The Order of Worship **January 8, 2012**
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

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

PRELUDE Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam — Dieterich Buxtehude
Christ Our Lord to the Jordan Came

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT (11:00) Psallite — Michael Praetorius

Psallite, unigenito, Christo Dei Filio! Redemptori Domino puerulo jacenti in praesepio. Ein kleines Kindelein liegt in dem Krippelein. Alle liebe Engelein dienen dem Kindelein, und singen ihm fein, Psallite, unigenito, Christo Dei Filio. Redemptori Domino puerulo jacenti in praesepio.

Sing to Christ, the only-begotten son of God! Sing to the redeemer, our Lord, the child, lying in the manger. A tiny child lies in the little crib; all the lovely angels serve the little child and sing sweetly to him.

Anonymous

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: At the baptism of Jesus, God said:
People: "You are my beloved child; with you I am well pleased."
Leader: When we hear God's call to prayer, God is summoning us:
People: "You are my beloved child; with you I am well pleased."
Leader: When we hear God's call to service, God is inviting us:
People: "You are my beloved child; with you I am well pleased."
Leader: When we hear God's call to repentance, God is welcoming us:
People: "You are my beloved child; with you I am well pleased."
Leader: When we feel God's absence, God is still supporting us:
People: "You are my beloved child; with you I am well pleased."
ALL: Let us worship God as we give thanks for the light of this day and every day.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 469** (blue hymnal) Morning Has Broken — *Bunessan*

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Gracious God, we are a people who long to be loving, and a people who often fall short. Forgive us when our actions hurt ourselves and others. Forgive us when we do not choose our words with care, lest they hurt our family, friends or neighbors. Help us to go the second mile in service and the giving of ourselves. Teach us what it means to love our enemies. Hear now as we pray to you for healing in our relationships: with you, with our loved ones, with friends and associates, with our world neighbors, with our planet and with ourselves. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

***KYRIE ELEISON NO. 574** (blue hymnal) — arr. David N. Johnson

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***RESPONSE** Gloria Patri No. 576 (blue hymnal) — Jacques Berthier

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING — Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) — Carolyn Greenwood

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 — Mark 1:4-11

SERMON "Riders on the Storm" — Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

***HYMN NO. 69** (blue hymnal) O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright — *Wie schön leuchtet*

***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.

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) Sonata No. 24 — Gottfried Reiche

Brass Choir

(11:00) Infant Holy, Infant Lowly — Polish carol

arr. David Willcocks

Infant holy, Infant lowly, For his bed a cattle stall; Oxen lowing, Little knowing Christ the Babe is Lord of all. Swift are winging Angels singing, Nowells ringing, Tidings bringing, Christ the Babe is Lord of all.

Flocks were sleeping, Shepherds keeping Vigil till the morning new; Saw the glory, Heard the story, Tidings of a gospel true. Thus rejoicing, Free from sorrow, Praises voicing, Greet the morrow, Christ the Babe was born for you!

trans. Edith Reed

***AT THE PRESENTATION** Hymn No. 63 (blue hymnal) As with Gladness Men of Old — *Dix*

As they offered gifts most rare At that manger rude and bare; So may we with holy joy, Pure, and free from sin's alloy, All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heavenly King.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 263** (blue hymnal) (11:00) Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise — *St. Denio*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

***POSTLUDE** Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern — Johannes Petzold

How Brightly Shines the Morning Star

*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: Cindy Serbin and Dave Dupper

CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR JANUARY: Sue Byerly and Judy Jorden

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES (11:00)**:** Ethan Partelow and James Hutzenbiler

GREETERS (11:00)**:** Kathy and John Shilling, Shirley Wittman

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

(11:00) Brent and Ramey Hardin, Emma Adamcik and Clara Oakes

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Brass Choir

(11:00) Chancel Choir

SENIOR USHER: Bill Holt

USHERS:

(9:00) Connie Graham and Don Graham

(11:00) Joyce Ryan, Tim Ryan, Bill Holt, Trish Groves, Jay Schmid

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Sharon Boyce and Jack Woodall.

THE BIRTH CANDLE is lit today in celebration of the birth of Baylor Blankenship, grandson of Paula and and John Smartt. Baylor was born December 20th to parents Bret and Breeze and big sister, Bella.

