

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

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

PRELUDE "...No darkness at all..." Ned Rorem
'God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all...'
— Walt Whitman, recalling fifty years later how Elias Hicks thus quoted Christ.
(from *A Quaker Reader*)

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, let us gather together, glorifying God with praise and thanksgiving, with prayer and song!
People: **We come to enjoy an acceptance born of Christian love, to sense the presence of the Spirit, to commit ourselves to God's service.**
ALL: **We lift up our hearts in joy and gratitude as we worship our gracious God.**

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 229** (blue hymnal) From All That Dwell Below the Skies *Lasst uns erfreuen*

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. 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 49:1-7; I Corinthians 1:1-9

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Jean Bonnyman

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 John 1:29-42

SERMON "Everybody's got a hungry heart..." Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips
—Bruce Springsteen

***HYMN NO. 438** (blue hymnal) Blest Be the Tie That Binds *Dennis*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) (Romans 12:9-21, adapted)

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 Love Came Down at Christmas Mansel Thomas

Love came down at Christmas, Love all lovely, Love divine; Love was born at Christmas, Star and angels gave the sign.

Worship we the Godhead, Love incarnate, Love divine; Worship we our Jesus: But wherewith for sacred sign?

Love shall be our token, Love be yours and love be mine, Love to God and all men, Love for plea and gift and sign.

Christina Rossetti

***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. 334** (blue hymnal) (11:00) When Israel Was in Egypt's Land *Go Down Moses*
(Verse 1: Choir; verses 2 and 3: All)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

***POSTLUDE** In dir ist Freude *Marcel Dupré*

In Thee Is Joy

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP here today.

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK are Cindy Serbin and John Salsbery.

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR JANUARY: Carlene Robinson

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES (11:00): Laura Mjekiqi, Leah Milam

GREETERS (11:00): Bill and Kathleen Farnham

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Nursery Staff

(11:00) Eric and Amy Theiss, Lily Seidner and Helen Bonnyman

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Members of the Chancel Choir

(11:00) Chancel Choir

SENIOR USHER: Bill Holt

USHERS:

(9:00) Daniel Berry, Suzanne Graham

(11:00) Kathy Shilling, Trish Groves, LoAnn Price, Don Byerly, Sue Caradine

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Janice Rawe in celebration of all January
birthdays, including Rick's birthday today.

OUR THANKS to Meredith Mackay, Jennifer Collins, Michael Shortal, and Terrance McCracken
for their enrichment of our worship this morning at the early service.

MANSEL THOMAS (1909-1986) was a composer and conductor and one of the most important
and influential musicians of his generation in his native Wales. He was for many years the BBC's
principal representative for Wales, joining on in 1936. Following his service in World War II and
spanning nearly two decades, he was the principal conductor of the BBC Welsh Orchestra (now the
BBC National Orchestra of Wales) and the BBC Welsh Chorus. From the editor of our choir's
edition: "This carol was written in a matter of minutes just before Christmas 1961 for performance
by The Glendower Singers, Mansel Thomas's chamber choir at the BBC in Cardiff where he was
Head of Music. The composer was a superb miniaturist and the ease and spontaneity of the
part-writing here are profoundly enhanced by the subtle blend of duple and triple patterns that
form the rhythmic foundation. Never far away too are the touches of modality which colour the
language of so much of his music and which underline the climactic third verse of this lovely little
gem."

ORGANIST CHARLES BOYD TOMPKINS will be heard in recital at Westminster Church **this
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!

WAMS and SHOW meet this evening at 5:00 p.m. for a Martin Luther King night entitled, "We
Have A Dream, Too." We will have some great discussion and you'll have a chance to get creative
with it! (There's even a movie...)

DOCKETS for current session elders are available in the narthex of the sanctuary.

THE CHURCH OFFICE is closed tomorrow in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. We will
reopen on Tuesday, January 18 at 9:00 a.m.

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

Wednesdays With Westminster (WWW or W³)

Here is what we have planned for Wednesday, January 19:

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 – My Three Decades in Radio - Why Would Any Sensible Adult Do That?

Daniel Berry, former Program Director of the University of Tennessee's public radio station, WUOT reminisces about the radio business and some of the people he met along the way.

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

THE CONCERT presented November 30 by Waterfriends to benefit Living Waters for the World is available on CD. You may purchase a copy of "Songs and Carols of Advent and Christmas" in the church office for \$10.

ALL CHURCH RETREAT BROCHURES were mailed Friday, January 7. Please contact the church office if you did not receive your copy. 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!

THE FLOWER DEDICATION CHART FOR 2011 is posted in the Schilling Gallery. Please stop by and sign up for your flower dedications for this 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 terms of 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.

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." 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.

This 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)

I Corinthians 11 and 12

We will discuss St. Paul on women's head covering and men's hair. Ellen Anderson and Scott Brunger will lead the class. All are welcome. Come join us.

Westminster Players

Auditions for *God's Favorite*

Performance Dates - April 8, 9, 10

Neil Simon's play, *God's Favorite* is a two act play loosely retelling the story of Job in contemporary terms. Joe Benjamin is a self-made man and patriarch of a spoiled and unaware family. God sends his messenger, Sidney Lipton to test Joe and, as in the biblical story, goes through all manner of temptations to get Jo to renounce God. The results are typically Neil Simon-fast paced, funny and smart.

There are parts for 5 adult men and 3 adult women:

Joe Benjamin: mid 50s father, wealthy tycoon

Sidney Lipton: God's messenger

Rose Benjamin: Joe's jewelry obsessed wife

Ben Benjamin: son of Joe and twin brother of Sarah

Sarah Benjamin: ditsy twin sister of Ben

David Benjamin: drunken "prodigal" son, older brother to twins

Mady: family maid

Morris: family butler

Scripts are located in the cubbies in the hallway across from the restrooms behind the fellowship hall. Auditions will be held in the fellowship hall **today** following the 11:00 a.m. worship service and **Monday, January 17** at 7:00 p.m. For questions, please contact Lisa Trofatter at lisa.trofatter@bioness.com or Gary Harmon at gharmon617@comcast.net or 696-5847.

BLT (BIBLE, LUNCH, TUESDAYS)

A Selection of Psalms

The Psalms have been called the hymnbook of the Old Testament. This 7-session study will look at a sampling of different types of Psalms under specific headings (suggested by the Old Testament scholar, Walter Bruggemann). We will begin on Tuesday, January 18 and meet each Tuesday at 12:00 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 following is a class schedule with the Psalm/s for each class. The Psalm/s in bold will be our primary focus for each particular class, though you are encouraged to read all the Psalms listed for the particular category.

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**