

The Order of Worship

October 14, 2012
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

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

PRELUDE Pièce d’Orgue, BWV 572 J. S. Bach

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
from Psalm 105

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name;
People: Make known his deeds among the peoples.
Leader: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.
People: Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
Leader: He brought his people out with joy, his chosen ones with singing.
People: Praise the Lord!

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

*HYMN NO. 274 (blue hymnal) O God of Earth and Space Leoni

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Holy God, in love you created us to love. In Jesus’ life, death and resurrection, you have profoundly proven the depths of your love for us and the whole of your creation. And though Jesus calls us to follow him and abide in him, we confess that we would rather talk about you than walk with you; we would rather receive your love than give it away. Convict our hearts and forgive us our sin, merciful Father. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, that we might be renewed in faith and love, and so be empowered to live in your glory and honor; through the grace of our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ.

*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 ...

EPISTLE READING Hebrews 4:12-16

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Jean Bonnyman

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.

GOSPEL READING Mark 10:17-31

SERMON “Three Surprises for a Rich Man” Rev. John Linton Muntz

“Jesus looked at him, loved him and said, ‘You lack one thing...’” – Mark 10:21

*HYMN NO. 343 (blue hymnal) Called as Partners in Christ’s Service Beecher

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

Central to our Reformed tradition is the affirmation of the majesty, holiness and providence of God who creates, sustains, rules and redeems the world in the freedom of sovereign righteousness and love. We affirm the election of the people of God for service as well as for salvation; covenant life marked by a disciplined concern for order in the church according to the Word of God; a faithful stewardship that shuns ostentation and seeks the proper use of the gifts of God’s creation; the recognition of the human tendency to idolatry and tyranny, which calls the people of God to work for the transformation of society by seeking justice and living in obedience to the Word of God.

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) May Song Anonymus, 1540
Air English folk song, 1710
Minuet Scottish tune, 17th century
Passepied Traditional English melody

Recorder Ensemble
Harpsichord

(11:00) Os justi meditabitur sapientiam Anton Bruckner
Os justi meditabitur sapientiam, et lingua ejus loquetur judicium. Lex Dei ejus in corde ipsius: et non supplantabuntur gressus ejus. Alleluia.

The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom, and his tongue speaks what is just. The law of his God is in his heart; and his feet do not falter. Alleluia.

Psalm 37:30-31

***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. 285** (blue hymnal) (11:00) God, You Spin the Whirling Planets *Austrian Hymn*
***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**
***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 586** (blue hymnal) Amen Danish melody
***POSTLUDE** Ricercare Floriano Arresti

*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 Rick Oakes

CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR OCTOBER: Judy Jorden and Sue Byerly

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

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES (11:00): James Hutzenbiler and Ellie Tidwell

GREETERS (11:00): Marty Pryor and Sue Caradine

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

(11:00) John and Lalla Phillips, John and Forrest Phillips

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Recorder Ensemble

(11:00) Chancel Choir

SENIOR USHER: Buz Johnson

USHERS:

(9:00) Don Graham and Connie Graham

(11:00) Christie Dowling, Reed Ellis, Andrew Gordon, Kristi Gordon, Paul Jorden

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in honor of the youth
ministry at WPC from Wes, Thalia, Ben and Abby Hatmaker.

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

THE MORNING BOOK GROUP will meet Tuesday, October 16 at 10:00 a.m. in the SHOW room.
The book to be discussed this month is *Folly* by Laurie R. King. 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 (690-3499) for more information. Please feel free to join
us for one or all of the discussions.

BLT: Bible/Lunch/Tuesdays

October 16 - Noon

The Tuesday noon study group led by Dr. Phillips continues this week with a look at Romans 5:1-
6:23 and Unit 5 of the study guide entitled, "Romans" by Art Ross and Martha Stevenson. This is
an informal and informing study, so bring your lunch and a friend and join us.

THE CAP (Caring for Aging Parents) GROUP will meet Wednesday, October 17 at 4:30 p.m. in
the Library.

WESTMINSTER'S RECORDER ENSEMBLE participates in worship this morning for the first
time. Formed nearly a year ago, its members have been devoted to learning their instruments
(including all the mechanics as well as reading notation) and preparing to offer their efforts in the
worship and praise of God. This morning's music features pieces scored for soprano and alto
recorders, with the last two accompanied by harpsichord continuo (a chordal accompaniment
similar to guitar chords). Members of the group include Pat Herzog, Clara and Kathryn Oakes, Lisa
Oros, Bill and Renee Wieseuegel, and Spencer Williams. Our thanks to Westminster's newest
choir!

