

**The Order of Worship**

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

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**THE CHURCH GATHERS ...**

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

**PRELUDE**

(9:00) Récit de Nazard (from *Suite on the Second Tone*) Louis-Nicolas Clérambault  
(11:00) Sonata No. 2 (from *Hora Decima*) Johann Pezel  
Brass Choir

**OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION**

**INTROIT** (11:00) Cantate Domino Giuseppe Ottavio Pitoni  
Cantate Domino canticum novum: laus eius in ecclesia sanctorum. Laetetur Israel in eo qui  
fecit eum: et filiae Sion exultent in rege suo.

*O sing unto the Lord a new song, O praise him with the saintly congregation. Israel, be joyful and glad  
in him who made Israel, and children of Zion be joyful, rejoice and be glad in your King.*

paraphrased from Psalm 148

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The Lord be with you.  
**People: And also with you.**  
Leader: Lift up your hearts.  
**People: We lift them to the Lord.**  
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...**

**\*HYMN NO. 482** (blue hymnal) Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty *Lobe den Herren*

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

Gracious God, forgive us for being so locked into our own experiences in life that we have not even tried to understand the depth of the horrors others around the world have known in theirs. Open our eyes to see something of what they have seen, our ears to hear something of what they have heard, our hearts to feel something of what they have felt. By the miracle of your grace help us understand the ways of your redemptive love in such a world as this, and show us how we can be agents of that love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**\*RESPONSE** Take, O Take Me as I Am John L. Bell

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

**\*RESPONSE** Celtic Alleluia (*sing twice*) Fintan O'Carroll

**CHRISTIAN FORMATION TEACHER DEDICATION LITANY** (11:00)

Leader: We seek to follow Christ in an open and inclusive community of faith, where God's transforming love for all creation is celebrated through worship, discipleship and service.

The scriptures remind us that within the body of Christ, some are called to be teachers. As today marks the beginning of another year of Christian Education at Westminster, we want to recognize those who give of their time to this important ministry.

Teachers, leaders, education directors and facilitators: may all of you be guided with a spirit of wisdom, humility and grace, as all of us together seek to create an environment where faith and life connect in meaningful ways.

**People: As a faith community, we give thanks for those who respond to the call of teaching. We promise to encourage and support these servants through prayer and participation, for on the journey of faith we are all teachers and we are all learners.**

Leader: Let us pray...

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

**SCRIPTURE READING** Proverbs 22:1-2,8-9,22-23; Mark 7:24-30

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

Children age 4 through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to go downstairs for Children's Worship. A nursery is available during the entire service for infants through age 3.

**SCRIPTURE READING** James 2:1-10,14-17

**SERMON** "Rich in Faith" Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

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

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) adapted, Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. Amen.

**WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS** (11:00)

Margaret Backhurst, Larry and Linda Crawford, Dan and Christina Lipe, Nancy McClure

**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, 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) Praeambulum in d Heinrich Scheidemann

Harpsichord

(11:00) O Lord, You Are My God and King *Jerusalem*

C. H. H. Parry

*(The congregation is invited to stand and join the choir in singing the third verse.)*

O Lord, You are my God and King, And I will ever bless Your name; I will extol You every day, And evermore Your praise proclaim. You, Lord, are greatly to be praised, Your greatness is beyond our thoughts; All generations shall tell forth The mighty wonders You have wrought.

How rich in grace are You, O Lord, Full of compassion, merciful, Your anger always slow to rise; Your steadfast love You show to all, For You are good in all Your ways, Your creatures know Your constant care. To all Your works Your love extends, All souls Your tender mercies share.

