

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

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

PRELUDE Sonata No. 1 (11:00) Gottfried Reiche
Movement III (from *Quartet for Brass Instruments*) Arthur Frackenpohl
Brass Choir

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song;

People: Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

People: Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

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

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Gracious God, we open our hearts and confess our sins— against you, against our neighbor, against even ourselves. For the wrongs of our minds, our hearts, our spirits— forgive us. For our silence and lack of compassion— forgive us. For our self-love and our self-hatred— forgive us. For our anger and our fear— forgive us. For the waste of your gifts— forgive us. For our part, known and unknown, in the suffering of all of your children— forgive us. For our failures in justice and peace— forgive us. For all the times we do not walk the way of love— forgive us in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

***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 23:33-43; Psalm 126

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

Buz Johnson

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

Colossians 1:11-20

SERMON

“The Image of the Invisible God”

Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

***HYMN NO. 151** (blue hymnal) Crown Him with Many Crowns

Diademata

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison)

from A Declaration of Faith

Jesus Christ stands at the center of the biblical story. The Bible is the account of God’s word and action in history together with his people’s response in faith. It tells how the Lord has moved with Israel and the church toward the kingdom of God, his just and loving rule over all. It is the story of the one God, who is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. That story is still unfolding and in faith we make it our own. It forms our memory and our hope. It tells us who we are and what we are to do. To retell it is to declare what we believe.

Yet, God is at work beyond our story. We know that God is not confined to the story we can tell. The story itself tells us God works his sovereign will among all peoples of the earth. We believe God works beyond our imagining throughout the universe. Amen.

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) Sonata No. 1

Gottfried Reiche

(11:00) The Goodness of the Lord

C. P. E. Bach

The goodness of the Lord aboundeth, Lives there one man beyond its spell? Our song of grateful praise resoundeth, And anthems celestial His glory tell. His love to cherish His grace to measure, Shall ever be my great concern, His mercy is my highest treasure, My goal His benison to earn.

O Master, let Thy loving care be clear before me through all my days, And let this be my earnest prayer, Thy heav'nly kingdom to serve always: Thou art my comfort In time of sadness, Thou my Delight in time of cheer, And ever Thou my soul's great gladness, For fear departs when Thou art near.

***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology No. 514 (red hymnal)

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

adapt. Walter Ehret

Old Hundredth

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 555** (blue hymnal) (11:00) Now Thank We All Our God

Nun danket alle Gott

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

Danish melody

***POSTLUDE** Herr Gott, dich loben alle wir

Johann Ludwig Krebs

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Indicates standing.

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"Where Faith and Life Connect"

THE SESSION

Class of 2011

Brian Bonnyman
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Michael Yates
Youth Elder: Anna Rennich

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Class of 2013

Ruthie Carey
Kristi Gordon
Buz Johnson
Tim Ryan
John Salsbery

TRUSTEES

Cile Mathews

Jerry Faerber

Roy Hawk

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP here today.
PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK are Kristi Gordon and Tim Ryan.
CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR NOVEMBER: Carlene Robinson
LARGE PRINT HYMNALS are available from the ushers.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES (11:00): Leah Milam, Helen Bonnyman

GREETERS (11:00): Larry and Kay DeLonge

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Childcare through age five

(11:00) Scott and Ashley Porter, Leah and Claire Woehr

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Brass Choir

(11:00) Brass and Chancel Choirs

SENIOR USHER: Tim Ryan

USHERS:

(9:00) Ed and Cile Mathews

(11:00) Michael Yates, Bill Beintema, Kathy Shilling, Brian Bonnyman, Sue Caradine

THE THANKSGIVING ARRANGEMENT today is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our daughter, Catherine Marsh and in honor of our four children and eight grandchildren by Frank and Marty Marsh.

THE SCHILLING GALLERY has a couple of wonderful exhibits for your pleasure. In the glass show cases is a wonderful collection of antique Christmas cards belonging to Jim and Bettie Mason. On the walls and in the narthex are photos of sacred spaces from around the world. Bill Rudd is the photographer of these beautiful images. Take time to view these exhibits which will be up for the months of November and December.

JOHANN LUDWIG KREBS, one of J. S. Bach's more well-known students, was organist at the castle church of the court at Altenburg. This morning's postlude is a chorale prelude based on the *Old Hundredth* psalm tune, with the soprano (top) line in canon with the pedal.

