

The Order of Worship

September 16, 2012

9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

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

PRELUDE

- (9:00) O wie selig seid ihr doch, ihr Frommen Johannes Brahms
Blessed Ye Who Live in Faith Unswerving
- (11:00) Praeambulum in d Heinrich Scheidemann
Harpsichord

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ethan Partelow, liturgist (9:00)
Caroline Rogers, liturgist (11:00)

Leader: People of God; in this moment, this sacred and holy moment, know that you are in the presence of God. And whatever you have brought into this moment, there is cause to offer praise and thanksgiving.

People: **In this moment, this sacred and holy moment, we gather as a community of faith to celebrate the gift of God’s redemptive love.**

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, whose love is even more forgiving than it is demanding, forgive us; for failing to savor your good gifts while we are experiencing them; for resisting life’s transitions as though there were no grace in them; for acts of caring that we have left undone until the opportunity was gone; for thoughtless words spoken in haste, and for failing to speak up for those who have no voice. Transform and renew us in the love that has sought us in Jesus the Christ. Amen.

*KYRIE ELEISON (9:00) Take, O Take Me as I Am John L. Bell
(11:00) Kyrie, K. 33 W. A. Mozart
Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Popes Gelasius I and Gregory I
Chancel Choir

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

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

*RESPONSE Celtic Alleluia (*sing twice*)

Fintan O’Carroll

TO EXPERIENCE GOD’S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 8:27-38

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

Linda Judge-McRae

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

James 3:1-12

SERMON

“Let Your Life Speak”

Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

*HYMN NO. 426 (blue hymnal) Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

Canonbury

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

from the Iona Community of Scotland

We believe in God, whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives, whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth, whose love was crucified by the evil that waits to enslave us all and whose love, defeating even death, is our glorious promise of freedom. Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt, in God we trust; and, in the name of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves, in the service of others, to seek justice and to live in peace, to care for the earth and to share the commonwealth of God’s goodness, to live in the freedom of forgiveness and the power of the spirit of love, and in the company of the faithful so to be the church, for the glory of God. Amen.

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) O My Soul, Bless God, the Father

Stuttgart

arr. Peter Van Eenam

O my soul, bless God, the Father; All within me bless his name; Bless the Father, and forget not All his mercies to proclaim.

As it was without beginning, So it lasts without an end; To their children’s children ever Shall his righteousness extend.

Bless the Father, all his creatures, Ever under his control; All throughout his vast dominion Bless the Father, O my soul.

based on Psalm 103

(11:00) Laudate Dominum (from *Vesperae solennes de Confessore*, K.339) W. A. Mozart
Laudate Dominum omnes gentes, laudate eum, omnes populi. Quoniam confirmata est super nos misericordia eius, et veritas Domini manet in aeternum. Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum.
Amen.

Praise the Lord, all ye nations; praise Him, all ye peoples. For He has bestowed His mercy upon us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and forever, and for generations of generations. Amen.

Psalm 116

Meredith Mackay, Soprano

***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. 371** (blue hymnal) (11:00) Lift High the Cross *Crucifer*

***CHARGE AND BEDICTION**

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

***POSTLUDE** Fantasia in G Pieter Cornet

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP here today.

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Jean Bonnyman and Nate Seidner

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): Daniel Clark and Emma Adamcik

GREETERS (11:00): Norman and Lisa Hammitt

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

(11:00) Erik and April Kringen, Clara Oakes and Ellie Yates

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Boys' and Girls' Choirs

(11:00) Chancel Choir

SENIOR USHER: Bill Holt

USHERS:

(9:00) Bill Wiesehuegel and David Woodall

(11:00) John Shilling, Kathy Shilling, Georgann Byerley, Michael Yates, Rex Battenberg

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by the Gordons in memory of Betty Nye Gordon.

THIS MORNING the Chancel Choir shares two works by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. The Kyrie was composed when he was only ten, while on a trip with his father to Paris. The first several sections of the piece were notated jointly by father and son, with Wolfgang finishing the work in his own hand. The offertory anthem is the fifth movement of his well-known "Solemn Vespers," composed in 1780 for the Salzburg Cathedral at the request of Archbishop Colloredo.

WAMS AND SHOW will both be traveling off campus to do their own things tonight!

WAMS will leave Westminster at 5:00, and head to Farragut Putt-Putt for fun on the mini golf course! We'll even feed you! (We're picking up Salsarita's and eating it there.) Bring \$10 for golf and dinner. Who will dominate the "Farragut Open"? Girls? Boys? Groundhogs? And can anyone beat Barbara? We'll see...

