

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

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

PRELUDE

(9:00) Show Me Your Ways, O Lord
Franz Joseph Haydn
trans. Peter Van Eenam

Brass Choir

(11:00) Canzonetta del Cardillo, III
Adriano Banchieri
Brass Choir

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Anna Rennich

Leader: God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise.

People: **Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your presence and worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

*HYMN NO. 478 (blue hymnal) Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven
Lauda anima

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. Often, we abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as disciples of Jesus Christ.

*RESPONSE Take, O Take Me as I Am
John L. Bell

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

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

*RESPONSE Celtic Alleluia (*sing twice*)
Fintan O’Carroll

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 14:1,7-14

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

Anne Millett

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

Hebrews 13:1-8,15-16; Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

SERMON

“A Certain Kind of Christianity”

Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

*HYMN NO. 394 (blue hymnal) There Is a Balm in Gilead

Balm in Gilead

***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. 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) Canzonetta del Cardillo, III

Adriano Banchieri

(11:00) Brother James’s Air

arr. Gordon Jacob

The Lord’s my Shepherd, I’ll not want, He makes me down to lie in pastures green, He leadeth me The quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again And me to walk doth make Within the Paths of Blessedness, E’en for His own Name’s sake.

Yea, though I pass thro’ shadowed vale, Yet will I fear no ill; For Thou art with me, And Thy Rod and Staff me comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnished In presence of my foes; My head with oil Thou dost anoint,
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my days Will surely follow me; And in my Father's heart always
My dwelling place shall be.

Psalm 23

Lasst uns erfreuen

***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; alleluia; Praise
him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN** (11:00) Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace

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***CHARGE AND BEDICTION**

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

Danish melody

***POSTLUDE** Fugue sur les jeux d'anches

François Couperin

(from *Mass for the Parishes*)

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP here today.

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK are Pam Potocik and Wes Williams.

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR SEPTEMBER: Janice Rawe

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS are available from the ushers.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES (11:00): Graham Gosselin, Helen Bonnyman

GREETERS (11:00): Bill and Renee Wiesehuegel

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Nursery Staff

(11:00) Erik and April Kringen, Leah and Claire Woehr

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Brass Choir

(11:00) Brass and Chancel Choirs

SENIOR USHER: Dave Woehr

USHERS:

(9:00) Cile and Ed Mathews

(11:00) Beth and John Chang, Robin Greeson, Nancy Cundall, Paul Jorden

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Andrew and Kristi Gordon, Maggie and Lucy in
memory of Betty Nye Gordon.

THIS MORNING'S POSTLUDE is by one of the masters of the French Baroque. Known especially
for his four books of harpsichord music, another on learning to play the harpsichord, and two
organ masses, François Couperin was also a church musician, serving at St. Gervais in Paris. In
French music of this period we frequently find indications for the registration (which stops to use).
With today's piece it's the reeds, accompanied by the customary mutation stops (these are the stops
which speak at the fifth or the third, i.e. a G or an E or both sound when a C is played). It is a
vibrant and colorful combination!

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

Tuesday's "BLT": If you plan to attend Dr. Phillips' class this week, you may prepare by reading
the parable of The Pharisee and the Publican (**Luke 18:9-14**). Bring your lunch and join us this
Tuesday at noon in the McKinnon Room for **Bible...Lunch...Tuesdays**.

FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST IN THE SMOKIES is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. October 2nd at the
Metcalf Bottoms Picnic area, located on the Little River Road in the Great Smoky Mountains. Please
sign up in the Schilling Gallery and let us know whether you need a ride or can provide a ride for
others.

THE COMMUNITY CHEST THRIFT SHOP is collecting clothing and small household items on
Saturday, October 2 from 10:00-11:30 a.m. at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension. Donations
may also be taken to the thrift shop at 122 W. Scott Avenue during their business hours, Monday
through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. The Community Chest is a not-for-profit shop
that sells needed items at the lowest prices possible.

THE PEACEMAKING OFFERING will be collected on Sunday, October 3. Fifty percent of your
gift goes to the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program, which offers many activities, including
conferences and other educational events. Twenty-five percent is used by our congregation for
local peace work, and the remaining twenty-five percent goes to presbyteries and synods. Please
see the insert in today's bulletin for more information.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 3

We will have **one worship service at 11:00 a.m.** on October 3, so that we all may celebrate World Communion Sunday together. Our regular Sunday School classes will continue as scheduled at 10:00 a.m.

THE CONGREGATION IS INVITED to a reception for the Htang family on Sunday, October 3 as we celebrate both their one-year anniversary of being in the United States and the upcoming birth of their daughter. Simon and Esther and their son, Augustine will join us in the Schilling Gallery following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Gifts are not expected, but anyone wishing to give something to the family is encouraged to consider gift cards so they can purchase baby supplies, groceries or other needed items.