SESSION DOCKETS for the December 5 Stated session meeting are available in the narthex for all current elders.

Adult Sunday School Classes

Contemporary Issues (McKinnon Room)..... Fritz Schilling

Aftermath of Katrina and Community Building in New Orleans

Special Topics (Library). . . . *Boundaries In Marriage*, by Dr. Henry Cloud and Dr. John Thompson

Bible Experience (Prayer Room). led by Scott Brunger and Ellen Anderson

Adult Sunday School Class from November 28 through December 12:

It's a Wonderful Life -- Frank Capra's beloved holiday classic is considered among the greatest movies of all time. Clips from the movie will be shown that demonstrate the power of prayer, the love and strength that exist in relationships we establish and in the community that surrounds us, and the wonderful gift of life that God has bestowed on us all. Questions for reflection and discussion will be presented after the film clips are shown. On December 19 there will be no classes. That will be the annual Advent Breakfast.

ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: Be sure to stop by the Alternative Christmas Bazaar in the Schilling Gallery. Opportunities for gift giving will include Christmas cards benefitting Rachel's Lament, Palestinian Olive Oil, Equal Shares coffee, cocoa and chocolate bars, Heifer Project, FISH (food for families), and Partners for Just Trade (gifts from third world countries). Gifts such as these support ministries throughout the whole world.

THE FLOWER DEDICATION CHART FOR 2011 is posted in the Schilling Gallery. Please stop by and sign up for your flower dedications for next year. The cost is \$60, payable on the date of your dedication.

BEGINNING NEXT SUNDAY, the Flower Guild will begin their decorations for the Sanctuary. Donations for floral dedications can be placed in the offering plate or brought to the office.



I would like to contribute to the Flower Guild for Advent:

\$_____

In memory/honor (circle one) of:

Given by:



TUESDAY'S "BLT": Tuesday's parables class will discuss Two Parables About Prayer. The reading is Luke 11:5-13. Bring your lunch and join us this Tuesday at noon in the McKinnon Room for Bible...Lunch...Tuesdays. This will conclude our ten week series on the Parables.

CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTOGRAPHY is underway. If you need to set or change an appointment, call Olan Mills at 800-866-2263, Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. All families photographed will receive an 8X10 portrait and a church directory. The remaining dates that photos will be taken are November 22 and 23, December 2,3 and 4.

Songs and Carols of Advent and Christmas

November 30

On Tuesday, November 30 at 7:30 p.m. there will be a concert of vocal music celebrating Advent and Christmas. Come and hear music of Handel, Bach, Hassler, Praetorius, Vaughan Williams, and others performed by *Waterfriends*, a group of musicians from Westminster and the Knoxville area. There will be familiar music, as well as music that may not be so well known to fill the sanctuary for this concert of songs and carols. The concert is free, and a goodwill offering will be received to support *Living Waters for the World*, a mission of the Presbyterian Church USA. LWW trains and equips teams to install water purification systems in communities that need access to clean water.

GIVE YOURSELF A GIFT THIS CHRISTMAS – Join us starting Dec. 1st at 6:30 pm in the Prayer Room for a four week study of *The Uncluttered Heart* by Beth A. Richardson. We will reflect, pray and celebrate ways to include God in our daily lives at this very busy, overbooked and very commercial time of year. It will be calming, peaceful and nourishing, exactly what you heart is seeking. This could change your perspective on Christmas forever. We will be following the small group format for 4 sessions. Give yourself permission to take 1 ½ hours for yourself on Wednesday nights, you are worth it and so is God's gift that is waiting for you. See you on Dec. 1st at 6:30 p.m. The books have been ordered and can be purchased for \$13 in the church office prior to Dec. 1st or you can get yours at the first session.

FISH HOSPITALITY PANTRIES is providing an excellent opportunity for you to give gifts to family and friends while helping to end hunger in our community. When you participate in the FISH Christmas Gift Card project, FISH will send people on your Christmas shopping list an attractive gift card letting them know how many families are being fed in their name. Thanks to special purchases, a family of four can be fed for three days with just a \$5 gift. Make out your gift list and visit the FISH gift card table after worship today.