

The Order of Worship

September 25, 2011  
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

\*RESPONSE Celtic Alleluia (*sing twice*)

Fintan O'Carroll

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

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

PRELUDE O Praise the Lord (11:00)

Adrian Batten

trans. Peter Van Eenam

Ricercar on the Twelfth Tone

Andrea Gabrieli

Brass Choir

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise.

People: **Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

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

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

\*HYMN NO. 487 (blue hymnal) When Morning Gilds the Skies

*Laudes Domini*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Gracious God, you have called us into the church to do great things; to proclaim the good news, to nurture one another, to worship you, to promote righteousness in the world, and to be a demonstration of your coming kingdom. But in many ways we have failed to do these things. We have neglected your work. We haven't made time for you or your people or your purposes. Forgive our waywardness and for not always living what we say we believe. Restore us to your ways, to the work you would have us do, to the people you would have us be, as we seek to follow after Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

\*RESPONSE Take, O Take Me as I Am

John L. Bell

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 21:23-32

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

Bob Adamcik

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.

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS (11:00)

Geoff and Kathy Duggan

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 17:1-7

SERMON

"Is the Lord Among Us or Not"

Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

\*HYMN NO. 342 (blue hymnal) By Gracious Powers

*Intercessor*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) The Beatitudes

Adapted from Matthew 5:1-16

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven...You are the salt of the earth...You are the light of the world...let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

STEPHEN MINISTER COMMISSIONING (11:00)

Marty Pryor and Linda Van Beke

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

(9:00) O Praise the Lord

Adrian Batten

(11:00) Deep River

arr. Roy Ringwald  
adapted by Peter Van Eenam

Deep river, my home is over Jordan, Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into  
campgroun'. Oh, don't you want to go to that gospel feast, That promised land where all  
is peace? Oh, Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campgroun'.

Traditional

John Harrison, Tenor I  
Terrance McCracken, Tenor II  
John Hankins, Baritone I  
Karl Hammond, Baritone II  
Steve Hoadley, Bass

**\*AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

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

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

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

**\*HYMN NO. 276** (blue hymnal) (11:00) Great Is Thy Faithfulness

*Faithfulness*

**\*CHARGE AND BEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 586** (blue hymnal) (11:00) Amen

Danish melody

**\*POSTLUDE** "Jig" Fugue

Dieterich Buxtehude

\*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 Terry Crow and Dave Dupper.

**CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR SEPTEMBER:** Sue Byerly and Judy Jorden

**LARGE PRINT HYMNALS** are available from the ushers.

**SERVING TODAY**

**ACOLYTES** (11:00): Ethan Partelow and Spencer Williams

**GREETERS** (11:00): Wes and Sandra Williams

**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:**

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

(11:00) Amy Theiss, Max Yates and Daniel Clark

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:**

(9:00) Brass Choir

(11:00) Brass Choir and Members of the Chancel Choir

**SENIOR USHER:** Tom Byerley

**USHERS:**

(9:00) David Woodall and Jeff Bendy

(11:00) Beth Chang, John Chang, Tim Ryan, Bob Daverman, Sue Caradine

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given in honor of "GG", Helen Ryan by Tim, Joyce, Matt,  
Tiffany, Chandler and Camryn Ryan and by Lauren and Brandon Bice.

**A STATED SESSION MEETING** is today at 12:15 p.m. in the McKinnon Room.

**WE WILL HAVE ONE WORSHIP SERVICE** next Sunday at 11:00 a.m. so that we may all  
celebrate World Communion Sunday together. Sunday School will meet as scheduled at 10:00 a.m.

**ANDREA GABRIELI (1532 or 1533-1585)** was an Italian composer and organist, the uncle of the  
somewhat more well-known Giovanni Gabrieli. Most likely a native of Venice, he was possibly a  
pupil, in his early years, of Adrian Willaert at St. Mark's Cathedral. In 1562 he traveled to Frankfurt  
am Main and Munich, where he became acquainted with Orlando di Lasso, one of the most  
important and influential composers of the Renaissance. The ensuing friendship proved fruitful for  
both, becoming a musical cross- pollination of sorts, resulting in musical styles being spread  
throughout Europe and brought back to Venice as well. In 1566 Gabrieli was named organist at St.  
Mark's, one of the most prestigious posts in Italy. He would retain this position for the remainder  
of his life. Late in life he also became famous as a teacher. Among his most prominent students  
were nephew Giovanni, music theorist Lodovico Zacconi, and Hans Leo Hassler.

