

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

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

PRELUDE Danket dem Herrn, denn ist er sehr freundlich, Parts II and III Dieterich Buxtehude
Give Thanks to the Lord for His Loving Kindness

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP (11:00) Byron Lawson

INTROIT

(9:00) Blessed Jesus, at Your Word *Liebster Jesu*
harm. J. S. Bach

Blessed Jesus, at Your word We are gathered all to hear You; Let our hearts and souls be stirred Now to seek and love and fear You; By Your teachings true and holy, Drawn from earth to love You solely.

(11:00) Autumn Carol Tobias Clausnitzer
Russell Schulz-Widmar

Sing to the Lord of harvest, sing songs of love and praise. With joyful hearts and voices your alleluias raise. In God the rolling seasons in steadfast order move. Sing to the Lord of harvest a joyous song of love.

The clouds break forth with raining, the deserts bloom and spring, the hills leap up in gladness, the valleys laugh and sing. God fills them with abundance and nature's gifts increase. The year is crowned with goodness, with plenty and with peace.

Bring to this sacred altar the gifts God's goodness gave, the golden sheaves of harvest, the souls Christ died to save. Your hearts lay down in off'ring as at his feet you fall. With holy lives adore him who gave his live for all.

John S. B. Monsell
Lisa Oros, Cindy Pearman, and Renee Wiesehuegel, Handbells

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 90

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.
People: Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
Leader: So teach us to count our days, that we may gain a wise heart.
People: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

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

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Gracious God, we come before you thankful that you listen to the concerns we express and the sins we confess. Stretch us beyond our narrow interests toward being loving neighbors with all who share this Earth. Counsel us in times when hurt or despair close in around us. Redirect us when we fail to reach out to others or do so with self-serving intent. Motivate us to take on the holy tasks of working for peace and justice. Forgive us when our spirits weary, when our devotion lapses, when our willfulness impedes your work, when our hearts or minds close themselves to you, and when we strive for everything else in life but your kingdom. Forgive us, we pray, in Christ's name. 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 Deuteronomy 34:1-12

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Cameron Sears

Children age 4 through 2nd grade are invited to go downstairs for Children's Worship. A nursery is available during the entire service for infants through age 3.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00) Walker Phillips Wright

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 22:34-40

SERMON "At the End of the Day" Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

***HYMN NO. 210** (blue hymnal) Our God, Our Help in Ages Past *St. Anne*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) I John 4:7-12

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

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) Autumn Carol Russell Schulz-Widmar
(The text is found at the Introit.)
(11:00) Air (from *Orchestral Suite No. 3 in D*) J. S. Bach
adapted by Walter Beeler
Charles Graves, Trumpet

***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. 333** (blue hymnal) (11:00) Seek Ye First *Lafferty*
***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**
***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** (9:00) An Irish Blessing Paul Laubengayer
May the road rise up to meet you, may the wind be always at your back, may the sun shine warm upon your face and the rain fall softly on your fields. Until we meet again may God hold you in the palm of His hand.
Traditional
***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 586** (blue hymnal) (11:00) Amen Danish melody
***POSTLUDE** Danket dem Herrn, denn ist er sehr freundlich, Part I Dieterich Buxtehude

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP here today.
PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK are Pam Potocik and Bill Farnham.
CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR OCTOBER: Linda Rutherford

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES (11:00): Max Yates and Jake Tidwell
GREETERS (11:00): Sue Caradine and Sara Cantrell
CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:
(9:00) Childcare through age 5
(11:00) Angela Grobe

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Westminster Choristers

SENIOR USHER: Gordon Greeson

USHERS:

(9:00) David Woodall and Carol Beilharz
(11:00) Leonard McKeehan, Mark Potocik, LoAnn Price, Rick Rawe, Janice Rawe

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Sharon Boyce and Jack Woodall in memory of their parents, Jack and Eloise Woodall and Erwin and Virginia Boyce.

