

The Order of Worship

**January 22, 2012
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.**

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

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

PRELUDE

(9:00) "...No darkness at all..." Ned Rorem

'God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all...'

— Walt Whitman, recalling fifty years later how Elias Hicks thus quoted Christ.

(from *A Quaker Reader*)

(11:00) Verbum caro factum est Hans Leo Hassler

And the Word Was Made Flesh trans. Peter Van Eenam

Brass Choir

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 62

Leader: For God alone my soul waits in silence; from God comes my salvation.

People: God alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall never be shaken.

Leader: Trust in God at all times, O people; pour out your heart before God, who is a refuge for us.

People: We gather to worship the One whose love is steadfast, whose mercy knows no boundaries.

Leader: For God alone my soul waits in silence...Let us worship God!

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 483** (blue hymnal) Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above *Mit Freuden zart*

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Gracious God, we offer ourselves to you, aware that our sins are many. Sometimes we try to do too much, other times we do not do enough. We worry about the wrong things and neglect what is truly important. In our own ways we close ourselves off from you and then wonder where you are. We struggle to find the right balance in our lives. Forgive us. Restore us. Help us find the right measures of giving and receiving, of caring for ourselves and caring for others, of faith and hope and love, as we seek to be disciples of Jesus Christ and celebrate your transforming love. 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

Mark 1:14-20

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

Anne Millett

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

selections from Jonah, I Corinthians 7

SERMON

"Something Fishy About That Story"

Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

***HYMN NO. 298** (blue hymnal) There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

In Babilone

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison)

Creed of the United Church of Canada (Reformed)

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

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) Alepun

Spanish carol

arr. Joel Martinson

Mary rides a mountain pathway, alepun, Through the dark and mist of Judah's night, alepun.

Birds sing out in expectation, alepun, While the sparkling waters ring with laughter, alepun. (Refrain)

Good Saint Joseph guides the donkey, alepun, While the infant sleeps 'neath Mary's heart, alepun. (Refrain)

We are waiting with our Lady, alepun, For the dawning of our Savior's light, alepun. (Refrain)

(11:00) Quem vidistis, pastores?

Whom Have You Seen, Shepherds?

Brass Choir

trans. Eleanor Walker

Richard Dering

trans. Peter Van Eenam

***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. 535** (blue hymnal) (11:00) Go with Us, Lord

Tallis' Canon

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

Danish melody

***POSTLUDE** A Short Verse

Thomas Tomkins

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP here today.

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Terry Crow and Wes Williams

CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR JANUARY: Sue Byerly and Judy Jorden

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS are available from the ushers.

SERVING TODAY

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

GREETERS (11:00): John and Beth Chang

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

(11:00) Angela Grobe

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Boys' and Girls' Choirs

(11:00) Brass Choir

SENIOR USHER: Bill Holt

USHERS:

(9:00) Cile Mathews and Jeff Bendy

(11:00) Irene Seidner, Joanne and Ralph White, Mary Lou Crow, Joe Ben Turner

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God in praise and thanks for the community of faith here at Westminster, from the Andersons.

CONGRATULATIONS to Frank and Marty Marsh as they celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on January 25th!

THIS MORNING'S ANTHEM at the 9:00 service is an arrangement of a Spanish carol by Joel Martinson, Director of Music at Church of the Transfiguration, Dallas, Texas. The melodic line is charming and nimble, punctuated by the word "alepun," for which there is no translation (it is simply a fun sound that rolls off the tongue). The arranger suggests that the repetition of alepun may be meant to evoke "the trotting hoofs or jingling bells of the donkey as it made its way to Bethlehem." Church of the Transfiguration is home to the Richards, Fowkes and Co.'s Opus 17. Our instrument is the firm's Opus 7.

IT IS WITH GREAT SADNESS that we inform the Westminster congregation of the passing of former organist and choirmaster William L. Brice on Saturday, January 14, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Bill was a great friend to many and actively involved in Knoxville's musical landscape. He helped to shape Westminster's musical identity and greatly influenced the music of worship. His memorial service will be held at Trinity Episcopal Church in Tulsa (the date and time are yet to be determined). In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to that church, 501 S. Cincinnati Ave., Tulsa, OK 74103. If you would like to send condolences to his wife, Mary, please contact Renee for their address.

WAMS: The cast party for *A Charlie Brown Christmas* is today following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. We will watch our DVD and hand out our awards. Please bring \$3 for pizza along with a dessert (girls) or drinks (boys).

SHOW will enjoy dinner and a movie this evening. At 5:00 (after Choristers), we will go to Roman's Pizza and then see a movie next door at the Movies 7 Theater. Bring \$3 for the movie.

Wired to Broadcast

Ginny Baker's office has now been wired to broadcast church services and other functions that might be taking place in the sanctuary. Ginny's office will be unlocked during worship on Sunday mornings as an option offering privacy for parents to soothe and attend to their baby's needs. The ushers can provide directions to the office and any other assistance needed.

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

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

WEDNESDAYS WITH WESTMINSTER

January 18

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

Our menu this week includes pork tenderloin, apple/cranberry dressing, lima beans, coleslaw, sourdough bread and trifle for 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!

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST: Start your day off right with breakfast, fellowship and a short study session. On Thursday, January 23 at 7:00 a.m. we will meet in the McKinnon Room for breakfast prepared by John Shilling and a lesson led by Buz Johnson. 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.

WOMEN'S SMALL GROUPS

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY meets 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!

THE EVENING BOOK CLUB will meet the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the church, beginning January 24th. The club will begin with a discussion of *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett. For questions, contact Terry Crow or Ginny Baker.

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!

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!

Westminster to Host Presbytery

Westminster will be hosting the Saturday, February 11, 2012 Presbytery Meeting. We will be providing snacks for the commissioners as they arrive. If you are willing to donate fruit, muffins or bagels, please call Sue Byerly. These items will need to be dropped off at the church between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 10th. Thank you for your help as we provide a welcoming place for this meeting of our larger church family.

Adult Sunday School

Parents' Class

Fellowship Hall

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

The kingdom is divided... Judah in the south and Israel in the north. Neither is following God, and God's prophets are calling the people to return! Continuing with our study of the prophets in Judah, we will finish the book of Joel this week and begin the book of Micah. Join us for interesting reading and discussion.

Faith Growth

McKinnon Room

The NOOMA video series features Pastor Rob Bell. 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!

WPC Youth Chili Cook-Off

January 29 – Noon

Westminster's first Chili Cook-Off will be held next Sunday after the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Sign-up posters are on the office window and the announcement board near the kitchen. You're invited to enter your best chili and/or dessert for a chance to win the Golden Ladle and other fabulous prizes. Please see the announcement posters for the chili and dessert categories.

Don't miss the fun and the chance to support our youth summer programs. Proceeds will help fund our work week with Operation Back Yard and the 2012 Montreat Summer Youth Conference.

Tickets are on sale now - \$6 for adults and \$4 for children.

Thank you, Westminster for your support during Advent! Your many kind words of appreciation for our efforts are deeply appreciated. We could not, however, have done it without your financial support and your generosity with greenery and hydrangeas from your gardens. Special thanks to our "wreath men" – Tom Byerley, Reed Ellis, Mark Grobe, Rick Rawe, John Shilling and Sam Smith, to our "cresset man," Jim Yates and our "candle man," John Hanes. Carleen Robinson documented Advent 2011 with a set of lovely photos. Thank you, Carleen!

– The Flower Guild