

ALL SAINTS’ DAY

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

PRELUDE O Welt, ich muß dich lassen, No. 3 Johannes Brahms
O World, I Now Must Leave Thee

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 Hebrews 12:1-2

Leader: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
People: **Let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely.**
Leader: And let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,
People: **Looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.**

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 145** (blue hymnal) Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart! Marion

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. We confess that we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ.

***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

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 35:9-21

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Ellen Anderson

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 Revelation 21:1-6

SERMON “Journeying On With Grief and Memories” Rev. John Linton Muntz
“Then Jacob kissed Rachel and wept aloud.” – Genesis 29:12

***HYMN NO. 364** (blue hymnal) I Sing a Song of the Saints of God Grand Isle

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) from “The Brief Statement of Faith”

In life and death, we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

(9:00) Now the silence Now the peace Gerald Near
Now the silence Now the peace Now the empty hands uplifted Now the kneeling Now the plea Now the Father’s arms in welcome Now the hearing Now the power Now the vessel brimmed for pouring Now the body Now the blood Now the joyful celebration Now the wedding Now the songs Now the heart forgiven leaping Now the Spirit’s visitation Now the Son’s epiphany Now the Father’s blessing Now Now Now

Then the glory Then the rest Then the Sabbath peace unbroken Then the garden Then the throne Then the crystal river flowing Then the splendor Then the life Then the new creation singing Then the marriage Then the love Then the feast of joy unending Then the knowing Then the light Then the ultimate adventure Then the Spirit’s harvest gathered Then the Lamb in majesty Then the Father’s Amen Then Then Then

Jaroslav J. Vajda

(11:00) O Christ, You Wept Palmer

arr. John L. Bell

O Christ, you wept when grief was raw, and felt for those who mourned a friend; come close to where we would not be and hold us, numbed by this life’s end.

The well-loved voice is silent now and we have much we meant to say; collect our lost and wand’ring words and keep them till the endless day.

We try to hold what is not here and fear for what we do not know. Oh, take our hands in yours, good Lord, and free us to let our friends go.

In all our loneliness and doubt, beyond what we can realize, address us from your empty tomb and tell us that life never dies.

John L. Bell and Graham Maule

Joanne Bendy, Flute

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

Old Hundredth

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (responsive)

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

A TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

Barbara Boykin, Larry Browning, Scott Dean, David Dungan,

John Kirkland, Diane McFadden, Steve Serbin

SANCTUS NO. 553 (red hymnal) (11:00)

John Merbecke

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING THE SACRAMENT

(Seated and partaking of elements when received, followed by silent meditation.)

AGNUS DEI NO. 555 (red hymnal) (11:00)

John Merbecke

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

PRAYER AFTER THE TABLE

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul;

People: And all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul;

People: And forget not all his benefits.

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 526** (blue hymnal) (11:00) For All the Saints

Sine Nomine

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

Danish melody

***POSTLUDE** O Welt, ich muß dich lassen

Johann Gottfried Walther

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP here today.

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK are Laura Barron and Bill Farnham.

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR NOVEMBER: Janice Rawe

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES (11:00): Ethan Partelow and Nathan Brott

GREETERS: Eric and Amy Theiss

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Nursery Staff

(11:00) Andy and Tricia Cheadle, Max Yates and Delaney Sears

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Westminster Choristers

(11:00) Chancel Choir

SENIOR USHER: Tim Ryan

USHERS:

(9:00) Jeff Bendy and John Styron

(11:00) Irene Seidner, Mike Senff, Dick and Joanne Steinle, LoAnn Price

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Dave and Michelle Woehr in honor of their children, Leah and Claire.

TWO-CENTS-A-MEAL collection is today. This offering, brought each "First Sunday," is our share in maintaining the Volunteer Ministry Center of Knoxville.

NAME TAG SUNDAY is today. Please fill out a name tag in the Narthex.

OUR THANKS to Joanne Bendy for her enrichment of our worship this morning as she accompanies the Chancel Choir.

THE CHANCEL CHOIR and soloists will present Johannes Brahms' *A German Requiem* **this 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.

JOHANNES BRAHMS composed this morning's offertory at Ischl, Austria (near Salzburg), during the last summer of his life, as part of a set of eleven chorale preludes.

SHOW AND WAMS meet at 6:00 p.m. for Music Night. Bring CDs, MP3s, instruments and your voice! We'll hang out, listen to some of our favorite tunes and hear others' musical tastes. We'll have a chance to play a little music and maybe make an updated youth fellowship mix. Let's make some noise!

STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION was mailed Wednesday. Please return the enclosed pledge card in the offering plate or to the office by November 8, Dedication Sunday.

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.

Adult Sunday School Classes for today:

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| Civil Rights | Fellowship Hall |
| | Leaders: Scott and Ann Brunger |
| 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 |

OLIVE BRANCH OLIVE OIL is available for purchase. This delicious oil is produced by agricultural cooperatives in Palestine. The cost is \$18 per bottle or \$180 for a case of 12. 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 contact Bingham Graves. Thank you for your support of this effort.

**Wednesdays With Westminster
Stewardship Dinner**

Join us this Wednesday evening, November 4 for the annual Stewardship Dinner. In keeping with our WWW format, we'll have dinner at 5:45 p.m. and then have the Stewardship Ministry Team lead the program. Come and learn about Westminster's programs and how your stewardship supports them. Please sign up in the Schilling Gallery if you plan to attend.

THE COMMUNITY SERVICE MINISTRY TEAM has a display of information in the Schilling Gallery about Mobile Meals. If you are interested in volunteering with Mobile Meals or want to

know more about the organization, please pick up an information packet or volunteer form from the table in front of the office.

LAKESHORE MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTE has a need for winter coats for their residents. They need men's sizes L to XXL and women's sizes M to XL. There is a box in the Schilling Gallery marked "Lakeshore Coats" where you may deposit any coats you wish to donate.

ADVENT FLORAL DECORATIONS: The Flower Guild has begun making plans for the floral decorations during Advent. Donations for floral dedications can be placed in the offering plate or brought to the office. Help will be needed on Saturday, November 28 with hanging wreaths and setting up the large tree. Please notify the church office if you are able to volunteer for tasks that require climbing a ladder.

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.

COMMUNITY CHEST THRIFT SHOP is collecting good, used clothing and small household items to benefit local families in need. Please bring donations to Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 800 Northshore Drive, on Saturday, November 7 between 10:00 and 11:30 a.m.

Adult Teaching Opportunity

If you have been searching for an opportunity to teach adult Sunday school but only on a very limited basis, here is your opportunity. Starting on November 29 we will need four teachers for the "Advent Series" which runs through December 20.

This four-session Advent study explains the history behind some of our favorite carols and helps us encounter the rich wording anew. The four hymns examined in the study are:

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

"Silent Night, Holy Night"

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

If you are interested in teaching one of the four lessons, please contact Tim Crais or Angela Grobe. They will be able to provide you with the student lessons and the teacher guides. This is your opportunity. Don't miss it!