

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

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

PRELUDE Sonata in D, K. 288 Domenico Scarlatti

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 139 Megan McClure, Liturgist

Leader: O LORD, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

People: **You trace my journeys and my resting-places, and are acquainted with all my ways.**

Leader: Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.

People: **Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; I can barely comprehend it.**

Leader: Where can I go then from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

People: **If I climb up to heaven, you are there; if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.**

Leader: If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

People: **Even there your hand will lead me and hold me fast.**

Leader: If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night,"

People: **Even the darkness is not dark to you.**

Leader: Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my restless thoughts,

People: **And lead me in the way everlasting.**

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

*HYMN NO. 482 (blue hymnal) Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty *Lobe den Herren*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Merciful God, forgive us for all the hurt we have caused by our action or inaction. Forgive us for making You in our own image - a small god, reduced in power and love by our own small imaginations. Forgive our mindless conformity to worldly values and our willingness to accept injustice and suffering without hope of social transformation. Open our spiritual eyes, O God, so we might catch a vision of who You would have us become - Your beloved people, forgiven, restored, made whole, empowered to do Your work where we live. 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 John 1:43-51

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Bob Adamcik

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 I Samuel 3:1-10

SERMON "Can You Hear Me Now?" Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

*HYMN NO. 248 (blue hymnal) You Are Before Me, Lord *Sursum corda*
(Verses 1 and 2: All; 3: Women; 4: Men; 5: All)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) *from A Declaration of Faith*

Jesus broadened the definition of neighbor to include those ordinarily despised and excluded. His life in behalf of others led to persecution and death. He commanded his disciples to live the same way. We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives that recognize all people in all cultures as our neighbors on this planet. Christ teaches us to go beyond legal requirements in serving and helping our neighbor, to treat our neighbor's needs as our own, to care passionately for the other's good, to share what we have. It is part of our discipline to live in simplicity, avoiding greed and luxury that threaten our neighbor's survival. We are obligated to speak the truth in love, to listen with patience and openness, to love our enemies, to accept the risk and pain which love involves.

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 Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show David Schelat

Praise the Lord, God's glories show, Alleluia, gloria! Saints within God's courts below, Alleluia, gloria! Angels round the throne above, Alleluia, gloria! All that see and share God's love, Alleluia, gloria!

Earth to heav'n and heav'n to earth, Alleluia, gloria! Tell the wonders, sing God's worth,
Alleluia, gloria! Age to age and shore to shore, Alleluia, gloria! Praise God, praise for
evermore! Alleluia, gloria!

Praise the Lord, great mercies trace, Alleluia, gloria! Praise this providence and grace,
Alleluia, gloria! All that God for us has done, Alleluia, gloria! All God sends us through
the Son. Alleluia, gloria!

Henry Francis Lyte

Robert Adamcik, Congas

***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. 334** (blue hymnal) (11:00) When Israel Was in Egypt's Land *Go Down Moses*
(Verse 1: Choir; verses 2 and 3: All)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

***POSTLUDE** Lobe den Herren, den mächtigen König der Ehren Johann Gottfried Walther
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP here today.

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Cindy Spangler and Bill Farnham

CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR JANUARY: Sue Byerly and Judy Jorden

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS are available from the ushers.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES (11:00): Leah Milam and Ben Hatmaker

GREETERS (11:00): Buz and Lucy Johnson

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

(11:00) Chip and Pat Herzog, Max Yates and Daniel Clark

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Members of the Chancel Choir

(11:00) Chancel Choir

SENIOR USHER: Bill Holt

USHERS:

(9:00) Daniel Berry and Suzanne Graham

(11:00) Kathy Shilling, John Shilling, Dick Steinle, Joanne Steinle, LoAnn Price

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are in celebration of the life of Laura Joy Muntz and in honor of what would have been her 40th birthday on January 22nd, with love from her extended family who were richly blessed to have known and loved her.

