

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

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

PRELUDE Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern

Max Reger

*How Brightly Shines the Morning Star  
(from Six Chorale Preludes)*

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION  
CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Give thanks to God with all your heart.

**People: We come full of awe at God's marvelous works.**

Leader: Give thanks to God with all your mind.

**People: We come to learn God's wisdom and righteousness.**

Leader: Give thanks to God with all your strength.

**People: We come to live in God's mercy and grace.**

Leader: Let us worship God with all that we are.

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)

God of freedom, Jesus came to bring good news, to mend and to heal, to release and to redeem, and to proclaim your reign. We confess that we have ignored his message. We remain captive to sin, bruised and broken by our transgressions. We are convinced that the news is always bad, and that we are forever stuck where we are, as we are. Help us to hear the truth of the gospel. Inspire us with your liberating word. Let your Spirit cleanse us and change us so that we may receive all that you have declared in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

\*KYRIE ELEISON NO. 574 (blue hymnal)

arr. David N. Johnson

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

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING

Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

Buz Johnson

Children age 4 through 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

Luke 4:14-21

SERMON

"Was Jesus an SBNR?"

Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

\*HYMN NO. 440 (blue hymnal) In Christ There Is No East or West

*McKee*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

adapted, Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. This we believe!

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.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

(9:00) The Three Kings

Peter Cornelius

arr. Neil Jenkins

Three kings from Persian lands afar to Jordan follow the pointing star; and this the quest of the travelers three, where the newborn king of the Jews may be. Full royal gifts they bear for the king; gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.

The star shines out with a steadfast ray: the kings to Bethlehem make their way, and there in worship they bend the knee, As Mary's child in her lap they see; their royal gifts they show to the king; gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.

Thou child of man! Lo, to Bethlehem the kings are trav'ling, travel with them! The star of mercy, the star of grace shall lead thy heart to its resting place. Gold, incense, myrrh thou canst not bring; offer thy heart to the infant king. Offer thy heart!

trans. H. N. Bate

Terrance McCracken, Baritone

(11:00) The Eastern Star So Bright and Clear

Joachim à Burgk

The eastern star so bright and clear, Proclaimed Messiah's day was near! Far as the stars their rays bestow, This message o'er the earth shall go: That God of Mary gave us His only Son to save us!

Author unknown

**\*AT THE PRESENTATION** Hymn No. 63 (blue hymnal) As with Gladness Men of Old *Dix*

As they offered gifts most rare At that manger rude and bare; So may we with holy joy, Pure, and free from sin's alloy, All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heavenly King.

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

### TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

**\*HYMN NO. 332** (blue hymnal) (11:00) Live Into Hope

*Truro*

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

Danish melody

**\*POSTLUDE** Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern

Johannes Petzold

\*Indicates standing.

### **NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS**

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

**WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP** here today.

**PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK** are Bonny Naugher and Bill Farnham.

**CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR JANUARY:** Carlene Robinson

**LARGE PRINT HYMNALS** are available from the ushers.

### SERVING TODAY

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

**GREETERS:** Rick and Janice Rawe

**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:**

(9:00) Nursery Staff

(11:00) Norman and Linda Judge McRae, Claire and Leah Woehr

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** (11:00) Chancel Choir

**SENIOR USHER:** Bill Holt

**USHERS:**

(9:00) Cile and Ed Mathews

(11:00) Irene Seidner, Mary Lou Crow, Dave Woehr, Tim and Joyce Ryan

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given in celebration of Maggie Gordon's birthday by her family.

**TODAY'S BIRTH CANDLE** announces the birth of Grace Gilmore Salsbery, daughter of John and Elizabeth Salsbery and baby sister of Owen and Ian. Grace was born Tuesday, January 12.

**DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED** to help offset the cost of materials and postage for the disaster assistance hygiene kits being assembled by the youth this week at WWW. Thank you for your support!

**OUR THANKS** to Terrance McCracken for his enrichment of our worship this morning.

**PETER CORNELIUS**, a nineteenth-century German composer, is best known for this morning's anthem at the early service. While he gives a lyrical setting of the Epiphany text to the solo voice, the accompaniment is the chorale "How Brightly Shines the Morning Star," a mainstay of this season's hymnody. Henry "Harry" Thacker Burleigh (1866-1949), the arranger of this morning's second hymn, was an African-American classical composer, arranger, and professional singer. Considered by many to be the first black composer to be instrumental in the development of a characteristically American music, Burleigh helped to make black music available to classically-trained artists both by introducing them to the music and by arranging the music in a more classical form.

