

The Order of Worship

**October 11, 2009
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.**

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

When the prelude begins let us quietly prepare for the Worship of God.

PRELUDE Intrade (from *Six Pieces*)

Johann Pezel

Brass Choir

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

Ritual of Friendship

A Fellowship register will be found on the pew nearest the center aisle. Please fill it out and pass toward the outside and then return it to the center aisle, taking note of who is sitting in the pew with you. Following worship, please greet those around you. If you are a visitor and would like insight into the life of Westminster, pick up an Information Packet from the credenza in the Narthex of this Sanctuary.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: When work lays claim to us, and busy-ness seduces,

People: Jesus says to put first things first.

Leader: When we put pressure on ourselves to be more, better, faster,

People: Jesus says to put first things first.

Leader: When decisions loom and choices multiply,

People: Jesus says to put first things first.

Leader: When worries wake us up at night,

People: Jesus says to put first things first.

Leader: When faith makes its claim upon our time, ourselves, our lives,

People: Jesus says to put first things first.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 482** (blue hymnal) Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Lobe den Herren

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Scattered, broken, joyful, confused, from a variety of places we come to you, O God. We come to you under the weight of our concerns, the recklessness of thoughts, the words without restraint, and the things we can never take back. We come to you in the recognition of our sins. Forgive us for our sins and the wrongs we do. Lift us out of our complicity and

complacency that we might truly become the new creations you desire us to be. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

***RESPONSE** Take, O Take Me as I Am

John L. Bell

***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 ...

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 4:12-16

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

Kristi Gordon

Children age 4 through 3rd grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Children's Worship. A nursery is available during the entire service for infants through age 3.

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 10:17-31

SERMON

"First Things First"

Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

***HYMN NO. 391** (blue hymnal) Take My Life

Hendon

(Verses 1, 3, 4, and 6)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

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.

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.)

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

(9:00) Es spricht der Unweisen Mund wohl

Johann Michael Bach

The Fool Says in His Heart, "There Is No God." (Psalm 14)

(11:00) Psalm 150

John Harper

Alleluya, Alleluya. Praise God in his holy place, Praise him in his mighty heav'ns, Praise him for his powerful deeds, Praise his surpassing greatness. Alleluya, Alleluya. O praise him with sound of trumpet, Praise him with lute and harp, Praise him with timbrel and dance, Praise him with strings and pipe. Alleluya, Alleluya. O praise him with resounding cymbals, Praise him with clashing of cymbals. Let ev'rything that lives and that breathes

give praise to the Lord. Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya.

***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology No. 514 (red hymnal) *Old Hundredth*

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 361** (blue hymnal) (11:00) How Firm a Foundation *Foundation*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 586** (blue hymnal) Amen Danish melody

***POSTLUDE** Sonata No. 2, Movement III Felix Mendelssohn

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP here today.

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK are Judy Jorden and Don Byerly.

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR OCTOBER: Georgann Byerley

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS are available from the ushers.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES (11:00): Eva James and Lily Seidner

GREETERS:

(9:00) Leslie and Robert James

(11:00) Megan Milam and Anna Milam

CHILDREN’S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Nursery Staff

(11:00) Angela Grobe

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Brass Choir

(11:00) Brass and Chancel Choirs

SENIOR USHER: Alan Chesney

USHERS:

(9:00) David Woodall and John Styron

(11:00) Ashley and Scott Porter, Kathy Shilling, Barbara Wilkinson, Scott Rutherford

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Brian and Jean Bonnyman to the glory of God in memory of their parents, Gordon Bonnyman, Isabel Ashe Bonnyman, George Webb and Carolyn McSween Webb.

THE CHANCEL CHOIR and soloists will present Johannes Brahms’ *A German Requiem* Tuesday evening, November 3, at 7:30, in the sanctuary. We hope you’ll be able to join us! As preparation for this performance, please take advantage of the course on the Brahms taught by Reverend Muntz and Daniel Berry during the Sunday School hour.

JOHN HARPER is Music Research Professor of Music and Liturgy at The Royal School of Church Music and Director of the new International Centre for Sacred Music Studies at Bangor University in Wales. He is Emeritus Director of The Royal School of Church Music as well as a Visiting Scholar at Sarum College, Salisbury, England.

CHILDREN’S DRAMA AUDITIONS will be held today at 12:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The audition is open to all children ages 8 and older. This year’s presentation, *The Other Wise Man*, will be performed on December 6.

SHOW AND WAMS meet together this evening from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. We will make grilled cheese sammies, have some quality hang out time and even author our very own book! What will our book be about? You’ll have to join us to find out!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY meets Monday, October 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the SHOW room.

MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT is Tuesday, October 13 at 7:00 p.m. The Nurturing/Congregational Care team will bring refreshments.

PLEASE CHECK THE LOST AND FOUND in the kitchen if you are missing any items. We will soon be making a donation of unclaimed items to Goodwill.

RESERVE YOUR SPOT for next year’s LeConte hike! Please send your \$50 deposit to the church office, noting “LeConte reservation” on your check. The hike will take place July 24, 2010.

Wednesdays With Westminster

October 14

Here is what we have planned for Wednesday, October 14:

5:45 - 6:30 p.m. – Dinner - Lasagna, salad, bread and dessert. You do not have to make reservations, and the dinner is free unless you want to make a donation at the door.