**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 PEACEMAKING OFFERING** will be received on World Communion Sunday, October 2,  
2011. This offering was created in 1980 to support the efforts of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to  
live out a deeper commitment to peacemaking as part of our faithfulness to God. Twenty-five  
percent of your gifts will be used for peacemaking within our own church and community.  
Another twenty-five percent is used by presbyteries and synods, with the remaining fifty percent  
used by the General Assembly ministries through the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program. More  
information can be found on the PC(U.S.A.) website at [www.pcusa.org/peacemakingoffering](http://www.pcusa.org/peacemakingoffering).

**LOOK FOR THE YOUTH HUNGER HIKE TABLE** in the Schilling Gallery today and next Sunday before worship. The youth are signing up sponsors for their participation in the October 2<sup>nd</sup> Hunger Hike to benefit FISH Hospitality Pantries.

**WAMS/SHOW** meet this evening from 5:00-7:00 p.m. For dinner, we will have a “sandwich swap”. Bring two sandwiches (each cut in half) to trade, and we will provide drinks and chips. After dinner, we’ll be working on getting ready for the October 2<sup>nd</sup> Hunger Hike. We will make t-shirts, decide on a team name, and play a few games.

### WEDNESDAYS WITH WESTMINSTER

September 28

#### 5:45-6:30 p.m. - Dinner

Our menu this week includes meatloaf, green beans, mashed potatoes, salad, rolls and fruit cobbler. Donations are welcome to offset the cost of the meal.

#### 6:30-7:30 p.m. - Programs

- There is a nursery for infants through age 4 and programs for K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Youth will meet for DGroup in the SHOW room.
- In the Fellowship Hall, the Dominican Republic Mission Team will share pictures and experiences from their time at the eye glass clinic and the Living Waters project.

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

**THE COMMUNITY CHEST THRIFT STORE** collection is scheduled for Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> 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).

### Fifth Annual WPC Fellowship Breakfast in the Smokies

Saturday, October 1, 2011 - 9:00 a.m.

Metcalf Bottoms Picnic Pavilion

If it’s autumn, it’s time for Breakfast in the Smokies! The Fellowship Ministry Team invites you to mark October 1<sup>st</sup> on your calendars and come dine in the Great Out of Doors. Breakfast will be served starting at 9:00 a.m. Don Byerly is cooking and Sue is making her famous grits. Yum!

**Sign up today** on the Schilling Gallery bulletin board. It’s time for FUN, FOOD and FELLOWSHIP! You all come. For directions, contact Don Byerly.

**SONGS OF HEAVEN:** A tribute to the great African-American Concert Spirituals, featuring John Edward Hankins, Anne Millett, Meredith Mackay, Terrance McCracken, Eileen Rudd, Margaret Harrison, Carol Zinavage and a male ensemble from Westminster Chancel Choir is scheduled for Sunday, October 2, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. in our sanctuary. A reception will follow, hosted by Cindy Spangler. If you’d like to bring finger foods for the reception, please contact Cindy at 776-1301 or [spangler@utk.edu](mailto:spangler@utk.edu).

**AUDITIONS FOR THE CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS DRAMA** will be held Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Fellowship Hall. Children in Kindergarten and First Grade will be in the Woodstock Flock, and will audition from 12:00-12:15 p.m. Second Graders and older are asked to bring lunch and stay for auditions from 12:15-2:00 p.m. This year’s production is *It’s a Charlie Brown Christmas*.

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**WOW (Women of Westminster)** will have an evening out on Tuesday, October 18 at 6:00 p.m. Please save the date, and the location will be announced soon.

**RACE FOR THE CURE** is Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Contact Amy Theiss (258-1940) to sign up.

### FALL FESTIVAL

Sunday, October 16

4:00-7:00 p.m.

