

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

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

PRELUDE Gammal fabodpsalm (Old Pastoral Hymn) Osker Lindberg

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP adapted, Psalm 84

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

People: Blessed are those whose strength is in you, O Lord. Blessed is everyone who trusts in you.

Leader: Blessed are those who gather in the house of the Lord...

People: Ever singing God’s praise.

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, we are those who have inherited the promises first given to Israel. You have included us in the blessing of your salvation, yet we have not lived with the same acceptance of others. You intend that we define ourselves in relationship with you, but we tend to define ourselves by our self-made boundaries. We confess that these boundaries easily become walls of exclusion, prejudice, mistrust, and even hatred. So, we now confess the fear at the root of our actions, a fear that can only be rooted out by being rooted in your love. We confess with sorrow our failure to love as you love. Forgive us, we pray. 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.

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 6:10-20

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Deborah Phillips

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 I Kings, Chapter 8

SERMON

“In Search of the Holy”

Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

***HYMN NO. 430** (blue hymnal) Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

Darwall’s 148th

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison)

from *A Declaration of Faith*

God has not taken his people out of the world, but has sent them into the world to worship God there and serve all humankind. We worship God in the world by standing before the Lord in behalf of all people. Our cries for help and our songs of praise are never for ourselves alone. Worship is no retreat from the world; it is part of our mission. We serve humankind by discerning what God is doing in the world and joining God in that work. We risk disagreement and error when we try to say what God is doing here and now. But we find guidance in God’s deeds in the past and in God’s promises for the future, as they are witnessed to in Scripture. We affirm that the Lord is at work, especially in events and movements that free people by the gospel an advance justice, compassion and peace.

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 A City Called Heaven

arr. Hall Johnson

I am a po’ pilgrim of sorrow,
I’m tossed in dis wide worl’ alone,
No hope have I for tomorrow,
I’ve started to make Heav’n my home.

My mother has reached that pure glory,
My father’s still walkin’ in sin,
My brothers an’ sisters won’t own me,
Because I am try’n’ to get in.

Sometimes I am toss-ted an' driven, Lord,
Sometimes I don' know where to roam,
I heard of a city called Heaven,
I've started to make it my home.

African-American spiritual

John Hankins, Baritone

***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. 447** (blue hymnal) Lead On, O King Eternal

Lancashire

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

Danish melody

***POSTLUDE** Rigaudon

André Campra

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP here today.

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Kristi Gordon and Buz Johnson

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR AUGUST: Linda Rutherford

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS are available from the ushers.



ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES are available from the ushers. After worship, please return the receiver to the credenza in the narthex.

SERVING TODAY

GREETERS: Bob and Ada Pfohl

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: Thalia and Wes Hatmaker, Abby and Ben Hatmaker

LEMONADE FELLOWSHIP: WAMS LemonAid stand to benefit FISH Hospitality Pantry

SENIOR USHER: Gordon Greeson

USHERS: Lalla Phillips, Scott Porter, Ashley Porter, Mark Potocik, Hap McSween

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Judy and Paul Jorden in honor of their grandsons, Jack and James McNinch.

OUR THANKS to John Hankins for his enrichment of our worship this morning and his notes on the composer and to Eileen Rudd for serving as organist while Peter Van Eenam is away.

HALL JOHNSON (1888-1970) was a conductor, composer, arranger, violinist, author and teacher born in Athens, Georgia. Along with composers and arrangers including Harry T. Burleigh, he was one of a number who elevated the African-American spiritual to the musical sophistication of the classical art song. Today's music was furnished by Dr. Eugene Thamon Simpson, founding curator of the Hall Johnson Collection at Rowan University of New Jersey. The music of the slave song tells of an unfortunate period of our American history, yet also tells the universal story of the human will to survive.

A STATED SESSION MEETING is today at 11:15 a.m. in the McKinnon Room.

THE DRAMA COMMITTEE meets today at 11:15 a.m. in the Library.

