

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

The Order of Worship

February 28, 2010
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

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

PRELUDE

(9:00) Von Gott will ich nicht lassen (I) Dieterich Buxtehude
From God I Shall Not Turn
(11:00) Sarabande (from *Pour le Piano*) Claude Debussy
Handbell Choir

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
People: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
Leader: I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.
People: Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

*HYMN NO. 35 (red hymnal) When Morning Gilds the Skies *Laudes Domini*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Faithful God, you call us to trust in your promises, as you invited Abraham and Sarah. In Jesus Christ, you call us to take up our cross and follow, as he invited his disciples. We are quick to make excuses, afraid of the unknown, afraid of the hard work of discipleship. We are cautious; embarrassed to share the good news. Forgive us, we pray. Give us the courage that comes from knowing that you walk with us.

*KYRIE ELEISON John L. Bell

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 Of the Father's Love Begotten *Divinum mysterium*

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 15:1-12,17-18

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

II Corinthians 12:7-10

SERMON

"Got Your Back"

Rev. Linda Judge-McRae

*HYMN NO. 275 (blue hymnal) God of Our Life

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) from *A Brief Statement of Faith – Presbyterian Church (USA)*

God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

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) Sarabande Claude Debussy
(11:00) How Lovely Thy Place Gail Kubik
Lord God of hosts, how lovely The place where Thou dost dwell! Thy tabernacles holy In pleasantness excel.

My soul is longing, fainting, Jehovah's courts to see, My heart and flesh are crying, O living God, for Thee.

Behold, the sparrow findeth A house in which to rest, The swallow hath discovered Where she may build her nest;

And where, securely sheltered, Her young she forth may bring: So, Lord of hosts, Thy altars I seek, my God, my King.

Psalm 84:1-3

***AT THE PRESENTATION**

Hymn No. 414 (blue hymnal) As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought *Forest Green*
With gratitude and humble trust We bring our best to You, Not just to serve Your
cause, but share Your love with neighbors too. O God who gave Yourself to us In
Jesus Christ Your Son, Help us to give ourselves each day Until life’s work is
done.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 488** (blue hymnal) (11:00) The God of Abraham Praise *Leoni*

***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 Cindy Serbin and Matt Mathews.

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR MARCH: Janice Rawe

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS are available from the ushers.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES (11:00): Graham Gosselin, Ethan Partelow

GREETERS: Bud and Carolyn Cunningham

CHILDREN’S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Nursery Staff

(11:00) John and Lalla Phillips, John and Forrest Phillips

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Handbell Choir

(11:00) Chancel and Handbell Choirs

SENIOR USHER: Bonny Naugher

USHERS:

(9:00) Bob and Lucinda Albiston

(11:00) Andrew and Kristi Gordon, Gordon and Robin Greeson, Mark Potocik

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Anthony and Laura White in celebration of their daughter Emily’s third birthday and their eighth wedding anniversary.

A MEMORIAL SERVICE for Bill Chappell will be held at Westminster on Monday, March 1 at 10:00 a.m. The family will receive friends Sunday, February 28 from 3:00-6:00 p.m. at Mann Heritage Chapel, 6200 Kingston Pike.

THIS MORNING’S MUSIC FOR HANDBELLS explores the impressionism of Claude Debussy. In this transcription by Wallace Hornibrook exotic harmonies, colors, and textures abound, enhanced by the addition of a fourth octave of bells generously donated by Cindy Serbin in memory of her husband Steve. We thank her for this wonderful gift and for all it will add to the work of the Handbell Choir both in sound and in the expanded possibilities of literature.

A LENTEN SERIES will be offered every Wednesday evening through March 31. We will share a simple meal of soup and bread at 5:45 p.m. and then gather in the sanctuary for a brief, reflective time focused on scripture, song and prayer.

YOUTH CLUB is collecting donations of dried beans and rice to be re-packaged into one pound bags for the FISH pantry. There is a box near the kitchen where donations will be collected until March 21.

A STATED SESSION MEETING will be held today at 12:15 p.m. in the McKinnon Room.

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.

The Trip to Bountiful

WESTMINSTER PLAYERS present Horton Foote's drama, *The Trip to Bountiful* on March 5, 6 and 7 at 8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. *The Trip to Bountiful* promises to be a memorable journey to family, home and belonging. A donation of \$12 for adults and \$5 for students is requested. A nursery is provided and encouraged for young children.

Mrs. Carrie Watts is in dire need of a suitcase or overnight bag that has latches rather than a zipper, for her trip to Bountiful. Please contact the church office if you can assist Mrs. Watts as she prepares for her journey.

It is the mission of the Westminster players to celebrate human dignity through compassionate and joyful participation in the performing arts.

COMMUNITY CHEST is collecting good used clothing and household items to stock their thrift shop. A collection will take place Saturday, March 6 from 10:00-11:30 a.m. at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 800 Northshore Drive. The goal of Community Chest is to sell needed items to those in distressed situations at the lowest prices possible.

Lenten Series Adult Sunday School

Today we will continue our study of the book, *Christianity for the Rest of Us: How the Neighborhood Church is Transforming the Faith* by Diana Butler Bass. The class will be led by Terry Crow and she will cover Chapters 4 through 6.

We will also be studying this book next week, and we will cover the following chapters:

- Chapter 7 – Feeling
- Chapter 8 – Contemplation
- Chapter 9 – Testimony

You will find the book to be very thought-provoking and the class to be very stimulating. Terry will have a handout summary of the discussion points for each class, but if you'd like to purchase the book, we have some on hand in the office at a cost of \$15. Come join us in the McKinnon Room at 10:00 a.m.

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. **Today is the last day to submit nominations.**

Nominee for Elder or Trustee (circle one) Reason for Nomination