Carl Cowan Park on Northshore Drive

Be on the lookout for registration details and more information in the coming weeks. This event is fun for everyone!

## Did You Know?

- Lana Daverman and Chris Carrasco founded Stephen Ministry at Westminster in 2001.
- Bill and Bonnie Rogers, along with Lana, have led the program and served our community for 10 years.
- Past and present Stephen Ministers include: Janet Tortorelli, Margaret Harrison, Bob Pfohl, Joyce Ryan, Donna Hoadley, Lisa Ellis, Kay DeLonge, Kristi Gordon, Joanne Steinle, Kathy Huck, Bob Murrian, Sue Murrian, Lana Daverman, Linda Van Beke, Buz Johnson, Sara Martin, William Milam, Bonnie Rogers, Bill Rogers, Janelle Stueck, Kitty Cornett, Janice Rawe, April Clark, Dave Dupper, Judy Barnette, Judith Lane, Judy Eastwood, Dagmar Krall and Carole Rich.

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

### Bible Experience

### Prayer Room

This Bible Study class is led by Ellen Anderson.

### Faith and Transformation Class

### McKinnon Room

*Searching for Spirituality*

September 18-October 16

"Spirituality is concerned with how to live a full life... illuminated by a compelling search for wholeness," says Joan Chittister, Benedictine nun, teacher, author and sociologist. But amid life's daily routines and dramas (traffic, deadlines, shuttling the kids, emergencies), how does one live well? This DVD series offers direction for that search. In each class we will view part of the DVD and have time for personal reflection and group sharing.

### Parents' Spiritual Growth Group

### Library

Members who are parenting children of any age will meet with one another to discuss a range of parenting issues as well as the joy and challenge of cultivating one's spirituality in the midst of chaos and busy-ness. The class will use both video series and book studies to stimulate discussion, create a culture of introspection, and foster bonds of friendship. Participants will have opportunities to facilitate discussion as well as choose topics of interest.

### Current Topics

### Fellowship Hall

Globalization and Christian Mission

September 25-October 16

September 25: Presbyterian missions in China: Culture clash and heroism

October 2: Christianity and political turmoil in China: the Boxer Rebellion 1898-1901, overthrow of the Emperor 1911, Communist takeover 1950, Cultural Revolution 1966-76

October 9: Chinese and Korean Christian art reflecting on turmoil

October 16: Brunger Memoirs of the Communist takeover 1948-1950

## What is a Stephen Minister?

### A Stephen Minister is...

- a caring Christian friend who really listens;
- a lay person who has received 50 hours of training in how to provide distinctively Christian care.

### A Stephen Minister is NOT...

- a counselor or therapist;
- a problem solver;
- a casual visitor.

## Who is helped by Stephen Ministry?

### People who are...

- hospitalized or ill;
- bereaved;
- going through a transition or coping with divorce;
- discouraged or anxious;
- in a job or financial crisis;
- disabled or homebound;
- in a spiritual crisis.

Everyone goes through difficult times. Having someone to care, to listen, to share God's love helps one get through the confusion, stress and loneliness.

## How can you be involved in Stephen Ministry?

- Consider God's direction as to whether you should become a Stephen Minister.
- Help us stay sensitive to those who need caring support.
- Make others aware of the support system that is available.
- Pray for our Stephen Ministers and those they support.
- Consider allowing a Stephen Minister to walk with you on your journey.

## UPCOMING STEWARDSHIP ACTIVITIES

### **Neighborhood Group Meetings**

Neighborhood groups are scheduled to get together for fellowship and a dialog on what stewardship means to you and to Westminster Church. The schedule of meetings is posted in the Schilling Gallery.

### **Congregation Lunch**

On October 30<sup>th</sup>, join other Westminster members in Fellowship Hall after the 11:00 a.m. service for lunch, then move back to the Sanctuary to listen to a few testimonials about what it means to be a member of Westminster Church.

### **Dedication Sunday**

On November 6<sup>th</sup>, bring your stewardship pledge to the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. services, signifying your financial commitment to the work and mission of Westminster Church for 2012.

For more information, contact Buz Johnson.