

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

*“Earth’s crammed with heaven,
And every common bush afire with God;
But only he who sees, takes off his shoes,
The rest sit around and pluck blackberries...”
Elizabeth Barrett Browning*

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

PRELUDE Domine, in auxilium

Orlando di Lasso
trans. Peter Van Eenam
Giovanni Gabrieli

Canzona No. 2 (11:00)

Brass Choir

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP (11:00)

Buz Johnson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 95

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

People: Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

*HYMN NO. 288 (blue hymnal) I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Ellacombe

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Gracious God, we come before you in humility to confess our sin. The light that shines through the Christ illumines the many ways that we fail to live as your people. Forgive us for being more quarrelsome than compassionate, more self-protective than giving, more close-minded than open-hearted. Forgive us for letting differences blind us to our essential unity. Forgive us for neglecting our planet, the welfare of all your people, and our own spiritual health; and for failing to see the life-giving connection between all three. May your Spirit lead us to a place of wholeness. 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.

*RESPONSE Celtic Alleluia (*sing twice*)

Fintan O’Carroll

TO EXPERIENCE GOD’S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING

I Thessalonians 1:1-10

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

Deborah Phillips

Children age 4 through 2nd 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

Exodus 33:12-23

SERMON

“The Backside of Glory”

Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

*HYMN NO. 399 (blue hymnal) We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

Dunlap’s Creek

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

Adapted from *A Brief Statement of Faith* PC(U.S.A.)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. 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.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives.

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. 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.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

(9:00) Canzona No. 2

Giovanni Gabrieli

(11:00) Followers of the Lamb

arr. Philip R. Dietterich

O brethren ain't you happy, ye followers of the Lamb. Sing on, dance on, followers of Emmanuel, Sing on, dance on, ye followers of the Lamb.

O sisters ain't you happy, ye followers of the Lamb. (Refrain)

O I'm glad I am a Christian, ye followers of the Lamb. (Refrain)

O, I mean to be obedient, ye followers of the Lamb. (Refrain)

Terrance McCracken, Baritone
Bob Adamcik, Tambourine

Shaker text

***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology

Lasst uns erfreuen

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 292** (blue hymnal) (11:00) All Beautiful the March of Days

Forest Green

***CHARGE AND BEDICTION**

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

Danish melody

***POSTLUDE** Fugue in d

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 Cindy Serbin and Buz Johnson.

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR OCTOBER: Linda Rutherford

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS are available from the ushers.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES (11:00): Joseph and James Hutzenbiler

GREETERS (11:00): Marlene Browning and Marty Pryor

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

(11:00) Angela Grobe

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Brass Choir

(11:00) Brass and Chancel Choirs

SENIOR USHER: Gordon Greeson

USHERS:

(9:00) Genet Weber and John Styron

(11:00) Robin Greeson, Bob Murrian, Lalla Phillips, Ashley Porter, Scott Porter

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by the Hatmaker family to the glory of God and in honor of Barbara Adamcik, Angela Grobe and all directors of children's ministry.

OUR THANKS to Bob Adamcik for his enrichment of our worship this morning as he accompanies the Chancel Choir.

IN GRATITUDE for the kind hospitality of Westminster Church, artist Alex Smith invites you to a reception Sunday, October 23rd at noon in the Schilling Gallery.

THIS MORNING'S ANTHEM is an arrangement of a Shaker text and tune first appearing in written form in New Lebanon, New York in 1847. The arranger writes, "This lively song in the Dorian Mode [modes are similar to scales] has much in common with the revival songs and spirituals (both black and white) of early America." It is interesting to note that a couple of coincidences occur in this morning's selection of music. The Chancel Choir last sang this anthem for Rally Day 2004 and the Gabrieli canzona shared today was the prelude that morning. The next time the Gabrieli was played was for Dr. Phillips' installation service in February 2006!

DO YOU LOVE CHILDREN? Have you ever wished you could share a special story about faith with our Westminster kids? You may be the perfect candidate for sharing "Time with Children" on Sunday mornings! If you are interested, please come to an informational meeting **today** from 12:15-1:15 p.m. in the Library. There is no obligation to sign on, but you can learn more about this special ministry. A light lunch will be served.

WPC FALL FESTIVAL and NEW MEMBER RECEPTION is today from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at Carl Cowan Park on Northshore Drive. Bring your folding lawn chairs or a blanket, and a flashlight in case you need it when you return to your car. If you wish, bring basketballs, bicycles and other outdoor fun. Please be mindful that the park is located on the water and small children will need close supervision. The cost for this full evening of fun is just \$7 per person, with a maximum of \$25 per family.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY CHRISTMAS CARDS are available in the Schilling Gallery today.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Bible Experience

Prayer Room

Faith and Transformation Class

McKinnon Room

Searching for Spirituality

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. 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.

