

REFORMATION SUNDAY

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

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

PRELUDE

(9:00) Erhalt uns Herr bei deinem Wort Dieterich Buxtehude

Preserve Us, Lord, Through Your Word

(11:00) Adagio Baldassare Galuppi

Handbell Choir

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made, and so we come seeking...

People: Forgiveness that restores and renews,

Leader: Grace that amazes and enables,

People: Community that strengthens and supports,

Leader: Truth that informs and guides,

People: Love that redeems and heals.

Leader: Let us worship the Lord our God!

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

*HYMN NO. 457 (blue hymnal) I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art Toulon

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy 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

I Thessalonians 2:9-13

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

Lisa Trofatter

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

Matthew 23:1-12

SERMON "Reformed...Always To Be Reformed" Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

*HYMN NO. 260 (blue hymnal) A Mighty Fortress Is Our God *Ein' feste Burg*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) From "The Confession of 1967" Presbyterian Church USA

The life, death, resurrection and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission.

His life as a human being involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to humanity commits the church to work for every form of human well-being.

His suffering makes the church sensitive to all the sufferings of humankind so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of people in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on humankind's inhumanity and the awful consequences of its own complicity in injustice.

In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of humanity's life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

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, 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) Adagio Baldassare Galuppi

(11:00) O How Amiable Ralph Vaughan Williams

O how amiable are thy dwellings: thou Lord of hosts! My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord: My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: They will be always praising thee. The glorious Majesty of the Lord our God be upon us: prosper thou the work of our hands upon us. O prosper thou our handywork. O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home.

from Psalms 84 and 90

***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. 430** (blue hymnal) (11:00) Come Sing, O Church, in Joy! *Darwall's 148th*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

***POSTLUDE** Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott Johann Gottfried Walther
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

*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 Bill Wiesehuegel.

CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR NOVEMBER: Lucy Johnson and Shirley Wittman

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES (11:00): Clara Oakes and Jake Tidwell

GREETERS (11:00): Tim and Anne Crais

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

(11:00) Bill and Marti Davis, Anna and Leah Milam

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Handbell Choir

(11:00) Chancel and Handbell Choirs

SENIOR USHER: Gordon Greeson

USHERS:

(9:00) Bob Albiston and Lucinda Albiston

(11:00) Carlene and Max Robinson, Scott and Linda Rutherford, Nancy Cundall

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by the Wiesehuegel family in celebration of Holly and Bobby Wells' first wedding anniversary today and in honor of Peter Van Eenam's 30 year anniversary with Westminster Presbyterian Church. We appreciate your music ministry and all that you mean to us!

THE BIRTH CANDLE IS LIT TODAY in celebration of the birth of Hadley Elizabeth Huck on October 19th to Andrew and Emily Huck. Congratulations to proud grandparents, Sky and Kathy Huck.

COMPOSER OF THIS MORNING'S MUSIC FOR BELLS, Baldassare Galuppi (1706-1785) was an Italian composer, born on the island of Burano in the Venetian Republic. He enjoyed international success, spending parts of his career in London (at the King's Theatre) and Saint Petersburg (in the court of Catherine the Great), but his main base remained Venice, where he held a succession of leading appointments, including a position at St. Mark's. Though he was known for his virtuosity at the keyboard, his fame came from his development of comic opera in the 1740s.

WAMS AND SHOW will sponsor the first annual Westminster Trunk or Treat and Costume Contest this evening. The younger kids of the church are invited for Trunk or Treating and the costume contest from 5:00-6:00 p.m. After that, the youth will have a Halloween Extravaganza Spooktacular Party!

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. Thank you for your support.

STEWARDSHIP LUNCHEON CANCELED... but let's look on the bright side!

Due to a small number of sign-ups, the Stewardship Luncheon scheduled for today has been canceled. The Stewardship Team, in discussing whether or not to cancel this event, determined that October has been a very busy month at Westminster and that one more event, even one where food is served, might be a little too ambitious to ensure a good turnout. At any rate, all is not lost. The team has been extremely gratified with the response we have received regarding this year's approach, that of getting back to the "basics of stewardship" and what stewardship means at Westminster. We have attempted through the neighborhood group meetings and various emails and *Abbey* articles to convey the message that we should give to God because God has given to us. In response to this message, good discussions have occurred and church members have been engaged in a worthwhile process.

Today begins the final week of the Stewardship Campaign. Even though there will be no luncheon, Buran's sermon still conveys an important message about stewardship. Dedication Sunday will then follow on November 6th, when all church members will be asked to bring their pledges to place in the offering plate. Pledges can also be sent directly to the church office.

Thanks to all who have participated in this year's campaign. We look forward to a successful conclusion!

-The Stewardship Team...Buz, Byron, Tim and William

Dedication Sunday

November 6th is dedication Sunday. 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.

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

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.

THE COMMUNITY CHEST THRIFT STORE collection is scheduled for Saturday, November 5th 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).

MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT is Tuesday, November 8. The Property team will be bringing our refreshments.

WEDNESDAYS WITH WESTMINSTER

November 2

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

Our menu this week includes chicken and dressing casserole and all the trimmings. 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 "Our radically connectional church" by Michael Jinkins. You are welcome to join us at any time, as each week covers a new topic.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Bible Experience

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!

Prayer Room

Faith and Transformation Class

Mudhouse Sabbath:

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.

McKinnon Room

October 23-November 20

Parents' Spiritual Growth Group

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.

Library

Current Topics

Serving the Vulnerable Populations of Knoxville

"Our Low Wage Working Neighbors"

October 30

Rev. Jim Sessions, the current president of the Working America Education Fund, is a retired member of the New England Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. He has also served as chaplain at several universities: Princeton, Drew, Brown, Harvard and MIT. Jim will discuss jobs and income and their relationship to poverty.

"Who Are the Poor in Knoxville and Knox County and Ways They Are Served" November 6

Barbara Kelly, Executive Director of the Knoxville-Knox County Community Action Committee will present demographics and statistics from the 2010 census on who the poor are in Knoxville and Knox County and will also share about programs offered by the Community Action Committee that relate to this population. Her presentation will also include information on the implications of proposed reductions in funding and how that will affect services to those in need.

Fellowship Hall