Psalm 145:1-13

Brass Choir

Robert Adamcik, Timpani

Ethan Partelow, Cymbals

**\*AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology No. 514 (red hymnal) *Old Hundredth*

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

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

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

**\*HYMN NO. 332** (blue hymnal) (11:00) Live Into Hope *Truro*

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

**\*POSTLUDE** Sonata No. 2, Movement III

Felix Mendelssohn

\*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:** Terry Crow and Hap McSween

**CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR SEPTEMBER:** Lucy Johnson and Shirley Wittman

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

**SERVING TODAY**

**ACOLYTES** (11:00): Ellie Tidwell and Max Yates

**GREETERS** (11:00): Joe Ben and Robin Turner

**CHILDREN’S WORSHIP:**

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

(11:00) Peggy Jones, Anna Milam

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** (11:00) Brass and Chancel Choirs

**SENIOR USHER:** Buz Johnson

**USHERS:**

(9:00) John Styron and Genet Weber

(11:00) Elizabeth Ridley, Larry Ridley, John Salsbery, Jay Schmid, Irene Seidner

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given by Joyce and Tim Ryan in celebration of their 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary today.

**OUR THANKS** to Bob Adamcik and Ethan Partelow for their enrichment of our worship this morning as they accompany the Chancel Choir.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOOKLET:** Booklets about our upcoming Christian Education offerings are available in the Fellowship Hall, Schilling Gallery and Narthex. The booklets contain information about classes and programs for all ages.

**WESTMINSTER CHORISTERS** will rehearse this afternoon at 4:00. We invite all high school students to come join us (at least one of your friends will be there)!

## Welcome to Rally Day!

"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 at 10:00 a.m. to meet our Sunday School leaders, then the children will go downstairs where they will have juice and donut munchkins. The adults will stay upstairs, have a brief overview of the adult classes being offered and enjoy danish and coffee. We are looking forward to a wonderful year!

**THIS MORNING'S MUSIC** is from all over Europe. The anthem at 11:00 is the well-known and beloved unofficial national anthem of England. Heard at royal occasions, the London Olympics, and even in the movie *Chariots of Fire*, it remains majestic and uplifting, regardless of one's country. This morning the choir will sing the harmonization by Richard Proulx, offered in our blue hymnal with the Psalm text substituted for the original by William Blake. I appreciate that we are joined on it by the Brass Choir and percussion. Thanks to the brass, too, for revisiting one of its earliest pieces, the Pezel sonata, first heard at Westminster in 1983. One never knows when an irresistible idea will surface. This past spring I was privileged to attend an evensong at Westminster Abbey in London. The Pitoni motet we sing this morning was the introit at that service. The offertory heard at 9:00 is from a newly-compiled book of harpsichord music by North German composer and organist Heinrich Scheidemann (we usually associate him only with organ works). Its obvious feature is its improvisatory style—it sounds as if he's exploring motivic ideas and keys, making it all up right on the spot. The harpsichord is tuned in a very early temperament that favors certain keys and allows each half step in the chromatic scale to be unequal in size. The result is a wonderful mix of chords and intervals that are either very pure (in tune to our ears) or quite pungent. Scheidemann, of course, makes good use of the possibilities and includes a number of chromatic passages! Speaking of color, the Clérambault beautifully displays our organ's nazard stop, a mutation that speaks a fifth higher than the note played. Typical of the early French style, the music drips with ornaments. We finish the service with a robust excerpt from Felix Mendelssohn's second sonata for organ.

Peter Van Eenam

### **WAMS AND SHOW:**

Fanfare, please... tum dum da dum dum, tum dum da dum dum....

Announcing the first annual Westminster Olympic Games!! The WPC Olympic Committee invites the youth of our world to assemble this Sunday, September 9, from 5-7 pm, at the Westminster courtyard for the Fun, Food, and Fellowship Games. We're putting our own WPC twist with events such as Team BounceBall, 4 X 100 (gal.) race, Beach (ball) Volleyball, Steeplechase, and Disc-US throw. This will be a great "kick off" to our year. As always, a yummy dinner will be served. Bonus!- Fabulous medals will be awarded! We hope to see you there.



**MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT** is Tuesday, September 11. The Mission Service Team will provide our refreshments.