6:30 - 7:30 p.m. – Activities - nursery for infants through age 4 and programs for ages 5 through 5th grade. Middle schoolers and high schoolers can join the adults. Here are the choices:

Buran Phillips' class entitled, "**Meet John Calvin – Part 1**"

Don Byerly's presentation entitled, "**Rocks and Their Revelations**"

So, come enjoy the food, fellowship and study at WWW. You will be glad you did.



OUR RACE FOR THE CURE TEAM this year will be co-led by Kathryn Oakes and Meredith Mackay. Online registrations are being accepted until October 16 at www.komenknoxville.com. Last-minute sign-ups will be at West Town Mall October 21-23 for the race on **Saturday, October 24 at 8:30 a.m.** As an alternative to walking or running, you can sign up to "Sleep in for the Cure" or make an online donation to our Westminster Tribe Alive team.

WESTMINSTER FALL FESTIVAL

Sunday, October 18

4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Wiesehuegel Woods*



It's Fall Festival Time! Bring your flashlight, chairs and blankets and join us for fun and fellowship. The menu includes pulled pork BBQ, chicken and sides, hot cider, cookies and pumpkin bread. A vegetarian option will be available. The cost is \$7 per person with a cap of \$30 per family, payable at the festival. The **deadline** to RSVP is this **Thursday, October 15.**

Please see the October 7 edition of the Abbey for more details about the festival and our first-ever scarecrow making contest.

*Wiesehuegel Woods is located on Buena Road in the Forest Brook neighborhood. From Westminster, follow Northshore to its intersection with Westland and turn left onto Westland. Go 0.6 mile and turn left onto Buena Road. Follow the road to the bottom of the hill and the festival is in the field on the right.

OLIVE BRANCH OLIVE OIL is available for purchase. This delicious oil is produced by agricultural cooperatives in Palestine. It is first-cold-pressed, extra-virgin, fair trade, organic Holy Land oil, superb for cooking, salads or dipping. The cost is \$18 per bottle or \$180 for a case of 12 bottles. Proceeds from the sale of the oil go to support the cooperatives and re-planting orchards destroyed by the Occupation in the West Bank. To place an order, please email Bingham Pope.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

October 11 - 25 **Brahms' German Requiem** (Fellowship Hall)

Leaders: Daniel Berry and John Muntz

Brahms' Requiem is a passionate exploration of what the Bible has to say about grief and hope in a Christian context. The work celebrates some of the most magnificent passages of Hebrew and Christian literature set to thrilling music by the master composer. Discover how both the music and the texts unlock the Bible's tenderness and passion. Our Westminster Choir will present *German Requiem* November 3 at 7:30 p.m.

October 11 - November 1 **How to Interpret the Bible** (McKinnon Room)

Leaders: Frank Marsh and Buran Phillips

This course traces the history of biblical interpretation from the biblical authors themselves through to the present day. We will explore the diverse ways that people have wrestled with finding meaning in the Bible and explore some fruitful principles of biblical interpretation.

October 11 - November 22 **Bible Basics Class** (Library)

Leaders: Ellen Anderson and Scott Brunger

The Bible Basics class is for adults of all ages and Bible experience. This fall we will concentrate on "Courage in Crisis: Moses, Elijah, and Mary."

October 11 - November 22 **Women in Touch** (Prayer Room)

Leader: Leslie Rotella

Women of all ages are invited to join us as we grow, learn and share our faith together. We will enjoy group discussion based on a rotation of books, articles, current topics and the Bible.

Please pick up the orange flier in the Schilling Gallery for more details about these and other upcoming classes.

Presbytery of East Tennessee's Hunger Program at work in 2009



Roane County Cooperative Ministries, Kingston (\$1,000 grant)
R.C.C.M.'s Garden Project enables forty families to obtain seeds, plants, and fertilizer to grow food in their own gardens. Surplus produce is shared with family and neighbors.
www.bethelpcusa.org/mnrc04.html

Chattanooga Area Food Bank's Sack Pack Program (\$1,000 grant)
On Friday afternoons, bags of nutritious, kid-friendly food are placed discreetly in the backpacks of school children who face hunger issues over the weekend.
www.chattfoodbank.org

Morgan Scott Project's Good Earth Garden Program (\$2,000 grant)
The Garden Program provides seeds, plants, and fertilizer to hundreds of low-income families in economically-depressed Morgan and Scott Counties, so that they can produce a large portion of their own food. Extra vegetables are canned or frozen for winter or given to those who are unable to plant a garden because of failing health. www.morganscottproject.org

Scott County Emergency Food Assistance (\$1,000 grant)
SCEFA began operating in 1992 as a joint project of First Presbyterian Church (Huntsville) and four other organizations. It provides emergency food assistance to low-income families, as well as assisting with other family emergencies.
www.firstpres huntsville.org/Mission/mission2.html

Good Shepherd Center, Madisonville (\$1,000 grant)
This joint venture of area churches provides food, clothing, and emergency assistance to those in need in Monroe County.

Sunset Gap Community Center's Food Pantry, Cosby (\$500 grant)
Since 1993, Sunset Gap's food pantry has helped to combat the increasing hunger problems in the surrounding area. www.sunsetgap.org/index1.html

Food/Life Services of Campbell County, LaFollette (\$500 grant)
First Presbyterian Church (LaFollette) is instrumental in operating this volunteer-run organization that provides food for low-income families in Campbell County.

"For I was hungry and you gave me food." Matthew 25:35