

BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

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

PRELUDE Prelude on the Introit for Epiphany Maurice Duruflé

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT O Thou Who Art Unchangeable (from *The Prayers of Kierkegaard*) Samuel Barber

O Thou who art unchangeable, whom nothing changes. May we find our rest, and remain at rest in Thee, Unchanging. Thou art moved, and moved in infinite love by all things. The need of a sparrow, even this moves Thee. And what we scarcely see, a human sigh, this moves Thee, O infinite love. But nothing changes Thee, O Thou Unchanging Father in heaven.

Terrance McCracken, Baritone

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The One who granted us the breath of life is present here in our worship.

People: Praise God for the gift of life and the linking of our lives with one another.

Leader: God's own Spirit rests upon us, drawing us into this family of faith.

People: We have been baptized into Christ and share in the mission entrusted to Jesus.

Leader: The Good news of peace is for all people, for God shows no partiality.

People: In every nation, anyone who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to God.

Leader: Come together, then, to remember Jesus' baptism and ponder its implications for our lives.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 464** (blue hymnal) Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee *Hymn to Joy*

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

God of pure, unbounded love, we are a people who long to be loving, and a people who often fail. Forgive us when our actions hurt ourselves and others. Forgive us when we do not choose our words with care, lest they hurt our family, friends, or neighbors. Help us to go the second mile in service and the giving of ourselves. Teach us what it means to love our enemies. Hear

now as we pray to you for healing in our relationships: with you, with our loved ones, with friends and associates, with our world neighbors, with our planet, and with ourselves. Through Jesus Christ we pray. 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** Gloria Patri No. 576 (blue hymnal) Jacques Berthier



TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 42:1-9; Matthew 3:13-17

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Ginny Baker

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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00) Riley Jade Matiskella

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 10:34-43

SERMON Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

“What I Am Is What I Am - Are You What You Are - Or What?”

Edie Brickell - “What I Am”

***HYMN NO. 499** (blue hymnal) Wonder of Wonders, Here Revealed *Pentecost*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. 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 Wexford Carol

Irish carol

arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

Good people all, this Christmas time, Consider well and bear in mind
What our good God for us has done, In sending His beloved Son.
With Mary holy we should pray To God with love this Christmas Day;
In Bethlehem upon the morn There was a blest Messiah born.

The night before that happy tide The noble virgin and her guide
Were long time seeking up and down To find a lodging in the town.
But mark how all things came to pass: From every door repelled,
alas! As long foretold, their refuge all Was but a humble oxen stall.

There were three wise men from afar Directed by a glorious star,
And on they wandered night and day Until they came where Jesus lay,
And when they came unto that place Where our beloved Messiah was,
They humbly cast them at his feet, With gifts of gold and incense sweet.

Traditional

Terrance McCracken

***AT THE PRESENTATION** Hymn No. 63 (blue hymnal) As with Gladness Men of Old *Dix*

As they offered gifts most rare At that manger rude and bare;
So may we with holy joy, Pure, and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heavenly King.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 538** (blue hymnal) (11:00) Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing *Sicilian Mariners*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

***POSTLUDE** Fugue sur le thème du Carillon des heures de la Cathédrale de Soissons
Maurice Duruflé

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP here today.

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK are Gail Clark and Wes Williams.

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR JANUARY: Carlene Robinson

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS are available from the ushers.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTE (11:00): Joseph Hutzenbiler

GREETERS (11:00): Bill and Kathleen Farnham

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Nursery Staff

(11:00) Sam Smith, Angela Shilling, Clara Oakes, Emma Adamcik

SENIOR USHER: Bill Holt

USHERS:

(9:00) Don and Connie Graham

(11:00) Joyce Ryan, Tim Ryan, Kathy Shilling, Jay Schmid, Joe Ben Turner

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Marty Pryor and family in loving memory of Jim.

THE BIRTH CANDLE today celebrates two baby boy births. Mark McCutchan Medlock, son of Katherine (Groves) and Trey Medlock, and the grandson of Trish Groves. Trey was born on December 28, 2010. Nolan Bennett Oros was born to Bill and Lisa Oros on January 6 weighing 9 pounds, 3 ounces and is 20 ½ inches long. Proud siblings are Griffen and Meghan. Congratulations!

OUR THANKS to Terrance McCracken for his enrichment of our worship and to Theresa Pepin for serving as the organist this morning while Peter Van Eenam continues to be in St. Louis with his mother, who is recuperating from pneumonia.

DATING BACK to the 12th century, "Wexford Carol" is one of the oldest Irish carols and is thought to have originated in the area of County Wexford, Ireland; the words may have come from England. It is also known as "The Enniscorthy Carol," as it was originally collected by Dr. Grattan Flood in Enniscorthy, a town in Ireland's County Wexford. The lyrics, which are in English, date back to the 12th century. The lyrics were added to the tune much later, and it is not believed that the lyrics were originally in the Irish language.

