

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

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

**PRELUDE** Herr Christ, der einig Gottes Sohn, BWV 698 J. S. Bach  
*Lord Christ, the Only Son of God*  
Gelobet seist du, Jesu Christ Johann Pachelbel  
*Praise Be to Thee, Jesus Christ*

**OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION**

**LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE**

(9:00) Darryl and Ginny Baker  
(11:00) Angela Shilling and Sam Smith  
**INTROIT** (11:00) The Holly and the Ivy English carol  
arr. David Willcocks

The holly and the ivy, When they are both full grown, Of all the trees that are in the wood,  
The holly bears the crown. O, the rising of the sun, And the running of the deer, The  
playing of the merry organ, Sweet singing in the choir.

The holly bears a blossom As white as the lily flower; And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ  
To be our sweet Saviour. (Refrain)

The holly bears a colour As green as any tree; And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ To set  
poor sinners free. (Refrain)

The holly bears a berry As red as any blood And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ To do poor  
sinners good. (Refrain)

Becca Millett, Soprano

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Among the poor, among the proud, among the persecuted, among the privileged,  
**People: Christ is coming to make all things new.**  
Leader: That the kingdom might come, that the world might believe, that eternal love might  
be made flesh,  
**People: Christ is coming to make all things new.**

**\*HYMN NO. 13** (blue hymnal) Prepare the Way *Bereden väg för Herran*

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)  
Gracious God, make this Advent season a time of holy growth. Forgive us when we assume  
that our faith can survive without the nourishment of study and reflection and prayer. Forgive  
us when we stifle our capacity for wonder. Forgive us when we forget that the Christ comes as  
the bearer of peace and as one who challenges all powers that rule unjustly. Forgive us when  
we cannot find peace in our lives because of the pace of our lives. Strengthen and enlighten us  
this Advent season. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

**\*KYRIE ELEISON** Healey Willan

(Congregation singing – music is found on the inside cover of the red hymnal)

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.  
(First part: women; second: men; third: all)

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!  
**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

**\*RESPONSE** Refrain from “Angels We Have Heard on High” *Gloria*  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

TO EXPERIENCE GOD’S WORD AND RESPOND ...

**SCRIPTURE READING** Matthew 11:2-11

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN** (11:00) Lisa Trofatter

Children age 4 through 3<sup>rd</sup> 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** Isaiah 35:1-10

**SERMON** “Surprised By Joy” Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

**\*HYMN NO. 2** (blue hymnal) Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus *Hyfrydol*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) The Magnificat - Luke 1:47-55 (Mary’s Song of Praise)

“My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with  
favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;  
for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those  
who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has  
scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from

their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

**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 OF GIFTS**

*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 Holly and the Ivy English carol  
(The text is found at the Introit.)

(11:00) Allon, gay bergeres Guillaume Costeley  
Allon, gay bergeres, Allon, gay, soyez légères, Suyvez moy.

Allon voir le Roy, Qui du ciel en terre est nay. Gay, gay. (Refrain)

Un beau présent luy feray; de quoy? De ce flagolet que j’ay tant gay. (Refrain)

Un gâteau luy donneray; Et moy, Plain Hanap luy offriray. Gay, gay. (Refrain)

Ho, ho, paix-là! je le voy; Il tétte bien sans le doigt, le petit Roy, Gay, gay.

Allon, gay bergeres, Allon, gay, soyez légères, Le Roy boit.

*Come, gay shepherds, Be joyful, Follow me.*

*Come to see the King Who, from heaven, on earth is born. (Refrain)*

*I shall make him a nice present. Of what? Of this flute of mine, so gay. (Refrain)*

*A cake shall I give him, And I a full bumper shall offer. (Refrain)*

*Ho, ho, quiet now, I see him, He suckles well without his thumb, the little King.*

*Come, gay shepherds, Be joyful, The King is drinking.*

**\*AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology No. 591 (blue hymnal) *Tallis’ Canon*  
(Sung to the tune of Hymn No. 542 (blue hymnal))

**TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...**

**\*HYMN NO. 8** (blue hymnal) (11:00) Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates Truro

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** People, Look East French folk melody

**\*POSTLUDE** Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr Andreas Armsdorff  
*All Glory Be to God on High*

\*Indicates standing.

**NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP here today.

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR DECEMBER: Janice Rawe

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK are Leslie Rotella and Tim Crais

### SERVING TODAY

**ACOLYTES** (11:00): Leah Woehr, Caroline Rogers

**GREETERS** (11:00): Bill and Renee Wiesehuegel

### **CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:**

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

(11:00) John and Elizabeth Salsbery, Emma Adamcik, Clara Oaks

### **LITURGISTS:**

(9:00) Ginny Baker

(11:00) Laura Dupper

### **MINISTRY OF MUSIC:**

(9:00) Westminster Choristers

(11:00) Chancel Choir and Westminster Choristers

**SENIOR USHER:** Christie Dowling

### **USHERS:**

(9:00) John Styron, Genet Weber

(11:00) Larry DeLonge, Kristi Gordon, Andrew Gordon, Joe Ben Turner, Robin Greeson

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.

GUILLAUME COSTELEY (1530, POSSIBLY 1531-1606) was a French composer of the late Renaissance and court organist to Charles IX of France. He is best known for his many chansons, typically contrapuntal and secular lyric-driven French songs (especially in their later form, prevalent during his lifetime). This morning's anthem happens to be a sacred chanson. Costeley was also one of very few French composers of the 16<sup>th</sup> century to write music for the keyboard. Perhaps most striking is the fact that he was among the earliest composers to experiment with microtonal composition (using notes that fall between our traditional system of chromatic notes a half step apart from one another)!

ADVENT FELLOWSHIP will be held in the Schilling Gallery immediately after the 11 a.m. worship service.

THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE will be held this afternoon at 5:00, followed by the Youth Christmas Drama "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever." Participating in the service will be the Boys', Chancel, and Girls' Choirs and the Westminster Choristers singing traditional carols arranged by David Willcocks and Peter Van Eenam as well as music by Guillaume Costeley and Eric Whitacre. We hope you'll be able to attend!

### **Adult Sunday School Classes**

Advent Series: *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.

The Bible Study class is offering an Advent series entitled "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!" Jesus came in His first advent to fulfill the old law, becoming our prophet, our priest, and our king. We'll read what the Bible says about each of these roles and discuss how our faith and life are shaped by Advent expectation. Join us in the Library at 10:00 on three Sundays - November 28, December 5, and December 12 for a joyful time with Advent scripture, meditations, symbols, music, and discussion. No advance reading is required.

*On December 19 there will be no classes. That will be the annual Advent Breakfast.*

RESERVE YOUR SPOT for next year's LeConte hike! Please send your \$50 deposit to the church office, noting "LeConte reservation" on your check. The hike will take place July 23, 2011.

FOYER GROUPS SHUFFLE in January. It is a great way to make new friends or renew old friendships at Westminster. New groups will be forming in January. Please call Sue Murrian (524-5638) or email her ([suebobintn@aol.com](mailto:suebobintn@aol.com)) if you would like to join a group, drop out for a while, or with questions or requests.

THE 2010 CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING is collected throughout the Advent season. Fifty percent of your gift goes to the Board of Pensions to support retired and active church workers and their spouses and families. The other fifty percent supports Presbyterian related racial and ethnic education through the General Assembly Council. Please see the bulletin insert for more information about the offering and to read a story about a minister who personally benefitted from this offering.

**COME HEAR MUSIC** of the season presented by the Tuesday Morning Musical Club at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 14, in the sanctuary. Performing will be the St. John's Cathedral Bell Ringers, directed by Richard A. Siday; violinist Mary Ann Fennell; and organists Rebecca Kidd and Charles Parham. (And be sure to stay for some coffee and goodies in the Schilling Gallery afterwards!)

