

The Order of Worship

September 23, 2012

9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

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

PRELUDE

(9:00) Pièce pour Orgue

César Franck

(11:00) The Church of Christ in Every Age

Wareham

arr. Lee J. Afdahl

Handbell Choir

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT (11:00) O Praise God

George Thalben-Ball

O praise God in his holiness; praise him in the firmament of his power.

Psalm 150:1

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ryan Rotella, liturgist

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

People: **Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise.**

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. 151 (blue hymnal) Crown Him with Many Crowns

Diademata

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Help us to remember, O Lord, for we seem to practice forgetting. We forget who made us and why, we forget your daily grace and unconditional love, we forget your forgiveness of ourselves and our neighbors. We forget so much because there are some things we remember too well: perceived injustices done to us, hurt we cannot let go, times of judgment and harshness towards others, moments of envy and thoughts and actions of which we are ashamed. Forgive our sins, our sins of forgetting and remembering, and help us, we pray, to trust in the One who buries all our sins deep in the tomb of his own death and raises us up daily to new life through Jesus Christ. In his 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

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 1; Mark 9:30-37

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

Ellen Anderson

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 3:13-4:3,7-8

SERMON

"Wisdom From Above"

Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

*HYMN NO. 248 (blue hymnal) You Are Before Me, Lord

Sursum corda

(Verses 1 and 2: All; 3: Women; 4: Men; 5: All)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

from *A Declaration of Faith* PC(U.S.A.)

In forming his people and sending them into the world, Jesus called individuals to be disciples. They were to share the joy of his companionship, to understand and obey his teachings, and to follow him in life and death. We confess that Christians today are called to discipleship. Life shared with Christ and shaped by Christ is God's undeserved gift to each of us. It is also God's demand upon every one of us, never perfectly fulfilled by any of us. Forgiven by God and supported by brothers and sisters, we strive to become more faithful and effective in our daily practice of the Christian life.

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 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) The Church of Christ in Every Age

Wareham

(11:00) Create in Me a Clean Heart

Jean Berger

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. When many cares perplex me, Thy comfort delights my soul. My times are in Thy hand, and Thou wilt guide and sustain me even unto the end. With Thee is the fountain of life; in Thy light do we see light. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me, Amen.

based on Psalm 51:10, Psalm 31:14,15, and Psalm 27:1

***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. 420** (blue hymnal) (11:00) God of Grace and God of Glory *Cwm Rhondda*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

***POSTLUDE** Herr Gott, dich loben alle wir Johann Pachelbel

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP here today.

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Ellen Anderson and Jack Woodall

CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR SEPTEMBER: Lucy Johnson and Shirley Wittman

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

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTE (11:00): Spencer Williams

GREETERS (11:00): Wes and Sandra Williams

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

(11:00) Robert and Leslie James, Maggie Gordon and Caroline McRae

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Handbell Choir

(11:00) Chancel and Handbell Choirs

SENIOR USHER: Buz Johnson

USHERS:

(9:00) Robert Albiston and Lucinda Albiston

(11:00) Bill Beintema, Jane Beintema, Brian Bonnyman, Scott Brunger, Don Byerly

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Wes, Sandra and Spencer Williams in honor of the 46th wedding anniversary of Jim and Ellen Williams and the 52nd wedding anniversary of Ronald and Margaret Dutton.

THE BIRTH CANDLE today celebrates the September 13th arrival of Louisa Jane Gawne.

Congratulations to Tim and Katy Gawne and big sister, Alice!

JEAN BERGER (1909-2002) was a German-born pianist, composer, and music educator, receiving his education at the universities of Heidelberg and Vienna. He also studied composition with Louis Aubert in Paris, where he lived from 1933 to 1939. Following this he spent two years as assistant conductor at the Municipal Theater in Rio de Janeiro and was on the faculty of the Brazilian Conservatory. In 1941, Berger moved to the United States and soon worked in the Office of War Information producing foreign-language broadcasts and USO shows. From 1946 to 1948, he worked as an arranger for CBS and NBC. He entered the academic world in 1948 when he joined the faculty at Middlebury College in Vermont. Subsequent appointments would include positions at the University of Illinois and the University of Colorado. This morning's motet is one of his best-known choral works and is rich in gentle, colorful harmonies.

A STATED SESSION MEETING is today at 12:15 p.m. in the McKinnon Room.

WAMS AND SHOW: This evening beginning at 5:00, the youth will have a movie night at the Westminster Multiplex Theater. You can choose which of the 3 features you would like to watch. Theater 1 (WAMS room) will be showing "The Lorax". Theater 2 ("Cinema Classique"- the SHOW room) will be showing "Remember the Titans", and Theater 3 (the McKinnon Room), will be the "vote on it" cinema: bring your favorite PG or G-rated DVD, and we'll vote on the one we want to watch in theater 3. Betty McKeehan and crew will be making a wonder pasta dinner for us!

BLT: Bible/Lunch/Tuesdays

September 25 - Noon

The Tuesday noon study group led by Dr. Phillips continues this week with a look at the book of Romans, one of the most influential documents in the history of Christianity. We will look at Romans 1:1-17, and we will also examine Unit 2 of the study guide 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.

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

WEDNESDAYS WITH WESTMINSTER

September 26

Here is what we have planned for Wednesday, September 26 for all ages:

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

This week's dinner is a Taco Salad Bar with all the "fixings," including chicken or beef offerings and plenty of vegetarian choices. We are having "homemade" guacamole and black bean and corn salad, with rainbow sherbet and lemon cookies for dessert.

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, William Hahn will present a program entitled, "Sex, Lies, Public Humiliation and Shame: What's Up with Genesis, Chapter 38?"
- Bible Survey Class - Library

This group will continue its study of 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 Ellen Anderson.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST: On Thursday, September 27 at 7:00 a.m. we will meet in the McKinnon Room for breakfast provided by Buz Johnson and a lesson led by Tim Ryan. The lesson is entitled, "Does God Take Sides?" This will be a review of Walter Brueggemann's article on the biblical basis for class warfare. One question to be discussed is whether or not this topic is relevant in our current election year politics. 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. Come join us and bring a friend as we attempt to connect our faith and life. All are welcome.

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.

MATT MATHEWS MEMORIAL BREAKFAST IN THE SMOKIES

Saturday, October 6

Everyone is invited to gather at the shelter at Metcalf Bottoms Picnic area on Saturday, October 6 for the Matt Mathews Memorial Breakfast. Because of Matt's love of the mountains, we honor him with this annual trek to the Smokies. A warm, hearty breakfast will be served starting at 9:00 a.m. You won't want to miss the fun and fellowship! Many thanks to the Fellowship team for sponsoring, and to Don Byerly and friends for preparing our big mountain breakfast. **Sign-ups are in the Schilling Gallery.** Please note on the sign-up sheet if you need a ride on Saturday morning.

CAMPING ANYONE?

A group of Westminster folks will be spending the weekend of October 5-7 at Lazy Daze campground in Townsend. If you'd like to join us, 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 we can all be together. Campsites are \$38 per night. For non-campers, they have cabins available for \$75 per night.

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 packet will be mailed the first week of October.

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.

SAVE THE DATE: The Fellowship Ministry Team invites you to join us for our annual Fall Festival on Sunday, October 14 at 4:00 p.m. at The Cove in Concord Park. Look for more details in next week's bulletin.

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.