THE BIRTH CANDLE today celebrates the September 29th arrival of Owen Casey Pierce. Owen is the son of Stephanie (Casey) and Michael Pierce of Columbus, Ohio. His proud grandparents are Jane and Michael Casey.

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

OUR THANKS to Charles Graves for his enrichment of our worship this morning at the 11:00 service. Thanks also to Lisa Oros, Cindy Pearman, and Renee Wiesehuegel for accompanying the Choristers' anthem.

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

WAMS and SHOW will meet at WPC to go for an afternoon of fun at Maple Grove Corn Maze. We plan to leave at 2:00 p.m. Bring \$10 for the corn maze, and if we have time to get pumpkins, that would be an additional \$3 to \$5.

THIS MORNING'S MUSIC is largely Germanic. Dieterich Buxtehude, organist of St. Mary's Church in Lübeck, set the chorale "Give Thanks to the Lord for His Loving Kindness" in three sections, each with the tune presented in long note values. In the first section (this morning's postlude) we find the melody in the soprano; in the second (a trio) it's in the pedal; and in the third the left hand. Aside from varying in texture, each section allows the organist to explore different colors and timbres. Choristers' anthem this morning is a delightful setting of a chorale melody by Johann Steurlein (1546-1613) that is sung with a handbell ostinato. While we're singing and playing German music this morning, we must include some Bach!

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

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST: Start your day off right with breakfast, fellowship and a short study session. On Thursday, October 27 at 7:00 a.m. we will meet in the McKinnon Room for breakfast prepared by Bill Beintema and a lesson, "Generational Differences - Implications for the Church," led by Tim Crais. If you want to review the lesson ahead of time, just pick up a copy in the church office or ask the office to email the lesson to you. Everyone is welcome.

THE FLOWER GUILD will be using dried hydrangeas this year in our Advent floral arrangements. If you have blossoms you would share with us, please call Linda Yates, Nancy Dean or Elizabeth Salsbery. We will be requesting other items from your gardens as we move closer to the holiday.

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 CDs 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.

WEDNESDAYS WITH WESTMINSTER

October 26

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

Our menu this week includes pork loin, mashed potatoes, spinach, rolls and ice cream. 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 "Why do we 'confess' our faith?" by Perky Daniel. You are welcome to join us at any time, as each week covers a new topic.

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.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Bible Experience

Prayer Room

Romans teaches us that we have peace with God through faith (justification), but we must grow into that faith throughout our lives (sanctification). Reading and discussing Chapters 6, 7, and 8 of Romans, we will focus on how to draw on Holy Spirit power in all areas of our lives. Join us for a lively time enjoying the Word!

Faith and Transformation Class

McKinnon Room

Mudhouse Sabbath:

October 23-November 20

Seven Ways of Christian Formation Inspired by the Jewishness of Jesus

Today 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

Serving the Vulnerable Populations of Knoxville

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

Stephen Ministry...how does it work?

When someone requests a Stephen Minister, Marty Pryor, our Referrals Coordinator, will meet with that person and explain what Stephen Ministry is. A Stephen Minister will then begin meeting confidentially for about an hour a week as long as there is a need. The Stephen Minister doesn't try to solve problems; rather, he or she listens, cares, prays and helps the care receiver find his or her path to healing.

If you would like more information, please call Marty Pryor.

Did You Know?

Mobile Meals (known as Meals on Wheels in some cities) is one of Westminster's funded mission projects. Linda Yates and Robin Turner are part of this mission and together they deliver lunch at least once and sometimes twice a month to senior citizens who cannot drive or prepare their own meals. Linda and Robin start off by picking up a cooler of hot food and one of cold food at Love Towers off Broadway. Then they follow a well designed route, making 14-15 stops and serving on average 20 people. Mobile Meals, a part of Knoxville's Community Action Committee, currently serves about 770 seniors a day. This is a wonderful mission effort and a great way to connect faith and life.