

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

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

**PRELUDE** Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele, BWV 654 J. S. Bach

*Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness*

(11:00) Lord, Speak to Me Jeffrey H. Rickard  
Lord, speak to me that I may speak In living echoes of thy tone; As thou hast sought, so let  
me seek Thy erring children lost and lone.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach The precious things thou dost impart; And wing my  
words, that they may reach The hidden depths of many a heart.

O fill me with thy fullness, Lord, Until my very heart o'erflow In kindling thought and  
glowing word, Thy love to tell, thy praise to show. Amen.

Francis Ridley Havergal

Westminster Choristers

**OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION**

**MINUTE FOR MISSION** Sarah Rennich

**INTROIT** (11:00) This Is My Beloved Son Knut Nystedt

He was still speaking, when lo, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the  
cloud said: "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; hear ye Him."

Matthew 17:5

Meredith Mackay, Soprano

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Laura Barron, Liturgist (9:00)

Ibbie Muntz, Liturgist (11:00)

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble...

**People: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the  
mountains shake in the heart of the sea;**

Leader: God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved.

**People: God will help when the morning dawns.**

\***HYMN NO. 1** (red hymnal) Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

*St. Anne*

\***CALL TO CONFESSION**

\***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Holy God of infinite love and mercy, we your people stand before you confessing what you  
already know and what we need to admit to ourselves. The many experiences of loss in our  
lives are too painful for us to bear alone. We are tempted to hide, deny or hang on out of fear  
rather than let go out of faith and trust in your love and power and abiding presence. Forgive  
us, O God and be with us when we are timid, fearful, and ungrateful for your many gifts of  
grace. 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** Renee Wiesehuegel and Ann Contole (9:00)

Ann and Scott Brunger (11:00)

Psalm 69:1-2, Ecclesiastes 1:5-7, Psalm 137:1, Jeremiah 31:15, Isaiah 40:6-7, John 21:18

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN** (11:00) Deborah Phillips

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**

Ecclesiastes 3:1-2, Psalm 42:1, Psalm 102:25-27, Isaiah 43:19, Psalm 23:4, Psalm 46:1-2, Psalm 139

**SERMON** "The Losses of Our Lives"

Sue Murrian, Ann Owens Brunger, Dave Dupper, Bob Murrian (9:00)

Ann Owens Brunger, Ibbie Muntz (11:00)

\***HYMN NO. 398** (red hymnal) Hope of the World *Donne secours*

\***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) from *A Brief Statement of Faith* (PCUSA)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of  
God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of  
Israel whom alone we worship and serve. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice  
that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
Amen.

**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) Lord, Speak to Me Jeffrey H. Rickard  
(The text is found at the Prelude.)

(11:00) Father, See Thy Children Bending at Thy Throne Ernest Bullock  
(from *Four Motets or Introsits*)

Father, see thy children bending at thy throne, Pleading here the Passion of thine only  
Son, Pleading here before thee all his dying love, As he pleads it ever in the courts above.  
Not for our wants only we this Offering plead, But for all thy children who thy mercy  
need: Bless thy faithful people, win thy wandering sheep, Keep the souls departed who in  
Jesus sleep.

William H. H. Jervois and William B. Trevelyan

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

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

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION**

**INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE**

Rev. Ann Owens Brunger

**THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** (responsive)

Rev. John Linton Muntz

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

(Prayer continues)...to the glory of your name.

**People: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory  
be to thee, O Lord most high. Amen.**

(Prayer continues)...Praise to you, Lord Jesus.

**People: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O  
Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O  
Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**SHARING THE SACRAMENT**

(The congregation will be ushered to the Table, beginning with the first pews on either  
side of the aisle.)

**MUSIC FOR COMMUNION** Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness J. S. Bach  
(from *Cantata No. 180*)

Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness, Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness, Come into the  
daylight’s splendor, There with joy thy praises render Unto Him whose grace unbounded  
Hath this wondrous banquet founded, High o’er all the heav’ns He reigneth, Yet to dwell  
with thee He deigneth.

Johann Franck

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** (Unison)

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us.  
Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

**\*POSTLUDE** Prelude in F Georg Böhm

\*Indicates standing.

**NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY**

**WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP** here today.

**PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK** are Anna Rennich and John Salsbery.

**CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR MARCH:** Carlene Robinson  
**SERVING TODAY**

**ACOLYTES** (11:00): Joseph Hutzenbiler, Caroline Rogers

**GREETERS** (11:00): Bob and Ada Pfohl

**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:**

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

(11:00) Michael and Ruth Yates, Max and Ellie Yates

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:**

(9:00) Westminster Choristers

(11:00) Chancel Choir and Westminster Choristers

**SENIOR USHER:** Sue Caradine

**USHERS:**

(9:00) Bob and Lucinda Albiston

(11:00) Andrew and Kristi Gordon, Randolph McCartha, Larry DeLonge, Hap McSween

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given by the Bonnyman family to the glory of God and in honor of Claire's 16<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**WORSHIP IS LED TODAY** by participants in the Sunday School Class that studied *The Losses of Our Lives: The Sacred Gifts of Renewal in Everyday Loss*, by Dr. Nancy Copeland-Payton. The author invited us to reflect on our own experiences of loss as she shared her experiences as daughter, wife, mother of three living children and a stillborn son, medical doctor, hospital chaplain and pastor. The class is very grateful to Anne Dungan and Tim Crais, who so ably facilitated a very meaningful study.

**TWO-CENTS-A-MEAL** collection is **today**. We bring this offering each "First Sunday," as our share in maintaining the Volunteer Ministry Center of Knoxville. The average monthly cost to serve breakfast and lunch is \$200. Your support is greatly appreciated!

**NAME TAG SUNDAY** is today. Please fill out a name tag in the Narthex.

**SHOW and WAMS** meet this evening from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at LaserQuest! Bring \$13 for the games, and we'll buy the pizza!

**MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT** is Tuesday, March 8. The Worship, Music and the Arts ministry team will provide refreshments.

**THIS MORNING'S MUSIC** sung by the Chancel Choir focuses on the Transfiguration of Christ (observed this Sunday, the last before the beginning of Lent) and the celebration of communion. Knut Nystedt, the twentieth-century Norwegian-born orchestral and choral composer, wrote this setting of Matthew's account of the Transfiguration in 1964. Beginning with a recitative for solo soprano, cast in shimmering tonal clusters, he then moves to the full choir, continuing to accompany with colorful and fresh clusters typical of that era. Sir Ernest Bullock is a familiar name

in the succession of famous British church musicians and organists. A student of Edward Bairstow, he received degrees from the University of Durham before going on to hold such well-known cathedral posts as Exeter (1919 to 1927) and Westminster Abbey (1928 to 1941). This morning's motet sets the communion text by William H. H. Jervois and William B. Trevelyan found in *The English Hymnal* with sweeping pseudo-modal parallel chords and subtle harmonic inflections.

**THE ABBEY DEADLINE** is Wednesday. Please send your articles to [unitedprinters@comcast.net](mailto:unitedprinters@comcast.net).



**ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE**

**March 9**

**7:00 p.m.**

You are invited to join us on Wednesday evening in the Sanctuary as we begin our journey toward Easter. The season of Lent continues for 40 days, not counting Sundays, and prepares us for the celebration of the resurrection of Christ.

A book of daily Lenten devotions, entitled *Christ Our Hope* by Henri J. M. Nouwen is available on the table in the narthex of the sanctuary. Each day's devotion includes a verse of scripture, an excerpt from Nouwen's writings, and a brief prayer.

**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST:** On Thursday, March 10 at 7:00 a.m. we will meet in the McKinnon Room for breakfast prepared by Don Byerly and a short discussion-oriented lesson prepared by Larry DeLonge. If you want to review the lesson ahead of time, you may pick up a hard copy in the church office, or ask the office to email the lesson to you. Everyone is welcome. Come join us and bring a friend.

