

FOURTH 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 Johann Christoph Bach
How Brightly Shines the Morning Star

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT (11:00) He Whom Joyous Shepherds Praised Gerald Near
He whom joyous shepherds praised, When the angel's song was raised Bidding them be not amazed, Heav'n's all-glorious King is born.

He whom sages, westward faring, Myrrh and gold and incense bearing, Worshipped bowing low before him Reigns as King this happy morn.

Now rejoice with Jesus' mother; Praise her newborn Son, our brother; Angels vie with one another Praising him beyond the sky.

Sing to Christ, the King who reigneth, Yet of Mary manhood gaineth, Born our God; let us adore him: Glory be to God on high.

trans. Winfred Douglas

Westminster Choristers

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, people of God, bring the cares of your day and the concerns of your life. Come and be filled with the presence of God.

People: We will rejoice and be glad in God's presence.

Leader: Gather together, people of God, for God has set aside this moment for refreshment of your spirits.

People: We will rejoice and give thanks for God's care.

Leader: Give thanks, people of God, your Savior is doing a new thing, and the power to receive it is in your hands.

People: We will rejoice and celebrate for the love of our God.

***HYMN NO. 459** (blue hymnal) Father, We Praise Thee

Christe sanctorum

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

O God, we come before you bearing the brokenness of the human church, asking that you make us whole by the power of your love.

O God, we come before you bearing the violence of our time, asking that you would lead us in the way of peace.

O God, we come before you bearing the poverty of our world, asking that you would bind us to those who suffer.

O God, we come before you bearing the wounds of creation, asking that you would teach us to be stewards of the earth.

O God, we come before you bearing the pain that we have caused, asking that you would free us to love more fully.

***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.

***RESPONSE** Gloria Patri No. 579 (blue hymnal)

Henry W. Greatorex

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.

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE

I Corinthians 13:1-13

Ruling Elder, Megan Milam

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS (11:00)

John and Shirley Wittman, Mark and Teresa Palmer

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.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 6:1-6

SERMON

"Home Folks and Home Heroes"

Rev. John Linton Muntz

"Is this not the carpenter, the son of Mary...?" – Mark 6:3

***HYMN NO. 306** (blue hymnal) Fairest Lord Jesus

Crusaders' Hymn

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison)

adapted from Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Prayer for Today

Margaret R. Tucker

God in heaven, I make my prayer for all the people everywhere Who live in fear or pain or doubt; Whose homes are gone, and hopes run out.

God in heaven, I make my prayer for all the children everywhere Who live in terrible, warring places; Who live with hunger and strange, sad faces.

God in heaven, I make my prayer for all good people everywhere Who live in comfort, love, and peace And pray sincerely for strife to cease; But who do not always hear the call Of those who live with nothing at all.

God in heaven, hear my prayer! Help all people everywhere To come closer together in plenty and need, And to make our world your home, indeed.

Mary M. Coulson

Ibbie L. Muntz, Soprano

Joanne Bendy, Flute

(Following 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) He Whom Joyous Shepherds Praised

Gerald Near

(The text is found at the Introit)

(11:00) Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Hugo Distler

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation! O my Soul, praise Him, for He is thy Health and Salvation! Gather ye round, Let us make Music resound! Praise Him in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth, Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth! Hast thou not seen How thy hearts' wishes have been Granted in what He ordaineth?

based on Joachim Neander

***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. 272** (red hymnal) (11:00) God of the Sparrow

Roeder

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

Danish melody

***POSTLUDE** Canzona

Domenico Zipoli

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP here today.

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK are Leslie Rotella and Brian Bonnyman.

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR FEBRUARY: Georgann Byerley

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS are available from the ushers.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES (11:00): Leah Woehr and Leah Milam

GREETERS: Rick and Janice Rawe

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Nursery Staff

(11:00) William and Darlen Milam, Megan and Anna Milam

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Westminster Choristers

(11:00) Chancel Choir and Westminster Choristers

SENIOR USHER: Bill Holt

USHERS:

(9:00) Bonny and Doug Naugher

(11:00) Michael Yates, Rob McKeehan, Ellen Anderson, Bill Beintema, Rex Battenberg

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given in honor of Richard and Janice (“Grampy and Giggles”) Rawe by their granddaughters, Nina, Maggie and Sammy.

OUR THANKS to Ibbie Muntz and Joanne Bendy for their enrichment of our worship this morning.

ORGANIST DAVID ARCUS will be heard in recital at Westminster Church **this 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. His program will include improvisation and works by J. S. Bach, Böhm, Buxtehude, Durkop, Duruflé, and Sweelinck. Admission is free and the congregation is cordially invited to attend. A nursery will be provided. Do come join us!

HUGO DISTLER, the German-born composer and organist living in the first half of this past century, was an important voice in church music. Born in Nuremberg in 1908, he attended Leipzig Conservatory and became organist at St. Jacobi in Lübeck in 1931. He also taught at the School for Church Music in Spandau, and became a professor of church music in Stuttgart in 1940. His choral work is polyphonic and frequently melismatic, often based on the pentatonic scale. This morning’s anthem takes a familiar hymn melody and presents it in a fresh, rhythmically-altered form.

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, by calling Georgann Byerley, or Deborah Phillips. There is also a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Schilling Gallery. Hope to see you there!

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.

WEDNESDAYS WITH WESTMINSTER

Here is what we have planned for Wednesday, February 3:

5:45 – 6:30 Dinner – Beef stew, vegetarian stew, salad, bread, 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 school and high school youth will play a unique version of Family Feud and Mission Impossible.

Adults have two choices:

“Serpent Handling Believers: Three Families and Their Faith” led by Fred Brown and Jeanne McDonald

“Understanding Mormonism” led by Buran Phillips

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

Confirmands Start Their Journey

Our seven confirmands and mentors have begun their journey together to meet the requirements of confirmation. They started with a service project at the FISH pantry, where they worked for three hours serving those in need. Today they start the first of eight Sunday school classes led by Rev. Phillips, Rev. Muntz and Tim Crais. In addition, each confirmand and mentor will work together on the “Journey Through the Bible,” which will take them from Genesis to Revelation with a study of scripture and a series of questions to be answered. The confirmands’ journey will end on April 18 with Confirmation Sunday. Please encourage the following confirmands and mentors:

Confirmand	Mentor
Helen Bonnyman	Kristi Gordon
Nathan Brott	Anthony White
Jason Frederick	Phil Barnette
Laura Mjekiqi	Cile Mathews
Sam Phillips	Dave Dupper
Caroline Rogers	Ellen Anderson
Lily Seidner	Bitsy Ingram

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 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

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. Please write names and reasons for your suggestions on this sheet and turn it in to the church office **no later than February 28, 2010.**

Nominee for Elder or Trustee (circle one)

Reason for Nomination

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Adult Sunday School Classes

January 31

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 Charles Towne Landing at 6:00 p.m. to share appetizers before going to our hosts’ homes for dinner. We will conclude the evening with dessert at Westminster. The cost is \$10 per person. You won’t want to miss this special event! The sign-up sheet is posted in the Schilling Gallery. Childcare is provided.

