

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

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

PRELUDE O wie selig seid ihr doch, ihr Frommen Johannes Brahms

Blessed Ye Who Live in Faith Unswerving

Prelude in C

Anton Bruckner

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 105

Leader: O give thanks to the LORD, call on His name, make known His deeds among the peoples.

People: Sing to God, sing praises to God; proclaim the wonderful works of the LORD.

Leader: Seek the LORD and His strength; seek His presence continually.

People: Let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 142** (blue hymnal) All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name! Coronation

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Gracious and Holy God, we come before you to confess our sins, to acknowledge again all that separates us from you and our own best selves. Forgive us when we fail to live in your creation as upon “holy ground.” Forgive us for not seeing the holiness in ourselves and those around us. Forgive us for allowing the anxieties and uncertainties of the world around us to drown out your still, small voice of peace. Forgive us for neglecting the ways of justice, for our inattention to Jesus’ call to faithful discipleship. In his name, we pray. 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.

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 3:1-15

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Anne Millett

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 16:21-28

SERMON

“Windows...not walls”

Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

***HYMN NO. 374** (blue hymnal) Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace

Dickinson College

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison)

adapted, Romans 12:9-21

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.

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 Amazing Grace

arr. William D. Hall

Amazing Grace how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me, I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.

’Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come, ’Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures, He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

John Newton

Meredith Mackay, Soprano

Joanne Bendy, Flute

***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**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 274** (blue hymnal) O God of Earth and Space *Leoni*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

***POSTLUDE** Herr Gott, dich loben alle wir Johann Pachelbel

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP here today.

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK are Cindy Spangler and Dave Dupper.

CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR AUGUST: Lucy Johnson and Shirley Wittman

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS are available from the ushers.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTE: Leah Milam

GREETERS: Bob and Ada Pfohl

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: Mike and Leslie Rotella, Sam Phillips and Ryan Rotella

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Summer Choir

LEMONADE FELLOWSHIP: Lisa Ellis

SENIOR USHER: Buz Johnson

USHERS: Buz Johnson, Carol Beilharz, Jay Schmid, Bob Murrian, Irene Seidner

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Randolph and Lennis McCartha in memory of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. McCartha, Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Winchester.

OUR THANKS to Meredith Mackay and Joanne Bendy for their enrichment of our worship this morning.

JOHANN PACHELBEL (1653-1706) was born and educated in Nuremberg. In 1673 he was appointed deputy organist at the famous St. Stephen's Cathedral in Vienna, where he served for five years, before moving north to the Eisenach and later Erfurt. It was during his time in these latter two cities that he met and became close friends with the Bach family (this was a few years before Johann Sebastian was born). Pachelbel would eventually return to Nuremberg to accept a position at St. Sebaldus Church, essentially completing a grand circle. This morning's postlude is a chorale prelude based on the "Old Hundredth" psalm tune, with the melody played in long notes in the pedal as a *cantus firmus*.

THE WESTMINSTER CHORISTERS will begin its regular weekly rehearsal schedule **this afternoon at 4:00**. The choir is comprised primarily of upper middle and high school students and we would love to have interested singers join us!

IT'S TIME to round up all of those diapers into smaller packages for FISH delivery, and we need everyone's help. We'll meet in the Schilling Gallery immediately after worship and package the diapers while we enjoy our lemonade and fellowship. The Diaper Round-Up Gang thanks you for your help!

A STATED SESSION MEETING is today at 11:00 a.m. in the McKinnon Room.

THE DRAMA COMMITTEE meets today at 11:00 a.m. in the Library.

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

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

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!



Sunday, August 28:

4:00 p.m. - Choristers

Wednesday, August 31

5:00 p.m. - Boys' and Girls' Choirs

8:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir

THE COMMUNITY CHEST THRIFT STORE collection is scheduled for Saturday, September 3rd from 10:00-11:30 a.m. at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension. Donations of clothing, household items, toys and furniture will be taken to the thrift store, where they may be purchased inexpensively by those in need. If you would like to volunteer to help with these ministries, please call Community Chest (971-4417) or the Northwest FISH Hospitality Pantry (588-9200).

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.

WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER
Dinner and Fellowship
Tuesday, September 6 – 6:00 p.m.

Women of Westminster are invited to join us for dinner and fellowship at Bravo's Italian Restaurant, 106 Major Reynolds Place (Kingston Pike at Bearden Hill). In order to allow the restaurant to set up for us, please contact Carlene Robinson at tx2tn@earthlink.net or if you plan to attend.

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.

A Stewardship Short Story: Did You Know?

Did you know that Sue Caradine moved here in 1984 and right away started working with the FISH program? That means that Sue has been working with FISH for 27 years! During that time, Sue has not only delivered food with her late husband, Jack, but she has also taken confirmands along with her on deliveries. In addition, Sue has packed food for FISH every June and worked the phones every month taking calls from those needing food. When we asked Sue about FISH, she said that the needs have grown and the number of phone requests have increased, as you might imagine in our difficult economy.

Part of our responsibility as stewards is to manage our time, talent and money. Sue is a great example of someone who is using her time and talent for the benefit of others as well as being a good caretaker of the money that the church budgets for FISH. As Paul Harvey used to say, "And now you know...the rest of the story."