**CHRISTMAS CRAFT NIGHT AND POTLUCK DINNER** is Wednesday, December 15, at 5:45 p.m. Come and get into the Christmas spirit with a night of fun, fellowship and dinner. We have all new crafts for young and old to make as gifts, or to hang on your tree! Chicken tenders and bread will be provided, just bring a side dish or dessert to share (the recipes are always nice to have if it is a homemade dish). Everyone is invited-young and old- you do not have to have a child to attend.

**HEIFER INTERNATIONAL** ([www.heifer.org](http://www.heifer.org)) uses a holistic approach in working toward the mission of ending world hunger and poverty and caring for the earth. Gift cards are available in the church office during the Advent season. Give the gift that keeps on giving!

**AN OLD FASHIONED APPALACHIAN CHRISTMAS** will be held at our neighboring church, St. Mark United Methodist Church, on Saturday evening, December 18 at 6:00 p.m. The evening features stories by Elizabeth Rose and music by The Pair Family. A reception of homemade cookies and hot cider will follow.



**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

December 12..... Children’s Christmas Service - 5 p.m.  
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 December 14 ..... Christmas Recital in Sanctuary - 10:30 a.m.  
 December 15..... Potluck Dinner and Christmas Craft Night - 5:45 p.m.  
 December 19..... Christmas Breakfast - 10 a.m.  
 December 19..... Christmas Caroling - 4 p.m.  
 December 24..... Christmas Eve Services - 5 and 11 p.m.  
 December 26..... Sunday Worship - 11 a.m.  
 December 27-30..... Church offices closed for the holiday  
 December 31..... Church office open from 9 to 1 p.m.  
 January 2..... Sunday Worship - 11 a.m.

**KNOXVILLE’S NATIONAL HOMELESS PERSONS’ MEMORIAL DAY** is December 21. This first day of winter and the longest night of the year was chosen to bring attention to the tragedy of homelessness, and to remember our homeless friends who died in Knoxville in 2010. A candle light walk will begin at 6:00 p.m. at 518 Broadway (VMC building) and progress to St. John’s Lutheran Church at 544 Broadway. Inside this church there will be a brief service and reading of the names of those who died. A candle will be lit and a chime sounded for each name. The service will be conducted entirely by our homeless or formerly homeless friends. The public is invited.

**WPC Adult Sunday School Classes for Winter 2011**

**Faith Topics** (McKinnon Room) Losses of Our Lives, by Dr. Nancy Copeland-Payton  
 “Based on her experience as a physician, hospital chaplain, and pastor, Dr. Nancy Copeland-Payton invites us to awaken to the losses of our lives – big and small – and embrace the wisdom each has to teach us about the deep mystery of God and the nature of living.” In this 8 week course we will look at losses that come our way: leaving the womb as a child, leaving home, losses of loved ones , and many other losses, big and small, that are part of the human condition. Anne Dungan and Tim Crais will be the facilitators for the class and books may be purchased for \$10 at the church office starting on December 20.

**Special Topics** (Library) What Kids Really Want That Money Can’t Buy: Tips for Parenting in a Commercial World by Betsy Taylor. “At a time when many parents worry that they are raising the ‘I want’ generation, this book offers a helping hand - and a remarkable dose of the truth. Drawing on the touching, honest words of thousands of children who were asked ‘What do you want that money can't buy?’ it helps parents peer into their kids' hearts, hear what really means the most to them, and learn to help them get it. Author Betsy Taylor shows us ways to reinstill a love of life's simple pleasures, teach the difference between friendships and popularity, build family rituals, appreciate nature, and find a quiet time together. This must needed book is a dynamic, real-world guide to reshaping our busy lives and giving our children more joy with less stuff - and plenty of what truly matters most.” Linda Judge-McRae will be the facilitator for the class and the books will cost \$10 and will be available in the church office starting on December 20.

**Bible Experience** (Prayer Room) Corinthians  
 We will look at St. Paul’s advice to a globalized congregation in the ancient city of Corinth. Ellen Anderson and Scott Brunger will lead the class. All are welcome. Come join us.