FISH LemonAid Stand

Sunday, August 26th

The WAMS LemonAid Stand will be open today after worship! The FISH Hospitality Pantry sets up Lemonade Stands during the month of August to raise money to operate their wonderful ministry. It's appropriate that WAMS will be running this fund raiser. The original LemonAid Stand was started by Damon Rodefer when he was 10 years old. Damon is 13 now, and his LemonAid Stands have raised tens of thousands of dollars to support FISH! LemonAid in the Schilling Gallery will look much the same today...just feel free to give a donation to benefit the FISH Hospitality Pantry! Thank you, WAMS, for your work supporting FISH!

WAMS will meet for a swim party today at 1:30 p.m. at the West Side YMCA.

Potluck and Gospel Singalong! 5:00 p.m.

- ❖ “Standing on the Promises,” come celebrate the songs that both tell the story of our history as well as embrace the future of our church family.
- ❖ First, we will gather for an old fashioned potluck picnic on the Westminster courtyard lawn. Then we’ll fill our hearts and souls with joy, singing new and old gospel hymns.

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

WESTMINSTER HABITAT BUILD: Please see the sheets in the Schilling gallery to sign up for work days at the Habitat build site. If you want to sign up by email contact Jay Schmid at jds4218@gmail.com. All workers need to sign a Habitat release form before entering the work site and these are available in the office.

OUR REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE resumes Sunday, September 9th, with worship at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Join us for Rally Day events at 10:00 a.m., during the Sunday School hour.

**Rally Day
Sunday, September 9**

"Rally Day" at Westminster is our annual kick-off to Sunday School, and also a time to recognize our Sunday School teachers and Youth Volunteers. We will all gather in the Fellowship Hall to meet our Sunday School leaders, and then the children will go downstairs where they will meet their teachers and have juice and donut munchkins. The adults will stay upstairs and have a brief overview of the adult classes being offered and enjoy danish and coffee. Come join us. We are looking forward to a wonderful year!

The 2012-2013 Choir Schedule

- ❖ Boys’ and Girls’ Choirs (jointly): Wednesdays, 5:00–5:45, beginning August 29
- ❖ Brass Choir: TBA
- ❖ Chancel Choir: Wednesdays, 7:30/8:00–9:30
- ❖ Handbell Choir: Thursdays, 7:00–8:00, beginning August 30
- ❖ Rainbow Choir: Saturdays, 11:00–11:30, beginning October 6
- ❖ Westminster Choristers: Sundays, 4:00–5:00, beginning August 26
- ❖ Young Musicians’ Class: Saturdays, 11:45–12:15, beginning October 6
- ❖ Westminster Strings: TBA
- ❖ The Westminster Recorder Ensemble: Thursdays, 6:00–7:00

Youth Programs

Vibrant - vigorous; energetic; **vital**

Westminster’s *vibrant* Youth Program serves students in 6th through 12th grades. We strive to provide a balance of serving activities, fellowship events and relevant educational programming. Our wonderful youth have an opportunity to meet and grow together at least three times during each week, September - May, with extended opportunities (mission trips, pilgrimages, and youth conferences) in the summer.

Westminster Youth Weekly Schedule

Sunday Morning	10:00 - 10:50
High School (9 th - 12 th) Middle School (6 th & 7 th) Confirmation (8 th)	<i>Choosing Pilgrimage - Life’s journey</i> <i>Being Faithful, Being ME!!</i> Becoming an Adult in the life of the church
Sunday Evening	5:00 - 7:00
SHOW WAMS (*Dinner is provided)	Senior Highs of Westminster (9 th - 12 th) Westminster’s Awesome Middle Schoolers (6 th - 8 th)
Wednesday Evening	5:45 - 7:30
	5:45 - Dinner 6:30 - Youth worship & Programs Designed to be an oasis in your week! (Light, lively, relevant!)

SHOW and WAMS

Our fall schedule is filled with you-don’t-want-to-miss-this events! Fellowship opportunities include WPC Olympics and Dodge Ball Tourney, Progressive Dinner, Movie Night, Tea Party and Bonfire. Service activities include Hunger Hike, Family Promise, Trunk-or-Treat, and Technology Lessons for the Tech-Challenged. We have some fabulous programs planned, and WAMS will have a fall retreat! Don’t miss the fun...come go and grow with us!!

Need more info? Call Barbara Adamcik (Youth Director)

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