—by appointment, only.

REMINDER—October is “Pastors & Staff Appreciation Month.” *Prayers, cards, notes, in-person words of encouragement, love offering; collection boxes provided at the back of the Sanctuary, through Oct 8.*

Pastor Malcolm Stranathan
Lead Clergy

Jonyae Curry
Director of Youth Ministry

Dave Hughson
Facilities Manager

Bill Pond
ASL Interpreter

Pastor Ken Humbert
Minister of Visitation

Emily Gibbs
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Peggy Brengle
CAGO-Organist



SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE—

8:15am CHAPEL SERVICE—Duvall Chapel

9am EDUCATION HOUR—all ages

Nursery—3yrs and under (Preschool hall)

Primary—pre-K thru grade 4 (tower)

Middle School—grade 5-7 (Youth House)

High School—grade 8-10 (Youth House)

Adult Sunday School—New Life in Christ led by Woodie Wood, Rev. Dr. David Highfield, Rev. Dr. Sue Shorb-Sterling (NLIC room)

"How Then Should We Live? Jesus' Sermon on the Mount for Today" Woodie Wood
Sept 10-Oct 15

Adult Discussion Class—(Disciple Room) led by Anne Dorwart. Studying the Gospel of Mark using resource by Amy Jill Levine.

10:30am WORSHIP—onsite and online

11:45am CHILDREN OF HOPE—Handbell Room beginning Sept 24, led by Linda Wood

DONATE—A BABY SHOWER FOR JESUS
Donation list and collection box in narthex thru Dec 4. Benefits "A Night in Bethlehem" Dec 8-9.
Learn more at: <https://shorturl.at/IEY03>.

SERVICE NOTES INFORMATION BOX

8:15am/10:30am—Music: Peggy Brengle, CAGO-Organist Leading Worship: Rev. Dr. Malcolm Stranathan
10:30am—Chancel Choir: Kyler Brengle, Director Praise Band @ Center & Main: Rich Umla, Worship Leader
Slides: Kyler Brengle AV Tech: tbd Liturgist: Rev. Ken Humbert ASL Interpreter: Bill Pond

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Contact Kyler Brengle, Director of Music Ministries, for additional details, if needed.

Our Mission: “Changing lives through Jesus Christ to make a difference.”

BULLETIN PRAYER LIST (see REQUESTING PRAYER, below)

Our Church Family

Wesley Stranathan
Jeff & Marjie Kimble
Lisa Bowman
Sue Harbold
Ron Morningstar
June & Don Hicks
Tricia Rossig
Eileen Burgher
Wayne Olson
Dan & Carol LaFon

Long-term:

Ellis Lawson
Chris Clise
Grace Justice
John Carbaugh
Christy Swartzbaugh

Our Family and Friends (requests in the past two months)

Karen McCarthy (daughter of Ed & deceased Betty Davis)
Susan Hagarty (niece of Randy & Diane Groft)
Mack (grandson of Darlene & Charlie Parlaman)
Lorraine Hinton (Chris Brown's aunt)
Tommy Walker (grandson of Dianne & David Bearr)
Sherri Haines (church administrative assistant)

Our Global Ministries Missionary & World Vision Child

Nan McCurdy, Miguel Mairena (Puebla Mexico) - BGBM
Onney Khosa (Zimbabwe) - World Vision/WUMC UMYF

Those in Military Service

Jonyae Curry, Army
(Director of Youth Ministry at Westminster UMC)
Alex Gray, Air Force, Ft. Gordon, GA
(son-in-law of Steve & Darlene Sadowski)
Jason Marusiak, Army, 82nd Airborne Div., Fort Riley, KS
(son-in-law of The Flinns)

REQUESTING PRAYER

Submit your prayer request via online, email, or phone:

- Online, www.wumcmd.org/prayer-requests.html
- Email Pastor Malcolm, m.stranathan@wumcmd.org
- Email Rev. Ken, revken@starpower.net
- Call the church office, 410-848-8325.

UWF PANCAKE BREAKFAST NEXT SUNDAY, SEPT 24, 7-11:30am



\$8—adults
\$4—children
Children 3yrs
and under
eat free.

REACH

OUR MISSION: To reach out to those within our congregation who are reaching out to us in need of help.

Are you a church member in need of:

- Funeral Lite Fare
- Meals following recovery or mourning
- Transport to local medical appointments

Please contact REACH, directly, for help:

REACH—SEPTEMBER

Carole Roberts
(410) 790-7104

MONTHLY 90's BIRTHDAYS *published with permission through LINKS*

We celebrate our WUMC
nonagenarians!

Our records indicate no church
members of 90+years in our database

If we missed you, reach out to Sherri,
s.haines@wumcmd.org.

TEXTING OPTIONS IN WORSHIP

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to 844-307-2876



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Online offering—please scan QR code

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