Mudhouse Sabbath:

October 23-November 20

Seven Ways of Christian Formation Inspired by the Jewishness of Jesus

Next Sunday, we begin a DVD series that challenges viewers to encounter the Jewish context that nurtured Jesus, explore spiritual practices of hospitality, mindful eating, prayer, fasting and mourning, and deepen their Christian faith by incorporating these things into their lives.

Parents' Spiritual Growth Group

Library

Members who are parenting children of any age 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.

Current Topics

Fellowship Hall

Globalization and Christian Mission

October 16

Brunger Memoirs of the Communist takeover 1948-1950

Serving the Medically Underserved

October 23

As a Parish Nurse for 17 years, Joyce Ryan, RN will discuss her 12 ½ years with a church-based clinic for the homeless. Dr. Brian Bonnyman will cover his current job as a family physician treating various underserved groups of people, and contrast that experience with his prior work in a practice in affluent West Knoxville.

THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY meets tomorrow at 7:00 p.m. in the SHOW room.

WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER will gather on Tuesday, October 18 – 6:00 p.m. for dinner and fellowship at Sequoyah Grille, 4429 Kingston Pike. Please RSVP to Kathy Shilling.

A STATED SESSION MEETING is Sunday, October 23 at 12:15 p.m. in the McKinnon Room.

WEDNESDAYS WITH WESTMINSTER

October 19

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

Our menu this week includes chili and fritos with fixings, hotdogs, fruit and cupcakes.

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 5th grade.
- Youth will meet for DGroup in the SHOW room.
- In the downstairs Fellowship Hall, Dr. Buran Phillips will continue the study entitled, "What Presbyterians Believe". This week we will discuss "Sacraments: Grace We Can Touch" by Paul Galbreath. You are welcome to join us at any time, as each week covers a new topic.

Stephen Ministry...why does WPC have Stephen Ministry?

There are many needs for care in our congregation and community: people experiencing grief, divorce, illness, loneliness and other stresses or challenges. Often people suffer silently.

Stephen Ministers bring Christ's love and care to those when they most need it.

Stephen Ministry...who benefits?

Everyone benefits from Stephen Ministry. Those receiving care benefit because they receive prayer and support throughout the crisis they face. Stephen Ministers benefit through the spiritual growth they experience from being involved in a meaningful ministry.

If you would like more information, please call Marty Pryor at 588-1827.

RACE FOR THE CURE is Saturday, October 22nd. Please sign up on the Schilling Gallery bulletin board if you would like to join Westminster's "Tribe Alive" team. Amy Theiss will contact you with more information.

SONGS OF HEAVEN CD: On October 2, members of the chancel choir shared their talents with a tribute to the great African-American Concert Spirituals. The performance was recorded and now CD's are available to purchase for only \$10. Proceeds will go towards Friends of Music. There are 27 songs on the CD. They can be purchased in the church office.

Mark Your Calendar for the October 30

Stewardship Luncheon

On October 30, the entire congregation is invited to partake of a wonderful lunch catered by Olive Garden. The lunch will begin in the Fellowship Hall right after the 11:00 a.m. service. After lunch, we will move to the sanctuary for a short 20 minute presentation from several of our members who will share their thoughts about why they give to Westminster and what giving means to them. We will end with a fun song provided by Ginny Baker. Nursery care will be provided. Please sign up on the Schilling Gallery bulletin board if you plan to attend.

Dedication Sunday

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

DID YOU KNOW ?

In 1991 the Interfaith Health Clinic, which was started by a group of community and religious leaders, opened its doors at 315 Gill Avenue to serve the working poor, "those earning too much to qualify for government subsidized insurance and too little to afford private insurance." Several Westminster members helped get the clinic started. Marty Marsh was very involved as was Joe Moon, who served on the original board of directors. Today our own Steve Hoadley volunteers his time at the clinic. In addition, our church has provided over \$67,000 to the clinic over the years.

The clinic provides primary care, specialty care, dental care, and even mental health care. Patients are charged according to a sliding scale and the average visit costs the clinic \$55 while most patients pay \$15. The difference is made up with donations to the clinic. Last year the clinic had 20,000 patient encounters with the aid of 500 doctors, nurses, or assistants serving the patients in the clinic itself or in their own offices.

"Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. " 1 Corinthians 12: 4-6