CHURCH DIRECTORY NEWS

Online registration is up and running until October 7 at www.wpcknox.org. Click on the link in the right-hand column on the homepage to sign in and schedule your photo appointment. You can also sign up at church on October 10, 17 and 24.

Our photography dates are November 1, 2, 22 and 23 from 2:00-9:20 p.m.; December 2 and 3 from 2:00-9:20 p.m.; and December 4 from 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Each family that participates will receive one free 8X10 portrait and a church directory.

A new feature with this directory is OM Plus+, which allows us to have a password-protected directory online. Members will have access to the directory, and church staff will be able to make regular updates, such as phone number and address changes. Please make plans to participate so we can create a complete, up-to-date and user friendly directory for our WPC family.

THE ABBEY DEADLINE is Wednesday. Please send your articles to unitedprinters@comcast.net.

RACE FOR THE CURE: Westminster Tribe Alive will be participating in this year's Race for the Cure event to be held **Saturday, October 30** at World's Fair Park. Please join us for either the Family Fun 1 mile walk or the 5K run...or, if you prefer, "Sleep In" for the Cure! Meredith Mackay and Kathryn Oakes have volunteered to lead the team again and are happy to answer any questions anyone might have. You can sign up online at www.komenknoxville.com. Go to "Register Online" and under Team select "Westminster Tribe Alive." We look forward to seeing you all on Race Day!

Wednesdays With Westminster (WWW or W³)

Here is what we have planned for Wednesday, September 29:

5:45-6:30 – Dinner

You do not need a reservation and there is no cost for the dinner, unless you want to make a donation at the door.

6:45 - 7:30 – Activities

There is a nursery for infants through age 4 and programs for ages 5 through 5th grade.

Middle schoolers and high schoolers can hang out together for music and recreation.

For adults, our special guest speaker is **Judd Shaw, General Presbyter of The Presbytery of East Tennessee**. Judd will speak about the presbytery's work as well as the General Assembly issues which are now before us for discussion.

Come enjoy the food, fun and fellowship at WWW. You will be glad you did.

Adult Sunday School Classes

Contemporary Issues (Fellowship Hall)

Anti-immigration Sentiment in Tennessee

Fran Ansley, Distinguished Professor of Law Emeritus, UT College of Law, will discuss the anti-immigrant sentiment in the country and in Tennessee, and efforts being made to ensure immigrant rights.

Faith Topics (McKinnon Room)

Soul Feast, by Marjorie Thompson

We will discuss Chapter 2 of *Soul Feast* entitled, "Chewing the Bread of the Word, The Nature and Practice of Spiritual Reading."

Special Topics (Library)

Boundaries With Kids, by Dr. Henry Cloud and Dr. John Thompson

We will discuss Chapters 3-5, which cover the topics of kids needing parents with boundaries, actions and consequences, and responsibility.

Bible Experience (Prayer Room)

Psalms in Scripture and Song

We will examine the psalms by looking for the hymns and the prayers and their use by the people of Israel in worship, by Jesus, by the New Testament writers, and by the early church.

International Peacemaker Will Speak at WPC, October 2:

“Peacemaking and the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict”

The Peacemaking Committee of the Presbytery of East Tennessee is hosting International Peacemaker Dr. Paul Beran in this area October 1-3. On Saturday, October 2, Dr. Beran will join us (and other church and community members) in the Fellowship Hall for a potluck supper at 6:00 p.m. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share; a smoked turkey will be supplied by the committee. Or come for his presentation at 7:00 p.m. He will be talking about peace and justice issues in Israel/Palestine. Childcare will be available at 7:00 p.m.

GETTING READY FOR STEWARDSHIP SEASON: A FOUNDATION FOR WESTMINSTER'S FUTURE

The Stewardship Team has been meeting since the beginning of the summer in preparation for stewardship season at Westminster, which will kick into high gear during the month of October. We will be drawing on the energy and enthusiasm created by the recent work of the Visioning Task Force, which conducted a thorough process of self examination and healthy critical thinking about Westminster Presbyterian Church. What the Stewardship Team has concluded is that this effort can serve as a foundation for our community of faith as it moves forward into a promising future of unlimited possibilities.

As each of the several ministry teams prepares their budgets for 2011, the Stewardship Team will be putting the final polish to plans for the Stewardship Dinner, scheduled for Sunday night, October 24th. We will use that occasion to brief the congregation on projected resource needs for next year. The campaign will conclude on Stewardship Sunday, November 7th, when everyone will be asked to turn in their 2011 pledges. It is the hope of our team that all who support the work and mission of Westminster Presbyterian Church will prayerfully consider making a pledge for the coming church year. What everyone offers in terms of their financial resources, as well as their time and their talents, will allow Westminster to move forward from the foundation that has been laid.

The Stewardship Team

They are to do good, to be rich in good deeds, liberal and generous, thus laying up for themselves a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life which is the life indeed.

2 Timothy 6:18-19