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

**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST:** Start your day off right with a light breakfast, fellowship and a short study session. On Thursday, September 13 at 7:00 a.m. we will meet in the McKinnon Room for breakfast and a lesson led by Tim Crais. The lesson is entitled, "**Civility: American Politics and Christian Responses.**" If you want to review the lesson ahead of time, just pick up a copy in the church office or ask Renee to email the lesson to you. The discussion is guaranteed to be lively, thought-provoking, and humorous. Our pastors are part of the group and they join right into the discussion, sometimes in an attempt to be referees and sometimes to keep us focused and on track. So, come join us and bring a friend as we attempt to connect our faith and life. All are welcome.

**FISH** delivery is Thursday, September 13. If you are able to help make deliveries, please contact Nancy Cundall. The number of families receiving bags of groceries is dependent on the number of Westminster volunteers. **YOU are needed!**

### **GROWN UP GIRL SCOUTS\* RETURNS**

The Grown Up Girl Scouts will continue to work on their Culinary Adventure Badge with a visit to Gosh Ethiopian Restaurant on Friday, September 14! We'll meet at Gosh Restaurant, 3609 Sutherland (2 blocks west of West High School) at 6:00 pm. The owners are going to make us a family-style meal, and explain the tradition and heritage of Ethiopian cooking. We'll then taste for ourselves the reason Metro Pulse named Gosh one of the best new restaurants last year! The cost is \$11 per person (not including beverage).

Please RSVP by Thursday, September 13 to my phone or email: [barbara\\_wpc@comcast.net](mailto:barbara_wpc@comcast.net).

\*Grown Up Girl Scouts were created as a format (excuse) for us to enjoy each others' company and broaden our experiences in an adventurous way. We were originally inspired by a book, *You Can Do It! Merit Badges For Grown Up Girls*. Opportunities will include many types of adventures: outdoor-type (like climbing walls, zip-lines, biking), personal growth-type (like spirituality, writing), and just-for-fun-type adventures (like culinary adventures, great movies, ooh... a travel badge could be fun!) Share your ideas. It's really only limited by our imagination.

I hope to see you girls on September 14. "Be Prepared" to have a great time!!

**WESTMINSTER HABITAT BUILD:** Please sign up in the Schilling gallery for the September 15<sup>th</sup> work day at the Habitat build site. If you want to sign up by email contact Jay Schmid. All workers need to sign a Habitat release form before entering the work site.

### Adult Sunday School

#### Parenting

Library

##### September 16 - October 7

*Grace Based Parenting* by Dr. Tim Kimmel

This is a continuation of a video series we started earlier this year. In a small group atmosphere we watch together Dr. Kimmel's presentation and then discuss his points and share our cares and concerns as they relate to parenting.

#### Current Topics

Fellowship Hall

##### September 16 - October 14

*What Every Church Member Should Know About Poverty* by Bill Ehling and Ruby K. Payne

In the biblical book of Job there is a description of three of Job's friends giving him counsel on why he has suffered so much. Basically, Job's friends tell him that his suffering is his own fault. However, in the end God reprimands Job's friends for giving such foolish advice. As the authors of the study book point out, "Part, at least, of their folly was a failure to see deeply enough into Job's situation. The purpose of this book is to help individuals to look deeper, even into themselves, as well as into the lives of those who have need."

#### Bible Study

Prayer Room

##### September 16 - November 25

This class is for adults of all ages and Bible experience. There are no prerequisites – everyone is welcome. The class chooses Bible themes based on the interests of the group. Once the theme is chosen, the group reads and compares many different translations of the Bible and then discusses the theme. In so doing, the members of the class learn from each other and try to discern God's message.

#### Faith and Life

McKinnon Room

##### September 16 - November 4

*Love Wins: A Book About Heaven, Hell, And The Fate Of Every Person Who Ever Lived* by Rob Bell

There are many beliefs and much discussion about who is going to heaven and who is going to hell. Some people tend to think about "who is in" and "who is out". To top it off, many folks are timid about discussing heaven and hell. The author, Rob Bell, allows us to have discussions about heaven, hell, God, Jesus, salvation, and repentance and encourages us to ask our tough questions as he asks his.