**A STATED SESSION MEETING** will be held today at 12:15 p.m. in the McKinnon Room. Dockets were emailed to all current elders.

### **WEDNESDAYS WITH WESTMINSTER**

Here is what we have planned for Wednesday, January 27:

**5:45 – 6:30 Dinner** – Chicken casserole, marinated vegetable salad and gingerbread. 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 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Middle school and high school youth will be assembling "hygiene disaster kits" to ship to those in dire need.

Adults have two choices:

**"Adopting Children"** led by Michael Yates

**"Buddhism – The Basic Beliefs"** led by Buran Phillips

Bring family and friends and come enjoy the food, fun and fellowship at WWW.

**MEN'S THURSDAY MORNING BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP:** On Thursday, January 28 at 7:00 a.m., a group of 10 to 12 men will meet in the McKinnon Room for breakfast and a short discussion-oriented lesson. Phil Barnette will provide the meal and Tim Crais will lead the lesson entitled, "Is God in the Workplace?". If you want to review the lesson ahead of time, you can email or call Tim.

**ORGANIST DAVID ARCUS** will be heard in recital at Westminster Church on Friday evening, February 5, at 8:00 as part of this season's *Musica Organi* series. Mr. Arcus is organist of Duke University Chapel and the Duke Divinity School. Admission is free and the congregation is cordially invited to attend. A nursery will be provided. Do come join us that evening!

**CALLING ALL PEOPLE OF RETIREMENT AGE!** Mark your calendar for February 7 and join us after the 11:00 a.m. worship service for a luncheon. The cost is \$4 per person. We will gather in the McKinnon Room and enjoy food and fellowship together. Please RSVP by Friday, February 5. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Schilling Gallery. Hope to see you there!

**THE OFFICER NOMINATING COMMITTEE** wants to receive suggestions from members of the congregation for possible nominees for Elders for the class of 2013, one youth Elder for the class of 2011, and one Trustee for the class of 2013.

**IN THE EVENT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER** we will send an all-church email with news of worship changes or cancellations. In addition, we will update the telephone voicemail and website with the latest information.

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE RELIEF EFFORT** in Haiti are being accepted through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA). Checks may be made payable to Westminster with the notation "PDA-DR000064" on the check.

#### Adult Sunday School Classes

**Bible Basics** (Library) Leaders: Ellen Anderson and Scott Brunger

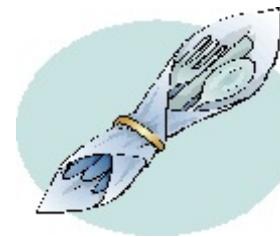
The Bible Basics class is for adults of all ages and Bible experience. This winter we will start by studying the Psalms and their relationship to the New Testament Gospel.

**Women in Touch** (Prayer Room) Leader: Leslie Rotella

This group discussion class is for women with or without children who are interested in growing, learning, and sharing our faith together. The topic for January is "Dealing with Clutter: The 6S Program – Emotional and Spiritual".

**Book of Confessions** (McKinnon Room) Leader: John Muntz

What do all of those words have to do with today? This will be a four week adult education conversation exploring the historical contexts and contemporary relevance of Presbyterian Statements of Faith.



Annual Progressive Dinner

Saturday, February 13

The Fellowship Ministry Team invites you to join us for the annual Progressive Dinner. Please sign up to bring an appetizer or dessert, or to host a group at your home. We will gather at 6:00 p.m. to share appetizers before going to our hosts' homes for dinner. We conclude the evening with dessert at Westminster. You won't want to miss this special event! The sign-up sheet is posted in the Schilling Gallery. Childcare is provided.

#### Adult Sunday School 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 February 21 we will need teachers for the Lenten series, which runs through March 28. Here is an abbreviated description of the book we will be studying:

*Christianity for the Rest of Us* by Diana Butler Bass

Part I – *What Happened to the Neighborhood Church?*

Part II – *Ten Signposts of Renewal*

Part III – *From Tourists to Pilgrims*

We will devote two Sundays to each of the three parts of the book. If you are interested in teaching one or more of the six Sundays, please contact Tim Crais at [timcrais@yahoo.com](mailto:timcrais@yahoo.com) or call him at 357-0365. He will provide you with a book and suggested lesson plans. This is an opportunity for you to share your teaching gifts with the church.

**"Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; he who teaches, in his teaching"**

**–Romans 12:6-7**