

The Order of Worship

August 21, 2011

10:00 A.M.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

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

PRELUDE Pièce pour Orgue

César Franck

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT O Praise God

George Thalben-Ball

O praise God in his holiness; praise him in the firmament of his power.

Psalm 150:1

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into God's presence with singing!

People: For the Lord is a gracious God, whose mercy is everlasting; and whose faithfulness endures to all generations.

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN** Go to the World

Sine Nomine

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Gracious God, we ask your forgiveness for the many ways that we fail to be your people. Our failure more often than not shows itself in the good we neglect rather than the wrongs we commit. We neglect our spiritual nurture and wonder where you are. We neglect the suffering around us and wonder why you don't care. We neglect to open ourselves to your transforming love and wonder what is to become of us. Forgive our neglect and our inattention to the ways of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we find forgiveness, renewed joy, and the courage to live as your people in the world. 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. 579 (blue hymnal)

Henry W. Greatorex

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 12:1-8

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Barbara Adamcik

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.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Alysse Noëlle Mackay

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 1:8-2:10

SERMON

"Rolling, rolling, rolling on the river"

Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

Proud Mary – Creedence Clearwater Revival

***HYMN NO. 392** (blue hymnal) Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord

Hall

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison)

Christ calls us to pilgrimage toward the kingdom. Jesus announced the coming of God's kingdom and its hidden presence in the midst of the world's kingdoms. He taught his disciples to seek God's Kingdom first. We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives in pilgrimage toward God's kingdom. Like Christ we may enjoy on our journey all that sustains life and makes it pleasant and beautiful. No more than Christ are we spared the darkness, ambiguity, and threat of life in the world. We are in the world, but not of the world. Our confidence and hope for ourselves and other people do not rest in the powers and achievements of this world, but in the coming and hidden presence of God's kingdom. Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom: to serve as he has served us; to take up our cross, risking the consequences of faithful discipleship; to walk by faith, not by sight, to hope for what we have not seen.

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. Though 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 Teach Me, O Lord

Thomas Attwood

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end.

Psalm 119:33

***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** We Pledge to One Another *Thaxted*
***CHARGE AND BLESSING**
***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 586** (blue hymnal) Amen *Danish melody*
***POSTLUDE** Gott sei gelobet und gebenedeiet *Heinrich Scheidemann*
God Be Praised and Glorified

*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 Buz Johnson.

CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR AUGUST: Lucy Johnson and Shirley Wittman

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS are available from the ushers.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTE: Caroline Rogers

GREETERS: Scott and Ashley Porter

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: Scott and Ashley Porter, Anna and Leah Milam

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Summer Choir

LEMONADE FELLOWSHIP: Paula Hogan

SENIOR USHER: Tim Ryan

USHERS: Paul Jorden, Mark Potocik, Carlene Robinson, Max Robinson, Bob Daverman

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Norman and Lisa Hammitt in honor of their 25th wedding anniversary.

THOMAS ATTWOOD (1765-1838) was an English composer and organist, born in London, his father a coal merchant and musician in the Royal Band of Musicians. He became a chorister in the Chapel Royal at age nine and in 1783 was sent abroad to study, first in Naples, followed by several years in Vienna, where it is reported he became one of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's favorite students. In 1796 he was appointed organist of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, and in the same year he was made composer to the Chapel Royal. One of the early professors of the Royal Academy of Music, he was also one of the original members of the Royal Philharmonic Society.

WAMS, our Middle School group, meets **today** at the Westside YMCA from 3:30-5:30 p.m. We will swim, play volleyball and have homemade ice cream.

WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER are invited to a Small Group organizational meeting and salad lunch today at 11:15 a.m. We will enjoy fellowship and do some initial organizing of small groups. Groups will be set up according to interest and each group will determine meeting dates and times according to the schedules of those in the group.

The Hungry Heart: A Play for Social Justice

"The Hungry Heart", a new play written by community organizer, Beth Carol Hunley is based on real experiences of the volunteers and guests at the FISH Northwest Hospitality Pantry. It incorporates drama, dance, music and song. It draws from real life stories of hunger and poverty and the changing dynamics of the South. The play illustrates the creation of community across race, ethnicity, culture, religion and economic circumstances and language barriers. Westminster's own Deborah Phillips, on staff at the pantry, wrote two of the show's songs. Terrance McCracken and Jean Bonnyman are in the cast, playing characters based on FISH founder Jim Wright and organizer, Beth Hunley, respectively.

The play's final performance is this evening at 7:00 p.m. at the Knoxville Botanical Garden and Arboretum. Hospitality Pantries is partnering with the Carpetbag Theatre to produce the piece as part of the Carpetbag's "Homegrown in the Garden" series in Knoxville. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

THE DRAMA COMMITTEE meets next Sunday, August 28 at 11:00 a.m. in the Library.

A STATED SESSION MEETING is Sunday, August 28 at 11:00 a.m. in the McKinnon Room.

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, September 11

10:00 a.m.

On Sunday, September 11 during the Sunday School hour, we will have Open House here at WPC. Danish and coffee will be served in the McKinnon room beginning at 10:00 a.m. We will also be returning to our regular worship schedule, with services at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Open House (formerly Rally Day) will be a showcase of all the wonderful ministries that our church is involved with, from our Ministry Teams to book clubs, art groups, FISH volunteers, Habitat House, and more. Please visit the tables in the Schilling Gallery, where representatives of varied groups will demonstrate the scope of their activities. You will have the opportunity to volunteer with the group of your choice.

Children in Preschool through High School will go to their classrooms for the first 20 minutes to meet their teachers and share juice and donuts.

We are looking forward to an exciting year with Sunday School, Wednesdays with Westminster, choirs, small groups and book studies. Come join us as we celebrate and learn how to connect faith and life.

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Have you thought about the term “spiritual gifts”? Have you considered what gifts you have been given? Do you think consciously about the gifts others seem to have been given? If you have experienced any of these questions, you may be interested in a class to be held on Wednesday evenings, beginning September 21st, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Prayer Room. The class is sponsored by our Companions in Christ class, and all are welcome. It is an eight week commitment designed for an in-depth study of spiritual gifts, guided by a curriculum developed by the Stephen Ministries program in St. Louis, Missouri. Materials will include a participant’s manual and two small workbooks for a cost of \$16. Please let the church office know by September 5th if you plan to attend, so we can have your materials shipped in time for the class. Come join the group and be a part of a dynamic exploration having significant benefit for all participants.