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

DOMENICO SCARLATTI is best known for his nearly 600 keyboard sonatas. These are extremely creative works that are way ahead of their time. While one usually thinks of these as works for harpsichord, this morning's sonata is from a set of five that are clearly for the organ (indications of types of organs and stops to be used are included, along with little drawings of hands pointing up or down that show which manual to use!). Scarlatti, an almost exact contemporary of J. S. Bach, was Italian by birth, but served at the Madrid Court from 1729 until his death in 1757.

SHOW AND WAMS meet this evening at 5:40 p.m. at LaserQuest! Bring \$14 to cover the cost of two games. We'll finish by 7:00 p.m.

FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT is a new exhibit in the Schilling Gallery cases, featuring antique Valentines. They come from a collection that belonged to the late Amy Mason, Jim Mason's mother.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED tomorrow in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. We will reopen on Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.

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

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

WOMEN'S SMALL GROUPS

WOW (Women of Westminster) DINNER: Tuesday, January 17 - 6:00 p.m. at Macaroni Grill, 7723 Kingston Pike. Please RSVP by tomorrow to Sue Byery.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will meet weekly on Monday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in the Library. We are studying Parables from the Back Side by J. Ellsworth Kalas. Books are available in the office for \$10.

YOGA CLASS will meet weekly on Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall with instructor Michelle Massie. Class begins January 23rd, and the cost is \$3 per week. Please wear comfortable stretchy clothes and bring a thin yoga mat (and a towel if you need extra padding for your knees). For those who want to exercise both mind and body, join us for Bible Study at 6:00 and stay for yoga!

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUBS: The following plans were made to kick off the book clubs! The **Morning Book Club** will meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. at the church, beginning January 17th. The **Evening Book Club** will meet the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the church, beginning January 24th. Both book clubs will begin with discussions of *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett and then each group will pick their next selection. For questions, contact Terry Crow or Ginny Baker.

THE CAP (Caring for Aging Parents) GROUP will meet Wednesday, January 18 at 4:30 p.m. in the Library. We will be watching the video, "When Your Parent Needs You." This group meets the third Wednesday of each month.

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

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.

Drama News

Auditions for the musical *Carousel* by Rogers and Hammerstein will be held on Sunday, January 29 at 2:00 p.m. and Monday, January 30 at 7:00 p.m. We welcome all aspiring thespians, as well as veteran performers. Please come prepared to sing fifteen to sixteen bars from one of Rogers and Hammerstein's musicals, or one of the songs from *Carousel*. We look forward to seeing you!

WEDNESDAYS WITH WESTMINSTER

January 18

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

Our menu this week includes enchiladas, beans, rice, chips and salsa, salad and dessert. 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.
- Dr. Phillips is resuming his class on Presbyterian perspectives on faith. In the final 5 sessions, we will look at topics such as the paradox of predestination, forgiveness, biblical justice, and what Presbyterians think about the end of the world. In the first class, however, we will unravel the mystery of evil in about 40 minutes or so!

We are still using a copy of the magazine, *Presbyterians Today* and are beginning on page 30, "The Problem of Evil." If you still have your magazine, bring it. If not, or if you are new to the class (and it's okay to jump in at any point), copies of the article are available in the narthex and the church office. If you want to download the material yourself, this week's lesson can be found at <http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/today/evil/>.

- Youth will meet for DGroup in the SHOW room. We'll be using a movie/discussion series. This is a great way to check in with everyone midweek, learn and have fun, too!

Pseudo Progress-Midwinter-Groundhog Observance Dinner

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

Charles Towne Landing

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. 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 catered by Pero's of Rocky Hill, followed by 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.

Directions to Charles Towne Landing Clubhouse:

From Morrell Road, drive 2 miles West on Westland and turn left onto Middleton Place.

From Ebenezer Road, drive about 3/4 mile and turn right on Middleton Place.

The clubhouse is immediately on your right after you turn onto Middleton Place.

Come one, come all!

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" - This week we will study the prophet Joel. The book of Joel has been called "one of the most disturbing and heart-searching books of the Old Testament." What is "the great and terrible day of the Lord?" How will God "restore to you the years the locust has eaten?" Come and discover with us what God has to say through Joel!

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!