ORGANIST CHARLES BOYD TOMPKINS will be heard in recital at Westminster Church Friday evening, January 21, at 8:00 as part of this season's *Musica Organi* series. Dr. Tompkins is a graduate of the Eastman School of Music and the University of Michigan and is University Organist and Professor of Music at Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina. He has presented recitals and workshops throughout the United States, and has been a featured artist at national and regional conventions of the American Guild of Organists, the College Music Society, and the Music Teachers National Association. His program will include music by J. S. Bach, Bruhns, Dandrieu, Langlais, Mendelssohn, and Rorem, among others. Admission is free and the congregation is cordially invited to attend. A nursery will be provided. Do come join us that evening!

YOUTH CLUB will meet after the 11:00 a.m. worship service today to decorate cookies for a local nursing home. Lunch will be served.

YOUTH NEWS!

Exciting news!!! We will officially begin 2011 youth **this evening** (and afternoon.)

The Christmas Drama cast and crew will be having the cast party right after church (about 12:15-2:00.) Since many of you (Middle School) guys were in the play, that is our scheduled youth activity for WAMS.

SHOW (High School) will be meeting at our new, regular time (right after Choristers) from 5-6:30. (Note: Choristers will not meet tonight at 4:00 because Peter is out of town). We'll be having a game night. Included, will be a ping-pong/foosball/air hockey tournament (we'll vote on which one!), four square game (if weather allows), and BYOB-G (Bring your own board game.) We'll share a light dinner, too.

**All of you WAMS guys are welcome @ game night. If you need to get home after the cast party, that's ok too.

WWW (Wednesdays With Westminster) begins Wednesday, January 12. Dinner starts @ 5:45. At 6:15, we'll have our own Youth Worship! followed by Devotion Group ("Multi-media" class.) This is for all youth. I think you'll enjoy this new format, and a chance to connect in the mid-week!



MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT is Tuesday, January 11 at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesdays With Westminster (WWW or W³)

Here is what we have planned for Wednesday, January 12:

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.

6:30-7:30 – Epiphany Party

Come enjoy the food, fun, fellowship and program at WWW.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST will take place on Thursday, January 13 at 7:00 a.m. in the McKinnon Room. Tim Crais will prepare the breakfast and Bill Rogers will prepare a short discussion-oriented lesson. If you want to review the lesson ahead of time, just ask Renee to email you the lesson or you can pick up a hard copy in the church office. Everyone is welcome. Come join us and bring a friend.

FISH delivery is Thursday, January 13. If you are able to help make deliveries, please contact Barbara Wilkinson. The more volunteers we have, the more food we can deliver to hungry families in our community. You are needed!

THE SEQUOYAH/WESTMORELAND neighborhood group of Westminster will meet and welcome Ginny and Darryl Baker on Sunday, January 16 at Debbie and Jay Schmid's home (4218 Hiawatha Drive) at 6:00 p.m. Entree and drink will be provided but we ask you bring a salad, side, or dessert to share. Please RSVP to Debbie at dkschmid@yahoo.com.

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.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING has been called by Session for Sunday, January 23, at the conclusion of the 11:00 a.m. worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to approve the call of our pastor and to elect the Nominating Committee for 2011. Session has elected Brian Bonnyman to chair the committee and Pam Potocik to vice-chair. The 2011 Nominating Committee will be making the nominations for the 3 at-large members from the congregation for the 2011 Nominating Committee.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER sign ups are currently taking place in the Schilling Gallery (bulletin board). This year's dinner will be held on Friday, February 11 at 6:00 p.m. Many thanks go to the Fellowship Ministry Team for making this annual event possible!

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.

ALL CHURCH RETREAT BROCHURES were mailed on Friday. Please contact the church office if you do not receive your copy in the days ahead. We hope that you will be able to attend the April 1-3, 2011 retreat at Fall Creek Falls! The All Church Committee is comprised of: Barbara Adamcik, Ginny Baker, Don and Sue Byerly, Ruthie Carey, Lisa and Reed Ellis, Angela Grobe, Meredith Mackay, Joyce and Tim Ryan, and Bill and Renee Wiesehuegel. Please feel free to ask any of these members questions you may have regarding our time together. We want to emphasize that we don't want the cost to prohibit anyone from coming to the retreat. If there is a will - there is a way!

BLT (BIBLE, LUNCH, TUESDAYS) resumes on January 18. This 7-Session study, led by Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips, will look at a sampling of different types of Psalms. We will meet each Tuesday at noon in the McKinnon Room. Like the study in the fall, we will try to stay within an hour timeframe, and you are welcome to bring your lunch. The Spring schedule is below:

Psalms of Orientation

January 18 Psalms of Creation: 145,33

January 25 Psalms of Wisdom: 14,1

Psalms of Disorientation

February 1 Psalms of Personal Lament: 13,35,86

February 8 Psalms of Communal Lament: 74,79,137

February 15 Two Disturbing Psalms! 109, 88

Psalms of New Orientation

February 22 Psalms of God's Presence: 63,90

March 1 Psalms of Assurance and Confidence: 23,91

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.

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 reestablish 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 cost \$5.

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.