THIS MORNING'S OFFERTORY ANTHEM at the 11:00 service is a setting of the Gradual for the
Mass of Doctors of the Catholic Church. For those not familiar, the Doctors of the Church are great
saints known for their defense and explanation of the truths of the Catholic faith. The original eight
Doctors include a number of saints well known to us, such as Saint Ambrose, Saint Augustine, and
St. John Chrysostom. Subsequent additions to the list, which now totals 35, have been made by
various popes. These include such figures as St. Thomas Aquinas, Saint Catherine of Siena, Saint
Teresa of Avila, and Saint Therese of Lisieux. Just last Sunday, Pope Benedict XVI named
Hildegard von Bingen (1098-1179), the German writer, composer, philosopher, Christian mystic,
Benedictine abbess, and visionary a Doctor. The music of this Gradual combines the homophonic
style and harmonic language we often associate with Bruckner, but he also writes in the Lydian
mode and includes two substantial sections of counterpoint. The work is definitely forward-
looking and its conclusion is powerfully mystical. My thanks to John Harrison for urging me to
have the choir offer this for worship.

Peter Van Eenam

WEDNESDAYS WITH WESTMINSTER

October 17

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

This week's dinner is Million Dollar Spaghetti, salad, bread and apple-cranberry bake.

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, Dr. Jim Bennett begins a two-week program entitled, "Human Suffering and God's Agenda."
- Bible Survey Class - Downstairs Fellowship Hall

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 bring a friend.

THE LADIES' LUNCH BUNCH: The Ladies' Lunch Bunch will meet October 18th at Sullivan's in Rocky Hill. We will meet at 11:30 to enjoy good food and conversation. If you can attend, please contact Janice Rawe by October 16th. Hope to see you there.

CHRISTMAS DRAMA TRY-OUTS are **today**. Children in Kindergarten through 2nd grade will have a group audition for angel choir parts from 12:00-12:20, and are free to leave after their audition. Youth in 3rd through 9th grades should bring a sack lunch and plan to stay until 1:30. There are a large number of great roles for girls and boys, many of whom will be playing adults. The play will be presented Sunday, December 9. Rehearsals will be Sundays from 12:00-2:00. Don't miss the fun!

FALL FESTIVAL IS TODAY!
The Cove at Concord Park, 11808 S. Northshore Drive
4:00-7:00 p.m.

Dinner will be served at 5:00. Come and enjoy pulled pork and hot dogs, beans, slaw and chips, lemonade, water and juice, and a large cake to welcome our recent new members.

Activities for all ages include pumpkin and cupcake decorating, face painting, walking trails, basketball, volleyball, and horseshoes. A representative from the John Knox Center is bringing small animals for us to interact with, and information about the programs the John Knox Center offers.

Bring your folding lawn chairs or a blanket, and a flashlight in case you need it when you return to your car. Please be mindful that the park is located on the water and small children will need close supervision.

The cost for this full evening of fun is just \$7 per person, with a maximum of \$25 per family.

From Westminster, drive southwest on Northshore. You'll travel through the roundabout at the intersection of Northshore and Concord, then the park is a short distance farther on the left.

RAISING DAUGHTERS with Strength and Integrity

Presented by Knoxville Clinical Psychologist Dr. Laurie Williams, with Alice Mercer, PhD

October 14 through November 18

10:00 a.m. in the Library

A six week series of one hour parenting classes designed to help the intellectually curious, active, and loving parent view the process of parenting from a developmental perspective that begins in infancy and extends throughout life. The series will offer participants new, thoughtful and practical perspectives on such questions as:

- What can we learn about raising our daughter with a strong sense of morality that is truly her own?
- How do I begin to approach issues of peer group pressure during the difficult middle school years?
- How do I know when to push my teenage daughter to do something independently, and when to give her a hand?
- How do I manage the challenges of texting, Facebook, and societal changes in our concepts of personal privacy and modesty?

This series of classes is "for mothers (or aunts, grandmothers, loved ones) who, like us, have felt a sense of joy - but also a little desperation - in raising our girls and trying to do the job well."

Laurie Williams has been a practicing Clinical Psychologist for over 30 years, and her professional work has allowed her to witness the emotional growth of hundreds of girls and women.

Alice Mercer's career as a college professor and dean, hospital and public health specialist, non-profit administrator and community volunteer brings a rigorous academic perspective to the classes.