

**The Order of Worship**

**February 26, 2012  
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.**

**FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**

**THE CHURCH GATHERS ...**

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

**PRELUDE** Erbarm dich mein, o Herre Gott, BWV 721 J. S. Bach  
*Have Mercy on Me, O Lord God*

**OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION**

**ENDOWMENT FUND LUNCHEON ANNOUNCEMENT** Roy Hawk (9:00)  
Jerry Faerber (11:00)

**WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS** Patrick and Anna Wade

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 25 Deborah Phillips, Liturgist

Leader: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust;

**People: Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation.**

Leader: Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

**People: All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.**

**TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...**

**\*HYMN NO. 454** (blue hymnal) Blessed Jesus, at Your Word Liebster Jesu

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison) Psalm 32

Happy are those whose wrongdoings are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Happy are those to whom the LORD assigns no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. While I kept silence, my body wasted away, for day and night your hand was heavy upon me. Then I acknowledged my sin to you and I did not hide my wrongdoing. I said, "I will confess my sins to the LORD," and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you...

**\*MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION**

**\*KYRIE ELEISON** John L. Bell

*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** Of the Father's Love Begotten

*Divinum mysterium*

**TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Genesis 9:8-17

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN** (11:00)

Linda Judge-McRae

Children age 4 through 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1:9-15

**SERMON** "The Other Side of the Rainbow" Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

**\*HYMN NO. 85** (blue hymnal) What Wondrous Love Is This *Wondrous Love*

**\*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** Lead Me, Lord S. S. Wesley

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness, make thy way plain before my face. For it is thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

Psalms 5:8 and 4:9

**\*AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology No. 591 (blue hymnal)

*Tallis' Canon*

(Sung to the tune of Hymn No. 542 (blue hymnal))

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...**

\*HYMN NO. 366 (blue hymnal) (11:00) Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me *St. Catherine*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

\*POSTLUDE Fahr nur hin, du schnöde Welt Johann Gottfried Walther

*Away, Thou Vile World*

\*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:** Pam Potocik and Wes Williams

**CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR FEBRUARY:** Linda Rutherford

**LARGE PRINT HYMNALS** are available from the ushers.

**SERVING TODAY**

**ACOLYTES** (11:00): Jake Tidwell and James Hutzenbiler

**GREETERS** (11:00): Don and Sue Byerly

**CHILDREN’S WORSHIP:**

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

(11:00) Bill and Lisa Oros, Meghan and Griffen Oros

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** Chancel Choir

**SENIOR USHER:** Christie Dowling

**USHERS:**

(9:00) Jeff Bendy and Carol Beilharz

(11:00) Andrew Gordon, Kristi Gordon, Robin Greeson, Don Byerly, Buz Johnson

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given by Robert and Lucinda Albiston with love and admiration to their parents, Arthur and Dorothy Albiston and the late John and Eileen Moran.

**THE BIRTH CANDLE** today is in honor of the birth of Elise Claire DeLonge on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Congratulations to her grandparents, Larry and Kay DeLonge.

**THIS MORNING’S PRELUDE** is certainly one of J. S. Bach’s most unusual chorale preludes. The melody, heard in long notes, is accompanied entirely by repeated chords, with no counterpoint at all. The harmonic language is colorful, passionate, and expressive as Bach makes use of chromaticism and the inherent tensions of certain keys in an unequal temperament (which our organ and those of his day share).

**SUNDAY, MARCH 11, AT 5:00 P.M.,** at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 800 Northshore Drive in Knoxville, Westminster’s Chancel Choir will join Ascension’s Parish Choir and members of the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra to perform Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart’s *Mass in c*, K. 427 as part of that church’s Friends of Music and the Arts concert series. You are cordially invited to attend and we hope you’ll come support the choirs as they sing this magnificent work!

**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.

<b>Adult Sunday School</b>	<b>Fellowship Hall</b>
<p><i>The Prodigal God</i> by Timothy Keller is a teaching film and group study based on Jesus’ parable of The Prodigal Son. This study continues each Sunday throughout Lent.</p>	
<p>“One son kept the rules religiously. One son broke them all. One father loved them both beyond anything they could ever imagine.”</p>	

**WEDNESDAY EVENING LENTEN SERIES**

Join us at 5:45 p.m. each Wednesday evening during Lent for a simple meal of soup and bread, followed by a service of evening prayers in the sanctuary. This reflective time focuses on scripture, song and prayer as we prepare ourselves for Easter.

**KIDS’ CLUB NEEDS YOUR HELP** with donations of rice and beans for the FISH Hospitality Pantry. Kids’ Club children and families will be repackaging beans and rice into one pound bags on March 11<sup>th</sup>. Our goal is to collect over 100 pounds of rice and beans for this project. Please drop off donations in the green box just as you come in the front doors. Thank you for your support of this much-needed help for families in our community.

**Second Annual David L. Dungan Memorial Lecture**

**Tuesday, February 28 – 7:00 p.m.**

**University of Tennessee Cox Auditorium**

Author and professor Jeff Sharlet will discuss the intersection of religion and politics in America at the second annual David L. Dungan Memorial Lecture to be held on Tuesday, February 28 in the Cox Auditorium of the Alumni Memorial Building at the University of Tennessee. The lecture, presented by UT's Department of Religious Studies is entitled, "The Noise of Democracy: Faith, Faithlessness, and the Country In Between." After the presentation, Sharlet will participate in a question-and-answer session, with a reception and book signing to follow.

The event is free and open to the public, with parking available in the University Center parking garage. Sponsors include the Department of English and the UT Issues Committee.

**THE COMMUNITY CHEST THRIFT STORE** collection is scheduled for Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> 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).