

The Order of Worship

December 20, 2009

9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

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

PRELUDE Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Es ist ein' Ros'
arr. Michael Praetorius

The First Nowell (11:00)

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Brass Choir

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE

(9:00) Sharon Boyce and Jack Woodall

(11:00) Anthony and Laura White

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: My soul magnifies the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

People: The Mighty One has done great things for me. Holy is God's name!

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 28** (blue hymnal) Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

In dulci jubilo

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Great God, we behold the gift of the child yet again, yet we are also mindful of how we have failed to receive the fullness of that gift. The story of this day points us to your glory, yet we struggle daily to join in the angels' song. We are distracted and confused, so focused on things that matter little that we have overlooked the good news of great joy. Tell us again that the Savior is born. Tell us again that we are forgiven. Tell us again that life can be abundant in faith and hope and love, not because of who we are, but because of what you have given us in Jesus Christ. Amen.

***KYRIE ELEISON**

Healey Willan

(Congregation singing—music is found on the inside cover of the red hymnal)

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

(First part: women; second: men; third: all)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***RESPONSE** Refrain from "Angels We Have Heard on High"

Gloria

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:39-55

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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00)

Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

Eva McLain Mathews

*Hymn No. 493 (blue hymnal) Dearest Jesus, We Are Here

Liebster Jesu

(Verse 3)

***CANTICLE NO. 600** (blue hymnal) Song of Mary

Morning Song

SERMON "Mother Mary Comes to Me, Speaking Words of Wisdom"

--The Beatles, *Let It Be*

Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

***HYMN NO. 49** (blue hymnal) Once in Royal David's City

Irby

***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

Please sign and pass the Friendship Register found on the pew nearest the center aisle. If you would like to receive our newsletter or more information about the church, include your address, phone number and email address. As many of us contribute electronically or by a check in the mail, your holding and passing the offering plate is an act of blessing and dedication to our life together in Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

(9:00) Three Christmas Carols with the Brass Choir

The congregation is invited to stand and sing.

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

Tempus adest floridum

Gentle Mary laid her child Lowly in a manger; There He lay, the undefiled, To the world a stranger. Such a babe in such a place, Can He be the Savior? Ask the saved of all the race Who have found His favor.

Joseph Simpson Cook

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Carol

It came upon the midnight clear, That glorious song of old, From angels bending near the earth, To touch their harps of gold: "Peace on the earth, good will to all, From heaven's all-gracious King": The world in solemn stillness lay, To hear the angels sing.

Edmund Hamilton Sears

The First Nowell

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The first Nowell, the angel did say, Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; In fields where they lay keeping their sheep, On a cold winter's night that was so deep. Nowell, Born is the King of Israel.

Traditional

(11:00) All This Time

William Walton

All this time this song is best: "Verbum caro factum est [The Word was made flesh]."

This night there is a child yborn That sprang out of Jesse's thorn; We must sing and say therefor, (Refrain)

Jesus is the childes name, And Mary mild is his dame; All our sorrow shall turn to game: (Refrain)

It fell upon high midnight: The starres shone both fair and bright; The angels sang with all their might, (Refrain)

Now kneel we down on our knee, And pray we to the Trinity Our help, our succour for to be; (Refrain)

***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology No. 591 (blue hymnal)

Tallis' Canon

(Sung to the tune of Hymn No. 542 (blue hymnal))

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 29** (blue hymnal) (11:00) Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Go Tell It

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Veni Emmanuel

O come, Desire of nations, bind All peoples in one heart and mind; Bid envy, strife and quarrels cease; Fill the whole world with heaven's peace. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

***POSTLUDE** Partita XI (from the chorale partita on *Freu dich sehr, o meine Seele*)

Georg Böhm

O My Soul, Be Glad and Joyful

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP here today.

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK are Terry Crow and Michael Yates.

