

**The Order of Worship**

**May 27, 2012**

**10:00 A.M.**

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

**THE CHURCH GATHERS ...**

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

**PRELUDE** Nun bitten wir den Heiligen Geist (II) Dieterich Buxtehude

*We Now Petition the Holy Ghost*

Chorale text: We now petition the Holy Ghost, into every heart true faith to pour and that he defend us, till death here end us, when for heaven we leave this world of sorrow. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Ancient German hymn

**OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 105, adapted

Leader: O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

**People: Let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.**

Leader: Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually.

**People: Let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.**

**TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...**

**\*HYMN NO. 412** (blue hymnal) Eternal God, Whose Power Upholds *Forest Green*

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

Gracious God, we acknowledge to you, to ourselves, and to one another that we are not what you have called us to be. We have not been intentional about our faith, shared our hope, or reached out with love. We have said and done unkind things, and we have not done things which could have made a difference in the lives of those around us. We have failed to speak and act for peace and justice in our world. Have mercy upon us, forgive our sin, and transform our lives, we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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. 579 (blue hymnal)

Henry W. Greatorex

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Acts 2:1-21

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

Lisa Trofatter

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**

Romans 8:22-28

**SERMON**

"Spirit of Hope"

Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

**\*HYMN NO. 326** (blue hymnal) Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

*Morecambe*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison)

from *A Brief Statement of Faith*, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

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 the one body of Christ, the church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

**WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS**

Anne Davidson, Robbie Gentry, Tom Gentry, Carole Morris, Larry Ridley, Jeanne 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** Pilgrims' Hymn (from *The Three Hermits*) Stephen Paulus

Even before we call on Your name To ask You, O God, When we seek for the words to glorify You, You hear our prayer; Unceasing love, O unceasing love, Surpassing all we know.

Glory to the Father, And to the Son, And to the Holy Spirit.

Even with darkness sealing us in, We breathe Your name, And through all the days that follow so fast, We trust in You; Endless Your grace, O endless Your grace, Beyond all mortal dream.

Both now and for ever, And unto ages and ages, Amen.

Michael Dennis Browne

**\*AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; alleluia; Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

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

**\*HYMN NO. 561** (blue hymnal) My Country, 'Tis of Thee

*America*

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Hymn No. 335 (blue hymnal) Though I May Speak

*O Waly Waly*



Come, Spir - it, come, our hearts con - trol, Our spr - its  
long to be made whole. Let in - ward love guide ev - ery  
deed; By this we wor - ship and are freed.

**\*POSTLUDE** Komm, Gott, Schöpfer, Heiliger Geist

J. S. Bach

*Come, God, Creator, Holy Ghost  
(from the Leipzig Chorales)*

\*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 Tim Ryan

**CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR MAY:** Sue Byerly and Judy Jorden

**LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND HEARING DEVICES** are available from the ushers.

**SERVING TODAY**

**GREETER:** Brenda Seip

**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:** Gordon Bell, Tolson and Shea Bell

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** Chancel Choir

**SENIOR USHER:** Tim Ryan

**USHERS:** Rick Rawe, Janice Rawe, Sue Caradine, Lisa Ellis, Reed Ellis

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given in loving memory of Jack Caradine from Sue Caradine and her family.

**STEPHEN PAULUS** is an American composer writing in many genres, including music for orchestra, chorus, chamber ensembles, solo voice, keyboard, and opera. His evening hymn tune sets a text by Michael Dennis Browne that is based on an old church prayer. The hymn is from Paulus' opera, *The Three Hermits* (commissioned by The House of Hope Presbyterian Church, St. Paul, Minnesota, while Jim Carter, Westminster's former minister, served there), and forms the meditative, yet stirring, close to the opera. The poet has written, "we modern pilgrims are linked to those of another time and place, who sing...a song of homage, praise, and love to God."

**THE BIBLE CLASS** will continue to meet through June this year. Come join us in re-discovering and enjoying God's Word! We read from different translations and discussion is lively and spirited. Today we will continue in the book of Hosea, rich in poetry and challenges for living the life God intends for us. We'll be in the Library from 9:00-9:50, ending just in time for worship service. Everyone is welcome!

**SUMMER LECTIONARY MEDITATION:** To enhance your experience of worship this summer, we are offering a meditative session before each service. No advance preparation is needed, and all ages are welcome. We will use Sunday's bulletin and read each of the day's scripture passages three times, with a period of silent meditation following each reading. After silent meditation, participants are welcome to speak or not speak, discuss or not discuss, as the Spirit leads. This practice of "lectio divina" takes us deep into God's word and enables more active appreciation of the worship service to come. We'll meet in the McKinnon Room at 9:20 a.m. and end at 9:50 a.m. Join us whenever you can.

**Vacation Bible School**

for All Ages

**June 24 - June 27**

5:45-7:45 p.m.

Back by popular demand... Vacation Bible School will be in the evening for all ages, and will begin with dinner. Our children’s curriculum is ReNew, with a focus on stewardship of our creation at home, in our community and around the globe. Preschoolers will be in one classroom, and Elementary grades will rotate between Self, Community and World centers. Middle School youth will assist in the classrooms and High School youth will have their own class and possible field trips. Adult will enjoy a different speaker and subject each evening.

As you know, it takes many volunteers to make it a great experience for all.

**Volunteer Sign-ups:**

Preschool Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Preschool Shepherd: \_\_\_\_\_

Elementary Shepherds (3): \_\_\_\_\_

High School Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Decorations (will be using all recycled or reclaimed material): \_\_\_\_\_

**Attendance Sign-ups:**

Adults: \_\_\_\_\_

Nursery (up to age 3): \_\_\_\_\_

Preschool ages 3-5 (potty trained): \_\_\_\_\_

School Grades (2011-2012 school year):

First and Second grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Third and Fourth grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Fifth grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Middle School Helpers: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please fill out and place in the offering plate.**

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**THE PENTECOST OFFERING** collected today is used to meet the needs of children at risk, youth and young adults. Please see the insert in today’s bulletin for more information. Forty percent of your gifts are used locally, with the remainder supporting General Assembly ministries and Young Adult Volunteer opportunities.

**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED** to off-load a Second Harvest food delivery on Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at the West Knoxville food pantry. The pantry is located at Church of the Savior, 934 North Weisgarber Road.

**THE CHURCH OFFICE** is closed tomorrow in observance of Memorial Day. We will open on Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

**THE ABBEY DEADLINE** is Wednesday. Please send you articles to [unitedprinters@comcast.net](mailto:unitedprinters@comcast.net).

**THE COMMUNITY CHEST THRIFT STORE** collection is scheduled for Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</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).

**Smokies Baseball**

Westminster Night at the Smokes is Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 p.m. To reserve tickets, please call the church office or sign up in the Schilling Gallery by Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$8 per person. Meal vouchers are \$5 for children (hot dog, chips, drink) and \$6 for adults (hot dog, chips, large soda). Tickets and meal vouchers must be paid for in advance. Car pools will leave the church by 5:00 p.m. and we’ll all meet at the gate. This is a fun outing, and you won’t want to miss it!