**FISH** delivery is Thursday, March 10. If you are able to help make deliveries, please contact Barbara Wilkinson, 300-8845. The number of families receiving bags of groceries is **totally** dependent on the number of Westminster volunteers. **YOU are needed!**

**A PROGRAM OF TRADITIONAL AND CLASSICAL SACRED MUSIC** and lively spirituals will be presented Sunday, March 13 at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. The program benefits Westminster's music department and features John Edward Hankins, baritone; Margaret Harrison, piano; Eileen Rudd, organ; Carol Zinavage, piano; and Terrance McCracken, guest vocalist. A reception will follow the recital, and all are invited to attend.

**THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY PLAYHOUSE** is presenting *The Silver Whistle*, a comedy by Robert McEnroe. A group from Westminster will attend the play on April 1 at 2:30 p.m. We welcome you to join us, whether you plan to go on to the retreat afterward, or just want to see the play. If you'd like to attend, please contact Betty McKeehan. Tickets are \$17, and more information about *The Silver Whistle* can be found on the website for the Cumberland County Playhouse at [www.ccplayhouse.com](http://www.ccplayhouse.com).

**The Breath of Life: A Simple Way to Pray**

“The Breath Prayer is a short prayer of praise and petition that is meant to help us become aware of the presence of God. ‘It is a way to have on our lips what is always in our heart.’” This five week study on breath prayer, led by Ginny Baker, will begin on Wednesday, March 16 and conclude on Wednesday, April 13. We will meet in the McKinnon Room for about an hour immediately following the Lenten service in the Sanctuary. Those interested are asked to sign up on the bulletin board in the Schilling Gallery or call the church office so that we may have enough books. Books are \$10 and will be available at the first session.

**WPC ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES**

**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 is the facilitator for the class.

**Bible Experience (Prayer Room)**

II Corinthians

Did the Corinthians understand the first letter from St. Paul? Did we?

**Lenten Study Begins March 13**

“Learning Forgiveness”

This six-week study from *The Thoughtful Christian* begins next Sunday. Some of the topics to be discussed include, “Who needs forgiveness?,” “God’s Love and Judgment,” “The Call to Forgive” and “Forgiveness and Reconciliation.” Copies of the first lesson are available in the Narthex of the Sanctuary and in the church office. Join us in the McKinnon Room during Lent for this unique journey.

**UT PRESBYTERIAN CENTER FUND RAISER:** Tickets are now on sale for this year’s fund raiser supporting the work and mission of the Presbyterian Center at the University of Tennessee. This year’s event, scheduled for Friday night, April 1, will be at Remedy Coffee, 125 West Jackson Avenue in the Old City. There will be a silent auction with many splendid gifts and food items, a raffle, live music and lots of delicious food and drink. The planning committee is seeking

donations from all churches in East Tennessee Presbytery to help make this event possible, including items for the silent auction and raffle – weekend getaways in the mountains or at the beach, babysitting, restaurant meals, tickets to sporting events, salon and spa services, and art work are just a few great suggestions. Donations for a dessert auction will also be accepted. Ticket prices are \$50 per couple, or \$30 per single person. Senior tickets are \$25 per single person, or \$45 per couple. Please contact Buz Johnson for more information about silent auction and food donations and ticket sales.

Westminster Players Present

*God's Favorite*

by Neil Simon

Who knew misery could be so funny? *God's Favorite*, Neil Simon’s comical retelling of the Bible’s Book of Job will be presented April 8-10 at Westminster. Show times are 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and 2:00 p.m. on Sunday.

After wealthy Long Island businessman, Joe Benjamin is visited by God’s eccentric messenger from Queens, his life takes a drastic turn for the worse. Destruction, devastation and divine comedy rain down on Joe to test his faith. With a pair of simple-minded twins underfoot, a rebellious, carousing son and wife Rose’s kvetching, you’ll be laughing to keep from crying. Will Joe put an end to his family’s suffering by renouncing God, or will he hold fast to his faith come what may?

The admission price is a \$10 donation at the door. A nursery will be provided for young children.

**THE OFFICER NOMINATING COMMITTEE** is receiving suggestions from members of the congregation for possible nominees for Elders for the class of 2014, one youth Elder for the class of 2012, and one Trustee for the class of 2014. Please write names and reasons for your suggestions on this sheet and drop it in the offering plate or turn it in to the church office **by March 20, 2011.**

Nominee for Elder or Trustee (circle one)	Reason for Nomination