

The Order of Worship

**March 11, 2012
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.**

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

On the third Sunday in Lent, congregations are invited to meditate on God's commandments.

The Law of God

Exodus 20:1-17

*God spoke all these words, saying,
I am the Lord your God.*

You shall have no other gods before me.

*You shall not make for yourself an idol,
whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above
or that is on the earth beneath,
or that is in the water under the earth.*

You shall not bow down to them or worship them.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

*You shall not covet your neighbor's house;
you shall not covet your neighbor's spouse,
or anything that belongs to your neighbor.*

PRELUDE

(9:00) Vater unser im Himmelreich, BWV 737

J. S. Bach

Our Father, Who Art in Heaven

(11:00) If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee

*Wer nur den lieben Gott
arr. Lee J. Afdahl*

Handbell Choir

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into God's presence with singing!

People: **For the Lord is a gracious God, whose mercy is everlasting; and whose faithfulness endures to all generations.**

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

People: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 481** (blue hymnal) Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show

Llanfair

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Gracious God, no matter what our age, we are all trying to grow, to become wiser and more mature people of faith. We confess the times that we give in to greed or succumb to selfishness or hold on to grudges. We confess the times that we are not the stewards of creation that you call us to be. We confess the times when Christ's way of peace and justice and unconditional love remains at the level of intention rather than daily practice. We confess the times when we so race through our lives that we do not take the time to see your grace in our lives. Forgive us, transform us, and renew us in our walk with the one in whose name we pray, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

***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

John 2:13-22

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 Corinthians 1:18-25

SERMON

"The Message About the Cross"

Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

***HYMN NO. 76** (blue hymnal) My Song Is Love Unknown

Love Unknown

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) Adapted from The Confession of 1967, PC(U.S.A.)

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His life as a human being involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to humanity commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all the sufferings of humanity so that the church sees the face of Christ in the faces of all people in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on people's inhumanity to one another. In the power and hope of the risen Christ, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of humanity and God's victory over all wrong. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

WELCOMING NEW MEMBER (11:00) Elizabeth Ridley

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) If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee *Wer nur den lieben Gott*

(11:00) Panis angelicus *César Franck*

Panis angelicus fit panis hominum, Dat panis coelicus figuris terminum. O res mirabilis, manducat Dominum, Pauper, servus et humilis.

The bread of the angels is become the bread of mankind. The heavenly bread provides an end to the symbols. O wonderful occasion! The poor, servile and lowly can partake of their Lord.

St. Thomas Aquinas

***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. 416** (blue hymnal) (11:00) Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation *Westminster Abbey*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

***POSTLUDE** Fugue sur les jeux d'anches *François Couperin*

(from *Mass for the Parishes*)

*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 Don Byerly

CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR MARCH: Shirley Wittman and Lucy Johnson

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS are available from the ushers.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES (11:00): Max Yates and Spencer Williams

GREETERS (11:00): John and Shirley Wittman

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

(11:00) Angela Grobe, Ellie Yates

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Handbell Choir

(11:00) Boys', Girls', and Handbell Choirs

SENIOR USHER: Tom Byerley

USHERS:

(9:00) Carol Beilharz, Jeff Bendy

(11:00) Bob Murrian, Lalla Phillips, Tim Ryan, Joyce Ryan, Mark Potocik

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Carol Beilharz, children and grandchildren in loving memory of Clark on his birthday.

THE BIRTH CANDLE TODAY is in honor of the December 31, 2011 birth of Faxton Rae Smith. She is the daughter of Chris and Cristy Smith, and the granddaughter of Carol Beilharz.

KIDS' CLUB (Preschool - 5th grade) meets for lunch today in the McKinnon Room at 12:15, followed by packaging rice and beans for the FISH pantry.

SHOW AND WAMS: Tournament Night!

We'll be having a Tournament Night this evening from 5:00-7:00 p.m. The tournaments will feature ping pong, four square, foosball, and anything else we come up with! The evening will start with a "greatest hits" dinner, with many choices. We want to welcome Betty McKeegan, who is helping Anne Dungan make our yummy meals! Come join the fun!

THIS MORNING'S MUSIC FOR HANDBELLS is a very creative setting of the hymn we know well. Aside from techniques of articulation including thumb damping and pizzicato, a number of passages ask for notes (particularly in the accompaniment) to be held out for a specific duration past their printed value, resulting in an effect similar to what a damper pedal creates on a piano. The arranger also uses many different accompaniments and rhythms throughout the course of the work. We learned of the piece thanks to our own Karl Hammond, and it is one that he has enjoyed playing ever since he began handbells as a youth. Lee Afdahl, it turns out, is from Karl's hometown and has been the organist at Karl's grandparents' church for many years. We are delighted to share this wonderful piece with the congregation. Thanks again, Karl!

THIS AFTERNOON AT 5:00 P.M., at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 800 Northshore Drive in Knoxville, Westminster's Chancel Choir will have the privilege of joining Ascension's Parish Choir, their fine director James Garvey, and members of the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra in a performance of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's *Mass in c*, K. 427 as part of that church's Friends of Music and the Arts concert series. This mass is often referred to as the "Great" and its scale is just that—monumental and grand. The solo work is virtuosic and the choruses mammoth, including movements scored for five and eight voice parts (double chorus). Soloists will include our own Meredith Mackay and Terrance McCracken. Due to its difficulty and scope (our choir has been rehearsing a number of the movements since last September!), the work is not often heard, so we hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity to come support the choirs and experience this glorious work! There is no charge for admission.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Bible Class

Prayer Room

We will look at how Jesus' ministry changed in the weeks before his death and resurrection. The period we celebrate as Lent is packed with parables, predictions, and prayers! Join us for the joy of the journey in the Bible.

The Prodigal God

McKinnon Room

The Prodigal God 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.

MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT is Tuesday, March 13. The Worship, Music and Arts team will provide refreshments.

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.

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

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE would like for members of the Westminster Congregation to submit possible nominees for Elders (5) for the Class of 2015, for a Trustee (1) for the Class of 2015, and for a Youth Elder for the Class of 2013. Please turn these in to the church office or email recommendations to Pam Potocik no later than Friday, March 23. Your input as members of the Congregation is vital to the work of the Nominating Committee. Thank you!

THE WESTMINSTER GARDEN GUILD is looking for some additional volunteers to help us maintain the various landscaping beds and paths on the church campus. This normally involves a few hours per month to weed, water, mulch, etc. Sharing these activities makes for light work and good fellowship - not to mention providing an attractive setting for worship and contemplation. If you have an interest and a willingness, please contact Tom Byerley.

THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING will be collected on Easter Sunday, April 8. Please see the insert in today's bulletin for more information.

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EASTER FLOWERS

Please help the Flower Guild this Easter as they adorn the sanctuary in celebration of our Lord's glorious ascension from the tomb. Checks of any amount are welcome and can be made out to Westminster Flower Guild in honor or memory of loved ones. These names will be included in the Easter Sunday bulletin and *Abbey*. Easter lilies will be available after the service to deliver to those who are unable to attend worship, or to recycle into your garden. Thank you for supporting this annual tradition.

Donation of \$_____ given in (please circle your choice) honor/memory of:

Given by: _____