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR DECEMBER: Georgann Byerley

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES (11:00): Joseph Hutzenbiler and Nathan Brott

GREETERS: Tom and Georgann Byerley

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: George Lane

USHERS:

(9:00) Gordon and Robin Greeson

(11:00) Judy Jorden, Rob McKeehan, Lalla Phillips, Danielle and Matt Mathews

WILLIAM WALTON (1902-1983) was a British composer whose works are characterized by fresh harmonies and rhythmic vitality. His catalog includes orchestral, choral, chamber, and ceremonial music, as well as film scores. Of his larger works, he is perhaps best known for his setting of Edith Sitwell's *Façade* and his mammoth oratorio *Belshazzar's Feast*.

OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST is this morning in the Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School hour. Ministry teams provide the food, and you are invited to join us as we celebrate together.



THE CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING is collected throughout the Advent season. Fifty percent of your gift goes to the Board of Pensions to support retired and active church workers and their spouses and families. The other fifty percent supports Presbyterian related racial ethnic education through the General Assembly Council. Please see the bulletin inserts for more information.

WAMS AND SHOW YOUTH FELLOWSHIP CHRISTMAS PARTY: From 5:30 to 8:00 this evening, we're planning to celebrate the holiday season with a fellowship gathering at the Trofatter home! Students and their families are invited to attend as we hang out and talk with friends, eat some food, play a little, and finish everything up with a White Elephant gift exchange. This is a finger food pot luck style gathering. Families will need to bring heavy snacks, hors d'oeuvres, and desserts. Drinks will be provided. **Please also bring a love offering or bag of canned food for donation to the FISH Pantries of Knoxville. Don't forget your White Elephant gift!** Please spend little, if any, money on your gift. We would love to see you there!

HELP FEED EAST TENNESSEE CHILDREN: Second Harvest Food Bank operates the "Food for Kids" program, helping over 7,500 children who are at-risk of hunger. Children that need help receive backpacks filled with kid-friendly food to take home with them for the weekend. The backpack is returned to school on Monday to be refilled for the next weekend. A donation of \$100 sponsors one child for a year, or a gift of \$2800 sponsors all the at-risk children at one elementary school for a year. Currently, only 30 of 167 active schools have received a sponsorship. For more information visit www.secondharvestknox.org. **Donations should be sent directly to Second Harvest Food Bank.**

FOYER GROUPS are a great way to make new friends or renew old friendships at Westminster. New groups are forming now. Those currently in a group will continue to rotate in the present one until they are completed and automatically be placed in a new one for the next round. Each group is usually composed of 7 or 8 folks who meet alternately at each others homes once a month to share a simple meal and lively conversation. The only prerequisite is a willingness to commit to meet with your group and a plan for childcare, since this activity is for grown-ups. Please contact Sue Murrian to join a group, drop out for a while, or with questions or requests. The next rotation will be May 2010.

THE 2010 FLOWER CHART has been posted in the Schilling Gallery. Please stop by and sign up for your flower dedications for next year. The cost is \$60, payable on the date of your dedication.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED Friday, December 25 through Wednesday, December 30 and open from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 31. All 2009 contributions and any pre-paid pledges for 2010 must be received in the office no later than 1:00 p.m. December 31. Please contact Renee Wiesehuegel if you have questions regarding your pledge or 2009 contributions.

AUDITIONS FOR THE WESTMINSTER PLAYERS' production of *A Trip to Bountiful* will be held Sunday, January 3 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Founder's Day Banquet January 6, 2010

Our first WWW event of 2010 will be a very special occasion! On Wednesday, January 6, 2010 we will honor our charter members with a dinner and a special time of stories and light roasting. Come join us as we honor Frank and Marty Marsh, Randolph and Lennis McCartha and Nancy Dean. We will have a master of ceremonies, plus "roasters" telling stories and jokes for all to enjoy. Then we will have something special for our charter members. Mark your calendars for January 6 and come enjoy the food, fellowship and fun as we honor those who have made Westminster Presbyterian Church possible.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Thursday, December 24, 2009

Christmas Eve Worship..... 5:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.
Nursery provided at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 27, 2009

Morning Worship..... 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, January 3, 2010

Sunday School. 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship..... 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.



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