THE PRELUDE THIS MORNING makes use of the tremulant, a mechanism on the winding system of the organ that intermittently leaks small amounts of air, causing the wind pressure to fluctuate with a periodicity (thus creating vibrato), lending additional gentleness and expressivity to music such as this morning's ornamented chorale prelude.

PLEASE TAKE TIME TO ENJOY the new exhibit of photos in the Schilling Gallery by new member, Charlie Graves. Ask Charlie to share the fascinating stories associated with many of his photos.

AN ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING FOR WOMEN'S BOOK CLUBS is today in the McKinnon Room following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. We will decide when and where groups will meet and what books are of interest. Please join us!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY begins tomorrow in the Library at 5:30 p.m. We will begin with *Parables from the Backside* by J. Ellsworth Kalas.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST: Start your day off right with breakfast, fellowship and a short study session. On Thursday, January 12 at 7:00 a.m. we will meet in the McKinnon Room for breakfast prepared by Tim Ryan and a lesson 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.

FISH delivery is Thursday, January 12. If you are able to help make deliveries, please contact Nancy Cundall. The number of families receiving bags of groceries is dependent on the number of Westminster volunteers. **YOU are needed!**

WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER

Dinner and Fellowship

Tuesday, January 17 - 6:00 p.m.

All women of Westminster are invited to join us for dinner at Macaroni Grill, 7723 Kingston Pike. Please RSVP by Monday, January 16 to Sue Byerly.

Pseudo Progress-Midwinter-Groundhog Observance Dinner

Friday, February 3 - 6:00 p.m.

Charles Towne Landing

Confused yet? Don't be. This event is formerly known as Westminster's Progressive Dinner.

Each year during February, the Fellowship Ministry Team coordinates an evening of good fellowship, delicious food and mysterious destinations. This year's event is on Friday, February 3rd, thus the reference to the groundhog.

The Social Hour begins at 6:00 p.m. at Charles Towne Landing's clubhouse, located off of Westland Drive. Toward the end of the Social Hour, you will be notified of and introduced to your host for the remainder of the evening. At your host's home, you will enjoy dinner and dessert.

A sign-up sheet is posted in the Schilling Gallery. Sign-ups will close on January 29th. Childcare is available; please indicate the number of children you will need care for when you sign up.

Don't miss this fun-filled evening!

PLEASE SIGN UP on the Schilling Gallery bulletin board for your 2012 flower dedications. We ask for a $60.00 donation to the Flower Guild, payable on the date of your dedication. A reminder card will be mailed to you in advance of your chosen Sunday.

MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT is Tuesday, January 10. The Christian Formation team will provide refreshments.

Adult Sunday School

Parents' Class **Library**

Does your family seem frazzled by busy schedules? Join us for a study of *The Hurried Family: Help for the Hurried Home* by Dr. Tim Kimmel, based on his book, *Little House on the Freeway.* Dr. Kimmel brings help to the hurried home by sharing positive ways to overcome one's hectic lifestyle. In eight sessions with practical applications, *The Hurried Family* video study explores the symptoms of a hurried family and provides counsel for restoring calmness and giving the gift of rest to others.

Bible Class **Prayer Room**

"Majoring on the Minor Prophets" - The class will begin a study of the 12 minor prophets of the Old Testament - from Hosea to Malachi. We will consider historical context, what God said through them to Israel and Judah, and what God says through them to us now.

Faith Growth **McKinnon Room**

NOOMA is here! The NOOMA video series, featuring Pastor Rob Bell, will have its WPC debut on January 8, 2012. NOOMA is cutting-edge and thought provoking, and each week has a different topic related to real-life situations. The name NOOMA comes from a phonetic spelling of the Greek word pneuma, meaning "wind," "spirit," or "breath." Come and experience a new and refreshing spirit!

All Church Epiphany Party

Wednesdays With Westminster will kick off the new year of programs with an Epiphany Party for the whole church family on January 11, 2012. Join us for a time of fun and fellowship as we celebrate the arrival of the Wise Men with their gifts for the Christ Child, and the manifestation of Jesus as the light of the world. Dinner will be served beginning at 5:45 p.m. and child care will be provided for children ages five and younger. *Come and let your light shine!*