

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

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

PRELUDE

(9:00) Rhosymedre

Ralph Vaughan Williams

(11:00) Almand and Galliard

William Brade

Brass Choir

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Micah 6:6,8

Leader: With what shall we come before the Holy One, and bow ourselves before God on high?

People: **What does the Holy One require of us, but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God?**

ALL: **Let us worship the Lord our God!**

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 150** (blue hymnal) Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Madrid

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Loving God, you have shown yourself to us in Jesus, perfect in every way, compassionate and kind, faithful and loving, gracious, hospitable, open. While you direct us to follow in his way and embrace the qualities that marked his life, we confess that we have stumbled and fallen.

Our sins are real, and they are many. Have mercy on us. Forgive our failings. Encourage us to start again, trusting that what we have seen in Jesus is true and nothing, not even our sin, can separate us from your love. 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.**

***RESPONSE** Celtic Alleluia (*sing twice*)

Fintan O'Carroll

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:44-53

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

Deborah Phillips

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

Acts 1:1-11

SERMON

"A Prayer and a Promise"

Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

***HYMN NO. 142** (blue hymnal) All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

Coronation

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison)

Colossians 1:15-20

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. It is he who is the head of the body, the church, he who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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) The Ascension

Philip Moore

Lift up your heads, great gates, and sing, Now glory comes, and glory's king; Now by your high all-golden way The fairer heav'n comes home today. Hark! now the gates are ope, And hear the tune of each triumphant sphere; Where ev'ry angel as he sings Keeps time with his applauding wings, And make heav'n's loftiest roof rebound The echos of the noble sound.

Joseph Beaumont

(11:00) Agnus Dei (from *Missa Kenya*) Paul Basler
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.

*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.*

attr. John the Baptist

Barbara Adamcik, Horn
Robert Adamcik, Percussion

***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology No. 514 (red hymnal) *Old Hundredth*
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him
above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 151** (blue hymnal) (11:00) Crown Him with Many Crowns *Diademata*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Hymn No. 535 (blue hymnal) Go with Us, Lord *Tallis' Canon*
(Sung in canon, with the pulpit side of the congregation beginning)

***POSTLUDE**

(9:00) Fugue Claude-Bénigne Balbastre
(11:00) Contrapunctus I (from *The Art of Fugue*) J. S. Bach
Brass Choir

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP here today.

PASTORAL CARE ELDERES FOR THE WEEK are Laura Barron and Brian Bonnyman.

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR MAY: Georgann Byerley

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS are available from the ushers.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES (11:00): Leah Woehr and Caroline Rogers

GREETERS (11:00): Scott and Ashley Porter

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Nursery Staff

(11:00) Mark and Angela Grobe

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Chancel Choir

(11:00) Brass Choir and Westminster Choristers

SENIOR USHER: Tom Byerley

USHERS:

(9:00) Bob and Lucinda Albiston

(11:00) Danielle and Matt Mathews, Randolph McCartha, Robin Greeson, Christie Dowling

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Barbara Cline to the glory of God and in memory
of Jennings.

THE BIRTH CANDLE is lighted today in celebration of the arrival of Amelia McLester Dunham,
daughter of Jill and Ethan Dunham. Congratulations to her proud grandparents, Bill and Kathleen
Farnham.

OUR THANKS to Barbara and Bob Adamcik for their enrichment of our worship this morning as
they accompany the Westminster Choristers.

PAUL BASLER is on the music faculty at the University of Florida, where he teaches horn and
composition. In 1993 he was a Fulbright Senior Lecturer in Music at Kenyatta University (Nairobi,
Kenya) and it was this residency that helped to spark and move forward his efforts to write a mass
he had been contemplating for some time. His *Missa Kenya* was completed in June 1995, and in the
foreword he writes "Much of the music and gestures owe their existence to East African choral
traditions, fusing together Kenyan musical styles with references to late 20th century American
"classical" music— creating a "synthesis" of sorts between the two musical cultures. In many ways,
this is my gift to the warm, loving friends I left behind in Nairobi. It is a work of great celebration
colored with a bit of Catholic mysticism."

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY meets Monday, May 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the SHOW room.

A FLOOD RELIEF FUND has been established by the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee to aid those affected by the recent storms. If you wish to donate, please send your check directly to Presbytery of Middle Tennessee, 318 Seaboard Lane, Suite 205, Franklin, Tennessee, 37067, with "Flood Relief" in the memo of your check.

WE WILL HAVE ONE WORSHIP SERVICE next week on Pentecost Sunday. Sunday School will be held as scheduled at 10:00 a.m. and we will all worship together in the sanctuary at 11:00 a.m. Our summer schedule begins on Sunday, May 30, at 10:00 a.m.

