

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

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

PRELUDE Gott sei gelobet und gebenedeiet

Heinrich Scheidemann

God Be Praised and Glorified

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapted, Psalm 147, I Timothy 1:17

Leader: Praise the Lord! How good it is to sing praises to our God;

People: For God is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

Leader: The Lord lifts up the downtrodden and heals the brokenhearted. How good it is to sing praises to our God.

People: For God is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

Leader: To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever.

People: For God is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD, WITH HEART AND HANDS AND VOICES...

*HYMN NO. 459 (blue hymnal) Father, We Praise Thee

Christe sanctorum

*PRAYER OF PRAISE

A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Give thanks to the Lord who is good.

God's love is everlasting.

Come, let us praise God joyfully.

Let us come to God with thanksgiving.

For the good world;

for things great and small, beautiful and awesome;

for seen and unseen splendors;

Thank you, God.

For human life;

for talking and moving and thinking together;

for common hopes and hardships shared from birth until our dying;

Thank you, God.

For work to do and strength to work;

for meaningful labor and the gifts of creativity and imagination;

for exchanges of good humor and encouragement;

Thank you, God.

For companionship;

for the mystery of human love;

for mutual forgiveness and burdens shared;

for friendships which reveal grace;

Thank you, God.

For family;

for living together and eating together;

for family amusements and family pleasures;

Thank you, God.

For children;

for their energy and curiosity;

for their play and startling frankness;

for their reminder of what your kingdom is about;

Thank you, God.

For the young;

for their high hopes;

for their irreverence toward worn-out values;

for their search for freedom and identity;

Thank you, God.

For growing up and growing old;

for wisdom deepened by experience;

for rest in leisure;

and for time made precious by its passing;

Thank you, God.

For your help in times of doubt and sorrow;

for bringing wholeness to our lives;

for preserving us in temptation and danger;

Thank you, God.

For the church into which we have been called;

for the good news we receive by Word and Sacrament and share through service;

for our life together in the Lord;

We praise you, God.

For your Holy Spirit,

who guides our steps and brings us gifts of faith and love;

who prays in us and prompts our grateful worship;

We praise you, God.

Above all, O God, for your Son Jesus Christ,
who lived and died and lives again for our salvation;
for our hope in him;
and for the joy of serving him;

**We thank and praise you, Eternal God,
for all your goodness to us.**

Give thanks to the Lord, who is good.
God's love is everlasting.

WHO WONDROUS THINGS HATH DONE, IN WHOM THIS WORLD REJOICES...

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 138

Jim Mason

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

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

Colossians 1:11-20

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) from the Iona Community of Scotland

We believe in God, whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives, whose love
was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth, whose love was crucified by the evil that waits
to enslave us all and whose love, defeating even death, is our glorious promise of freedom.
Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt, in God we trust; and, in the
name of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves, in the service of others, to seek justice and to live
in peace, to care for the earth and to share the commonwealth of God's goodness, to live in the
freedom of forgiveness and the power of the spirit of love, and in the company of the faithful
so to be the church, for the glory of God. 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. 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 Gloria, RV 589

Antonio Vivaldi

I

Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Glory be to God in the highest.

II

Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.
And on earth peace to men of good will.

III

Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te.
We praise Thee, bless Thee, adore Thee, and glorify Thee.

Meredith Mackay, Soprano
Jennifer Shilling, Mezzo-Soprano

IV

Gratias agimus tibi
We give thanks to Thee

V

propter magnam gloriam tuam.
for Thy great glory.

VI

Domine Deus, Rex coelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.
Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty.

Meredith Mackay

VII

Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe.
The only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

VIII

Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
*Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, Thou who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon
us.*

Bettie McDavid Mason, Soprano

IX

Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram.
Thou who takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.

X

Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.
Thou who sittest at the right hand of the Father, have mercy upon us.

Jennifer Shilling

XI

Quoniam tu solus sanctus, tu solus Dominus, tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe.
For Thou alone art holy, Thou alone art the Lord, Thou alone art the most high, Jesus Christ.

XII

Cum Sancto Spiritu in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.
With the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Greater Doxology

***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**

HATH BLESSED US ON OUR WAY...

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

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

***POSTLUDE** Sonata Adriano Banchieri

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP here today.

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK are Terry Crow and Wes Williams.

CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR NOVEMBER: Lucy Johnson and Shirley Wittman

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS are available from the ushers.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES: Emma Adamcik and James Hutzenbiler

GREETERS: Tom and Georgann Byerley

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: Carolyn Greenwood and Paula Savage

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Chancel Choir

SENIOR USHER: Bill Wiesehuegel

USHERS: Michael Yates, Bill Beintema, Brian Bonnyman, Buz Johnson, Andrew Gordon

THE FALL ARRANGEMENT is given by Frank and Marty Marsh in loving memory, and to the glory of God, for Catherine Walters Marsh (Cathy), John and Eloise Frisbie, Frank and Margaret Marsh, and Viola Jane Frisbie Oakley.

THE BIRTH CANDLE today celebrates the birth of Josie Noelle Bice, born on November 17th to Lauren and Brandon Bice. Proud grandparents are Tim and Joyce Ryan.

