

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

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

PRELUDE Praeludium in g, BuxWV 149 Dieterich Buxtehude

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 95

Leader: O come, let us sing to the LORD;

People: **Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

Leader: O come, let us sing to the LORD;

People: **Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;**

Leader: O come, let us sing to the LORD;

People: **Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!**

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

*HYMN NO. 356 (blue hymnal) Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing Nettleton

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Gracious God, fount of every blessing, your streams of mercy never cease to flow. Yet we often fail to show mercy to others. Your love is eternal and unchanging, ours is fickle and self-centered. Forgive us for not trusting that you are among us, and for not beholding you in those around us. Lead us to the living waters of wholeness and forgiveness, we ask 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*

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 17:1-7

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

Linda Judge-McRae

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)

Nolan Bennett Oros

SCRIPTURE READING

John 4:5-42

SERMON

"Is the Lord Among Us or Not?"

Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

*HYMN NO. 76 (blue hymnal) My Song Is Love Unknown

Love Unknown

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

The Apostles' Creed

Leader: Do you believe in God?

People: **I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

People: **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Leader: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

People: **I believe in the Holy Spirit, 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

(9:00) Canzona No. 2

Thomas Crecquillon

Brass Choir

(11:00) O vos omnes

G. P. da Palestrina

All Ye Who Pass By

O vos omnes qui transitis per viam, attendite, et videte si est dolor sicut dolor meus.

All ye who pass by, behold and see if there is any sorrow like unto my sorrow.

Lamentations 1:12

John Harrison, Tenor I

Michael Shortal, Tenor II

Terrance McCracken, Baritone

Tom Chilton, John Hankins and Steve Hoadley, Bass

***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology No. 591 (blue hymnal)

Tallis' Canon

(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** God, We've Known Such Grief and Anger (11:00)

In Babilone

(See insert)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

Southwell

***POSTLUDE** Sonata No. 2, Movement I

Felix Mendelssohn

*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 Wes Williams.

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR MARCH: Carlene Robinson

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS are available from the ushers.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES (11:00): Eva James and Max Yates

GREETERS (11:00): Mary Lou Crow and June Martin

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

(11:00) Angela and Mark Grobe

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Brass Choir

(11:00) Members of the Chancel Choir

SENIOR USHER: Sue Caradine

USHERS:

(9:00) Daniel Berry and Suzanne Graham

(11:00) Joyce and Tim Ryan, Jay Schmid, Scott Rutherford, Irene Seidner

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Paula Hogan in honor of the 80th birthday of her father, John Hogan.

THE BIRTH CANDLE TODAY is in celebration of the birth of Charley Jane Spencer, the first great-grandchild of Frank and Marty Marsh. She was born March 19 to Andy and Martha Cate Spencer in Charlotte, North Carolina.

TWO-CENTS-A-MEAL collection is **next Sunday**. 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!

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FRIDAY, APRIL 1 due to the All Church Retreat in Fall Creek Falls.

THOMAS CRECQUILLON (c. 1505-probably early 1557) was a Franco-Flemish composer of the Renaissance. First a member of the chapel of Emperor Charles V, it appears that he later held positions in Dendermonde, Béthune, Leuven, and Namur. Crecquillon composed twelve masses, over 100 motets, nearly 200 chansons, and instrumental music, from which this morning's canzona is drawn. Common to nearly all his works is his use of points of imitation, where a thematic element is handed off between each voice or instrumental part. This technique adds a spatial element to the music and a transparency to the texture that is delightful.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Lenten Study (McKinnon Room)

"Learning Forgiveness"

This six-week study from The Thoughtful Christian continues 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 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.

A STATED SESSION MEETING is today at 12:00 p.m. in the McKinnon Room.

SHOW and WAMS meet today from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Join us for Boggle, 4-square and the ultimate ping-pong showdown. We'll be making our own pizzas, so bring your favorite topping!

THE ABBEY DEADLINE is Wednesday. Please send your articles to unitedprinters@comcast.net.

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, continues Wednesday, March 30 and conclude on Wednesday, April 13. We meet in the McKinnon Room for about an hour immediately following the Lenten service in the Sanctuary. Those interested are asked to contact Ginny Baker. Books are \$10.

THE COMMUNITY CHEST THRIFT STORE collection is scheduled for Saturday, April 2 from 10:00-11:30 a.m. at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension. Clothing and small household items are needed. To volunteer at Community Chest call 971-4417.

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 3:

All Church Retreat Worship - Fall Creek Falls at 10:00 a.m.

Westminster in Knoxville at 11:00 a.m. There will be no 9:00 a.m. worship service and no Sunday School due to the All Church Retreat.



THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING will be collected through the season of Lent. The offering is used to support those whose lives have been impacted by disaster, as well as those made vulnerable by hunger, disease, unemployment and environmental degradation. Our gifts are divided among the Presbyterian Hunger Program, Self-Development of People and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Please see the insert in today's bulletin for more information.

DISASTER RELIEF--JAPAN EARTHQUAKE AND TSUNAMI

This designated account supplements the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering to enable a significant response for relief and disasters in Japan. Your faithful giving is deeply appreciated. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) shall honor the requests of donors concerning the use of their gifts for PDA programs; however, if the need for the funds for that specific project no longer exists, then those funds may be applied to a similar project or need at the discretion of PDA.

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.

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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: _____