PLEASE SEE TODAY'S INSERT for information about the Pentecost offering, which will be collected Sunday, May 23. This offering is used to support children at risk and to nurture the faith of youth and young adults.

CAMP JOHN KNOX summer sessions are filling up! There will be overnight sessions for second through twelfth grades and day camps for ages 4 through 10. You are invited to come to the Open House on May 29 to meet the staff and enjoy camp activities. More information may be found online at www.johnknoxcenter.org.

FOYER GROUP SHUFFLE: New foyer groups will begin forming in June. These groups of adults try to meet for dinner once during the summer and continue until the end of the year. This is the only time to join a group during 2010. Please see the *Abbey* for details, and contact Sue Murrian to join a group or to drop out for a rotation. This is a fine way to meet friends and members of Westminster.



Coffee, Anyone?

Don't miss your opportunity to purchase Fair Trade Organic Coffee, both regular and decaf, to support our senior high youth in raising funds for their trip to Montreat. The cost is \$10 per bag. **Thank you for your support!**

FROM THE TREASURER



Just a friendly reminder to try and keep your pledges current during the summer months. Once summer arrives and we get out of our routines, we sometimes forget to fulfill our pledge to the church. Unlike its members, the church doesn't get to take a vacation. We have monthly fixed costs we need to pay to keep the doors open. If you have any questions regarding the status of your pledge, please contact Renee in the church office at 584-3957 or renee_wpc@comcast.net. We are currently financially sound, and we want to keep it that way.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

"If You Want to Walk on Water, You Have to Get Out of the Boat"

McKinnon Room

What does that mean? " It means facing your fears and choosing not to let fear have the last word." " It means discovering and embracing the unique calling of God on your life." " It means experiencing the power of God in your life to do something you would not be able of doing on your own." Laura Barron and Gail Clark will be facilitating the class. Books are available for \$19.

Bible Study Class

Library

The class will study Psalms 28 and 29 in word and song.

Nuclear Tipping Point

Fellowship Hall

This class will take "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God." (Matthew 5:9) as a starting point and look into the big picture of nuclear weapons and their relationship to peace and security. The format will include a combination of short video segments, Bible references and discussion. We feel that this topic is very timely in that President Obama recently signed a nuclear reduction treaty and our senators will be debating this treaty in the Fall.

Vacation Bible School
Sunday, June 27 – Thursday, July 1

This year, Erin Presbyterian Church will join us for a combined daytime Vacation Bible School. Their church has a new addition under construction, and we will enjoy sharing our time and facilities with them.

Attendance and volunteer sign-ups are in the Schilling Gallery. We will need help with snacks, crafts, shepherding, games, decorating and co-leading classes. If you are interested in helping in any way, please fill out the form below and return it to the offering plate or to the church office. You may also sign up by contacting Angela at angela_wpc@comcast.net.

Our schedule:

Sunday, June 27 – 2:00-5:00 p.m., followed by a cookout for the entire family

Monday, June 28 – Thursday, July 1 – 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Attendance Sign-up:

A nursery is available for infants and toddlers of volunteers. Preschoolers aged 2-3 (potty trained), 4 and 5, as well as students currently in kindergarten through 5th grade are welcome to sign-up.

We also need middle and high school students to lead the games.

Name:_____ Age or Current School Grade:_____

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Volunteer Sign-up:

Name(s):_____

Please circle your volunteer interest:

crafts snacks shepherd decorations class co-leader

Presbytery of East Tennessee's Hunger Program At Work in 2010

Roane County Cooperative Ministries, Kingston (\$1,000 grant)

R.C.C.M.'s Garden Project enables forty low-income families to obtain seeds, plants, and fertilizer to grow food in their own gardens. www.bethelpcusa.org/mnrnc04.html

Fountain City Ministry Center (\$500 grant)

The Ministry Center is a cooperative effort of ten area churches (including Fountain City Presbyterian Church), which provides emergency food and children's clothing to those in need.

Morgan Scott Project's Good Earth Garden Program (\$500 grant)

The Garden Program provides seeds, plants, and fertilizer to hundreds of low-income families in economically-depressed Morgan and Scott Counties, so that they can produce a large portion of their own food. Extra vegetables are canned or frozen for winter or given to those who are unable to plant a garden because of failing health. www.morganscottproject.org

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and Church World Service (\$121 grant)

Each organization received a \$60.50 grant for Haiti relief efforts as a result of the Cents-Ability offering collected during lunch at the February Presbytery meeting.

Chattanooga Area Food Bank's Sack Pack Program (\$500 grant)

On Friday afternoons, bags of nutritious, kid-friendly food are placed discreetly in the backpacks of school children who face hunger issues over the weekend. www.chattfoodbank.org

Chattanooga Community Kitchen (\$500 grant)

This ministry serves more than 130,000 meals to the area's homeless and hungry.

www.community-kitchen.org

Deborah Phillips

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