THE ORCHESTRA

Violin I *Bass*
Sean K. Claire Steve Benne

Violin II *Oboe*
Miroslav Hristov Phylis Secrist

Viola *Trumpet*
Kathryn Gawne Sarah Chumney Fellenbaum

Cello *Organ*
Andy Bryenton Eileen Rudd

OUR THANKS to Eileen Rudd and the members of the orchestra for their enrichment of our worship this morning.

THE FLOWER DEDICATION CHART FOR 2012 is posted in the Schilling Gallery. Please stop by and sign up for your flower dedications for next year. The cost is \$60, payable on the date of your dedication.

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

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

THE CHURCH OFFICE will close at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday for the Thanksgiving holiday. We will reopen on Monday, November 28 at 9:00 a.m.

OLIVE BRANCH OLIVE OIL is available for purchase. The cost is \$18 per bottle or \$184 for a case of 12 bottles. To order, please contact Anne Dungan at agdungan@comcast.net or 691-7897. The proceeds from the sale of the oil go to support agricultural cooperatives in Palestine and the replanting of orchards destroyed by the Occupation in the West Bank. The oil will also be sold today at our Alternative Christmas Bazaar.

Christmas Stockings for the Salvation Army

Elementary Sunday School children will be filling Christmas stockings for the Salvation Army on Sunday, December 11th. Last year, with your help, we were able to fill 47 stockings that were given to children in our own community.

A collection box will be just outside the kitchen door for donations of items that will be needed or enjoyed by a child between the ages of 0 and 12. Suggestions include: toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, brushes, socks, hats, gloves, hair bows and barrettes, balls, small books, crayons, pencils, jump ropes, Play-doh, yo yo, small dolls, lip gloss, cars, nerf balls, puzzles, happy meal toys, kleenex, baby bottles, onesies, rattles, pacifiers, etc. The items need to fit into a large stocking.

Thank you so much for helping us with this very special project.

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.

WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER

Please join us for dinner and fellowship November 29th at 6:00 p.m. We'll meet at Puleo's Grill in the Deane Hill Center across from West Town Mall. RSVP by November 28th to Jan Gross.

Alternative Christmas Bazaar

Sunday, November 20

Critters, craftwork, and Christmas cards will be featured at the yearly Alternative Christmas Bazaar on Sunday, November 20. Each of the items available is connected in some way to a deserving cause, so that we can be assured that our gifts embody the true meaning of Christmas. At the event, the following will be available for purchase:

- Christmas cards from Rachel's Lament, an organization that provides schooling and job-training for very poor children in Kenya.
- Extra virgin, cold-pressed, fair-trade organic Olive Branch Olive Oil, supporting Palestinian olive farmers.
- Gift cards for FISH Hospitality Pantries, where a \$5 card will help feed a family of four for three days.
- Life-supporting purchases of farm animals from the Heifer Project.
- Gift cards for Habitat for Humanity donations.
- Handcrafted cloth bags from Africa Bags, based in Malawi.
- Handcrafted quilted potholders made by Westminster's own Robin Greeson, to benefit cleft palate repair.
- Peruvian and African crafts from Partners for Just Trade.
- Coffee, cocoa, chocolate and tea provided by Equal Exchange, also known as the Presbyterian Coffee Project.

The Mission Team will sponsor the event between the morning services and after the 11:00 service. Bring your Christmas list to church on the Sunday before Thanksgiving, and help those less fortunate in purchasing your gifts this year.

SONGS AND CAROLS OF ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS will be presented by Waterfriends on Friday, December 2nd at 8:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Come and enjoy the music of Bach, Handel, Praetorius and modern composers, with a carol sing-along. A free-will offering will be collected to benefit Living Waters for the World.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN UPDATE

As of Friday, 124 of our 238 potential giving units have pledged \$517,317.

Thank you for supporting our stewardship campaign!



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.

DONATIONS are being accepted for the Advent floral decorations. There is no set amount for each dedication. A list of donations will be included in the Christmas Eve bulletins as well as the *Abbey* edition of December 21st. Donations can be placed in the offering plate or brought to the office.



I would like to contribute to the Flower Guild for Advent:

\$ _____

In memory/honor (circle one) of:

Given by:

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Bible Experience

We will study Romans 12-14 including St. Paul's advice, "let everyone be subject to the governing authorities," while Christians faced persecution.

Prayer Room

Faith and Transformation Class

Mudhouse Sabbath:

Seven Ways of Christian Formation Inspired by the Jewishness of Jesus

We continue this 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

"Services and Reflections from the VMC-The Refuge"

In another part of the VMC from where meals are served and clients with case workers gather, The Refuge sees poor and homeless clients on a one-on-one basis by appointment. Under the direction of the Refuge Director, volunteer counselors listen to people's problems and assist them with solutions. Refuge volunteers logged 4,607 hours last year while seeing 4,262 neighbors. Approximately 51% of these neighbors were homeless and the other 49% were marginally housed. Sally Gouffon, a 25-year volunteer, will share stories from her time at The Refuge and about the specific types of assistance offered there.

Fellowship Hall

November 20

Advent Study

From Longing to Receiving

Writer Patricia Tull leads participants through the Old Testament and the Gospel lectionary texts, tracing important Advent themes of longing for God's help, anticipating God's presence among us, recognizing God's work among us and receiving God's new gifts to us. Materials for the first week are available in the office and the Narthex.

McKinnon Room

November 27-December 11