

The Order of Worship

**March 13, 2011
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.**

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

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

PRELUDE

- (9:00) Vater unser im Himmelreich, BWV 737 J. S. Bach
Our Father, Who Art in Heaven
- (11:00) Movement I (from *Quartet for Brass Instruments*) Arthur Frackenpohl
Brass Choir

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

- Leader: The Creator has planted earth's garden for us; God bids us to come and care for it.
People: In our worship and in our work, we join with all creation to celebrate God's gifts.
- Leader: Every morning we rise in God's steadfast love; every evening that love sustains and nourishes us.
People: In times of triumph or of temptation, the grace and mercy of God is offered to us.
- Leader: Come, people of God, to know again who you are; return to the One who gives you life.
People: We come as children of God, longing for a closer walk with our Creator.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

- *HYMN NO. 469** (blue hymnal) Morning Has Broken *Bunessan*
- *CALL TO CONFESSION**
- *PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)
Gracious God, forgive us when we fail to recognize you as you come to us in Scripture, in the Christ, in worship, in those we love and in the stranger, and even in the challenges and changes we face. Forgive us for thinking that you are absent when we are absentminded about you. Forgive us for overstepping the limits of our humanity and living as if we have no need of you. Forgive us, heal our spirits, bring wholeness to our lives, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***KYRIE ELEISON**

John L. Bell

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** Of the Father's Love Begotten

Divinum mysterium

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 2:15-17,3:1-7

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

Cameron Sears

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

Matthew 4:1-11

SERMON

"The Error of Our Ways"

Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

–The Temptations

***HYMN NO. 81** (blue hymnal) Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

St. Flavian

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison)

adapted from *A Brief Statement of Faith* PC(USA)

In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, Come, Lord Jesus! 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. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. 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) Movement I (from *Quartet for Brass Instruments*) Arthur Frackenpohl
(11:00) Early Will I Seek Thee Thomas Weelkes
Early will I seek Thee, for my soul thirsteth for Thee, I will bless Thee while I live, And lift
up my hands in Thy Name. Early will I seek Thee, O God, Thou art my God.

Psalm 63:1,4
Tallis' Canon

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

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below; Praise Holy
Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 388** (blue hymnal) (11:00) O Jesus, I Have Promised *Angel's Story*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** Lord Jesus, Think on Me *Southwell*

***POSTLUDE** Fantasia in g Johann Pachelbel

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP here today.

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK are Ruthie Carey and Tim Ryan.

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR MARCH: Carlene Robinson

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTE (11:00): Leah Milam

GREETERS (11:00): Bill and Jane Beintema

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

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

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Brass Choir

(11:00) Brass and Chancel Choirs

SENIOR USHER: Sue Caradine

USHERS:

(9:00) John Styron and Jeff Bendy

(11:00) John Salsbery, Lalla Phillips, Ashley and Scott Porter, Mark Potocik

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given in honor of Rick and Janice Rawe's 70th birthdays by their granddaughters, Maggie, Nina and Samantha.

THE BIRTH CANDLE today celebrates the birth of Mason Lorette Carley, granddaughter of Scott and Jerry Carley. She was born February 21 to Kati and Jack Carley.

STEPHEN MINISTERS meet for CE and Supervision tomorrow at 7:00 p.m. in the library.

A PROGRAM OF TRADITIONAL AND CLASSICAL SACRED MUSIC and lively spirituals will be presented today 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 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

ENGLISH COMPOSER AND ORGANIST THOMAS WEELKES (1576-1623) was for most of his career organist at Chichester Cathedral. After receiving his bachelor's degree from New College, Oxford, in 1602, he began his tenure at Chichester. He is best known for his four volumes of madrigals, but he also composed anthems and service music. This morning's anthem demonstrates his contrapuntal skill and his ability to set text in a most expressive manner. The Boys' Choir here at Westminster has enjoyed singing it several times with the Men of the Chancel Choir over the years, thereby presenting it with the forces with which it would normally be have been heard in England.

WEDNESDAY EVENING LENTEN SERIES

Join us at 5:45 p.m. each Wednesday evening during Lent for a simple meal of soup and bread, followed by a service of evening prayers in the sanctuary. This reflective time focuses on scripture, song and prayer as we prepare ourselves for Easter.

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.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Lenten Study (McKinnon Room)

“Learning Forgiveness”

This six-week study from The Thoughtful Christian begins today. 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 each week during Lent for this unique journey.

Bible Experience (Prayer Room)

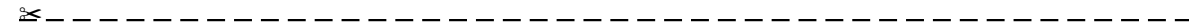
II Corinthians 4 and 5

“We hold this treasure in earthen vessels.” What did Paul mean? What is the treasure we hold? We invite all “jars of clay” to join us as we continue through the letters to the church at Corinth.

DOWNTOWN COOPERATIVE MINISTRY invites those who work in the central city to participate in a series of “Lessons and Luncheons,” each Wednesday throughout Lent. The theme for these studies is “Refreshment and Renewal During Lent.” The host churches are: First Presbyterian Church - March 16, Immaculate Conception Catholic Church - March 23, St. John’s Episcopal Cathedral - March 30, Church Street UMC - April 6 and First Baptist Church - April 13. Music begins at noon, with worship at 12:05 p.m. Donations will be accepted for a light lunch at 12:30 p.m.

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. If you’d like to attend, please contact Betty McKeehan at 584-3040. Tickets are \$17, and more information can be found on the website for the Cumberland County Playhouse at www.ccplayhouse.com.

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 at 588-7519 for more information about silent auction and food donations and ticket sales.



EASTER FLOWERS

Please help the Flower Guild this Easter as they adorn the sanctuary in celebration of our Lord’s glorious ascension from the tomb. Checks of any amount are welcome and can be made out to Westminster Flower Guild in honor or memory of loved ones. These names will be included in the Easter Sunday bulletin and *Abbey*. Easter lilies will be available after the service to deliver to those who are unable to join us or to recycle into your garden. Thank you for supporting this annual tradition.

Donation of \$_____ given in (please circle your choice) honor/memory of:



Given by: _____

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.