

The Order of Worship

**October 25, 2009
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.**

REFORMATION SUNDAY

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

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

PRELUDE Erhalt uns Herr bei deinem Wort Dieterich Buxtehude
Preserve Us, Lord, Through Your Word

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 Psalm 100:1,2,5

Leader: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into God's presence with singing!

People: **For the Lord is a gracious God, whose mercy is everlasting; and whose faithfulness endures to all generations.**

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 457** (blue hymnal) I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art *Toulon*

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison) John Calvin, Geneva, 1542

O Lord God, eternal and almighty Father, we confess and acknowledge before thy holy majesty that we are poor sinners, prone to do evil, and that in our depravity we transgress thy holy commandments without end or ceasing. Nevertheless, O Lord, we are grieved that we have offended thee; and we condemn ourselves and our sins with true repentance, beseeching thy grace to relieve our distress. O God and Father most gracious and full of compassion, have mercy upon us in the name of thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. And as thou dost blot out our sins, increase in us day by day the grace of thy Holy Spirit. 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 Job 42:1-6

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Bob Adamcik

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 10:46-52

SERMON "To See Or Not To See" Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

***HYMN NO. 280** (blue hymnal) Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound *Amazing Grace*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) taken from "The Heidelberg Catechism" of 1563

Q. 26. What do you believe when you say: "I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth?"

Answer. That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth with all that is in them, who also upholds and governs them by his eternal counsel and providence, is for the sake of Christ his Son my God and my Father. I trust in him so completely that I have no doubt that he will provide me with all things necessary for body and soul.

Q. 29. Why is the Son of God called JESUS, which means SAVIOR?

Answer. Because he saves us from our sins, and because salvation is to be sought or found in no other.

Q. 53. What do you believe concerning "the Holy Spirit"?

Answer. First, that with the Father and the Son, he is equally eternal God; second, that God's Spirit is also given to me, preparing me through a true faith to share in Christ and all his benefits, that he comforts me and will abide with me forever.

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) Lord, Speak to Me Jeffrey H. Rickard

Lord, speak to me that I may speak In living echoes of thy tone; As thou hast sought, so let me seek Thy erring children lost and lone.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach The precious things thou dost impart; And wing my words, that they may reach The hidden depths of many a heart.

O fill me with thy fullness, Lord, Until my very heart o'erflow In kindling thought and glowing word, Thy love to tell, thy praise to show. Amen.

(11:00) Grazioso

Handbell Choir

Francis Ridley Havergal
Georg Philipp Telemann

***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. 260** (blue hymnal) (11:00) A Mighty Fortress Is Our God *Ein' feste Burg*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

***POSTLUDE** Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott Johann Gottfried Walther
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP here today.

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK are Stephanie Lynch-Wright and Brian Bonnyman.

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR OCTOBER: Georgann Byerley

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES (11:00): Joseph Hutzenbiler, Ryan Hammitt

GREETERS:

(9:00) Tom and Georgann Byerley

(11:00) Mark and Teresa Palmer

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Nursery Staff

(11:00) Helen and Andy Bryenton, Richard Bryenton

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Chancel Choir

(11:00) Handbell Choir

SENIOR USHER: Tom Byerley

USHERS:

(9:00) Connie and Don Graham

(11:00) Max and Carlene Robinson, Jay Schmid, Elizabeth and John Salsbery

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Patty Harmon in honor of her father, James Harmon on the occasion of his 96th birthday on October 31.

GEORG PHILIPP TELEMANN was a contemporary of J. S. Bach and served as Kapellmeister in Eisenach, Bach's birthplace. From 1721 until his death in 1767 Telemann worked in a similar capacity in Hamburg. An extremely prolific composer, he wrote some 40 operas, 12 complete cycles of cantatas, 44 Passions, and hundreds of orchestral works!

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

DOCKETS ARE AVAILABLE in the narthex of the sanctuary for all current elders for today's stated session meeting at 12:15 p.m. in the McKinnon Room.

REHEARSAL FOR THE CHILDREN'S DRAMA is today at 12:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

SHOW AND WAMS meet this evening from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. We will sift through pictures and memories to plan a short presentation for the Stewardship Dinner. If you have attended a retreat, conference, or camp in the past year, or plan to join us for a trip in the year to come, you are invited to join in the festivities. Please bring \$3 for dinner.

STEPHEN MINISTERS meet Monday, October 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the SHOW room.

THE ABBEY DEADLINE is Wednesday. Please send your articles to unitedprinters@comcast.net.

Wednesdays With Westminster

If you missed the last Wednesdays With Westminster, fear not. We have another one coming up soon and you are invited. Here is what we have planned for Wednesday, October 28:

5:45 – 6:30 Dinner – chili, salad and a 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 Activities – nursery for infants through age 4 and programs for ages 5 through 5th grade. Middle schoolers will be in their last Sexual Integrity Class and high schoolers can join the adults in a choice of the following activities:

Understanding Christian Fundamentalism – presentation by Buran Phillips

Pumpkin Carving – for all ages – please bring your own pumpkin

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

STEWARDSHIP DINNER NOVEMBER 4: Please reserve Wednesday evening, November 4, to join us for the annual Stewardship Dinner. In keeping with our WWW format, we'll have dinner at 5:45 p.m. and then give Buran a break in his teaching by having the Stewardship Ministry Team lead the program. Come and learn about Westminster's programs and how your stewardship supports them.

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.

YOU CAN SUPPORT THE MISSION of hunger relief in East Tennessee by attending the East Tennessee Chili Cook-off on Sunday, November 8 from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. in World's Fair Park. Please plan to attend and enjoy dozens of styles of chili, live music, a kids' area and more. All proceeds benefit Second Harvest Food Bank and its hundreds of East Tennessee Food Pantry partners. Please see www.etnchilicookoff.com for more information.

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. Thank you for your continued support of this effort.

WISE AND WONDERFUL GATHERING is scheduled for Sunday, November 15 following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. If you plan to attend, please sign up in the Schilling Gallery or call the church office at 584-3957.



April 16 – 17, 2010

Sequoyah Hills Presbyterian Church

Featuring:

Keynote Speaker–Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow,

General Assembly Moderator

Event Preacher–Rev. Rhashell Hunter,

GAC Director of Racial Ethnic & Women's Ministries/Presbyterian Women

Worship Leader–Rev. Chip Andrus,

First Presbyterian Church, Harrison, AR

PLUS:

Exciting and interesting workshops that you won't want to miss!

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend!

Adult Sunday School Classes for today:

Brahms' German Requiem..... Fellowship Hall

Leaders: Daniel Berry and John Muntz

How to Interpret the Bible..... McKinnon Room

Leaders: Frank Marsh and Buran Phillips

Bible Basics Class..... Library

Leaders: Ellen Anderson, Scott Brunger

Women in Touch (formerly Mothers in Touch)..... Prayer Room

Leader: Leslie Rotella