SHOW will have pizza at WPC, then head to LaserQuest for two rounds of laser tag. Bring \$14 to pay for laser tag. Scott "Flash" Partelow says he's been practicing, and watch out for new kid, Jonathan "HitMan" Brooks. We'll finish up at LaserQuest by 7:00.

THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY meets tomorrow at 7:00 p.m. in the SHOW room.

THE MORNING BOOK GROUP will meet Tuesday, September 18 at 10:00 a.m. in the SHOW room. The book to be discussed this month is *The Book Thief* by Marcus Zusak. This group meets on the third Tuesday of the month. We are a very informal and welcoming group, and we often go out for lunch afterward. Contact Linda Rutherford for more information. Please feel free to join us for one or all of the discussions.

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.

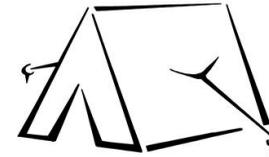
BLT: Bible/Lunch/Tuesdays

September 18 - Noon

The Tuesday noon study group led by Dr. Phillips begins this week with a look at the book of Romans, one of the most influential documents in the history of Christianity. Along with the Bible, we will be using a study guide in the Interpretation Bible series entitled, "Romans" by Art Ross and Martha Stevenson. This is an informal and informing study, so bring your lunch and join us. We try to keep the discussion within the lunch hour.

CAMPING ANYONE?

Due to the popularity of the mountains when God changes the colors of the trees - camping and other housing is quickly becoming a challenge to secure. We will be making our home for the weekend of October 5-7 at Lazy Daze campground in Townsend. We encourage you to call 448-6061 as soon as possible to make reservations. Ask for a campsite in the area by the pavilion in the back, so that we can all be together. For all you non-campers, they have four cabins still available for \$75 per night. Campsites are \$38 per night.



MATT MATHEWS MEMORIAL BREAKFAST IN THE SMOKIES

Because of Matt's love of the mountains, we honor him with this annual trek to the Smokies. Many thanks to the Fellowship team for sponsoring, and to Don Byerly and friends for preparing our big mountain breakfast. Join us at the shelter at Metcalf Bottoms Picnic area at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 6. Sign-ups are the Schilling Gallery.

STEWARDSHIP SEASON APPROACHING

The Stewardship team is finalizing plans for this year's Stewardship Campaign, which will take place during the month of October. A packet will be sent to each family with a letter explaining this year's campaign, a pledge card, an updated time and talent sheet and a new pamphlet summarizing Westminster's many missions and activities.

THE PEACEMAKING OFFERING will be received on World Communion Sunday, October 7. This offering was created in 1980 to support the efforts of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to live out a deeper commitment to peacemaking as part of our faithfulness to God. Twenty-five percent of your gifts will be used for peacemaking within our own church and community. Another twenty-five percent is used by presbyteries and synods, with the remaining fifty percent used by the General Assembly ministries through the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program. More information can be found on the PC(U.S.A.) website at www.pcusa.org/peacemakingoffering.

WEDNESDAYS WITH WESTMINSTER

September 19

It's almost time for WWW! Here is what we have planned for Wednesday, September 19 for all ages:

5:45-6:30 p.m. - Dinner

Our menu this week includes artichoke chicken salad, fresh fruit, bread, grilled cheese sandwiches and cookies.

Donations are welcome to offset the cost of the meal.

6:30-7:30 p.m. - Programs

- There is a nursery for infants through age 4 and programs for K through 5th grade.
- In the Fellowship Hall the youth will be giving a summer show 'n tell which will include singing, slideshows, and wonderful stories! Come see the change we're making in the world!
- Bible Survey Class - Library

This group will be studying the book, *The Mighty Acts of God*, which is a survey of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. You are encouraged to come and join in the journey through the Bible, led this week by Fritz Schilling.

THE CAP (Caring for Aging Parents) GROUP will not meet in September. Our next meeting is scheduled for October 17 at 4:30 p.m. in the church library.

WESTMINSTER FRIENDS LUNCHEON

Sunday, September 30

Westminster Friends (formerly Westminster Families with Young Children) has grown into a unique group, open to anyone with a desire to have a great time in fellowship with others. Please join us for a luncheon on Sunday, September 30th, following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Sandwiches and drinks are provided, and we ask everyone to bring a side dish or dessert to share. RSVP to Angela Grobe at angela_wpc@comcast.net so we know how much food to prepare. We will have games set up in the courtyard for children.

THE LADIES' LUNCH BUNCH: The Ladies' Lunch Bunch will meet September 20th at 11:30 a.m. at Sullivan's in Rocky Hill. All ladies are welcome to join us for good food and conversation. Please RSVP to Kathy Graves.

A STATED SESSION MEETING is next Sunday, September 23rd at 12:15 p.m. in the McKinnon Room.