

REFORMATION SUNDAY

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

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

**PRELUDE** Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott Dieterich Buxtehude  
*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 34

Leader: I will bless the LORD at all times; God's praise shall continually be on my lips.  
**People: O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt God's name together.**  
Leader: I sought the LORD, and the LORD answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.  
**People: O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt God's name together.**  
Leader: The LORD is near the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed in spirit.  
**People: O taste and see that the LORD is good!**

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

\*HYMN NO. 457 (blue hymnal) I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art *Toulon*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Gracious God, forgive us. Forgive us the blindness that does not see the truth about ourselves and our need for you. Forgive us for not seeing the needs of those around us. Forgive us for viewing your good creation as an object for our use rather than a subject of our care and protection. Forgive us for looking at the world through the prism of cynicism, despair, and fear rather than faith, hope and love. Transform us with a vision of your Kingdom, revealed to us through the life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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

SCRIPTURE READING Job 42:1-6,10-17; Hebrews 7:23-28

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN** (11:00) Martha Reynolds  
Children age 4 through 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Mark 10:46-52

SERMON "Was Blind But Now I See" Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

\*HYMN NO. 280 (blue hymnal) Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound *Amazing Grace*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) Adapted from Romans, Chapter 5

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, we will be saved by his 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 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) Sing Forth, Rejoice! John Amner  
Sing forth rejoice! Sing praise to God. Rejoice and sing! The Lord is God, God of heaven, God of earth. Rejoice and sing! Let ev'ry voice sing forth: O praise the Lord.

(11:00) In Thee, O Lord paraphrase of Psalm 33  
Franz Joseph Haydn  
In Thee, O Lord, have I put my trust. Bow down Thine ear unto me, make haste to deliver me. Be Thou also my guide, O Lord. Draw me out of the net the wicked have thrown to ensnare me, for Thou art my God. Into Thine hands I commend my spirit. In Thee, O Lord, have I put my trust, for Thou hast redeemed me, Thou God of truth.

\*AT THE PRESENTATION Doxology No. 514 (red hymnal) based on Psalm 31  
*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. 260** (blue hymnal) A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

*Ein' feste Burg*

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

Danish melody

**\*POSTLUDE** Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott

Johann Gottfried Walther

\*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:** Jean Bonnyman and Bill Wiesehuegel

**CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR OCTOBER:** Judy Jordan and Sue Byerly

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

**SERVING TODAY**

**ACOLYTES** (11:00): Ben Hatmaker and Caroline McRae

**GREETERS** (11:00): Tim and Anne Crais

**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:**

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

(11:00) LoAnn Price and Kaitlin Price

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:**

(9:00) Westminster Choristers

(11:00) Chancel Choir

**SENIOR USHER:** Bill Holt

**USHERS:**

(9:00) Ed Mathews and Cile Mathews

(11:00) Hap McSween, Bob Murrian, Lalla Phillips, Ashley Porter, Scott Porter

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given in honor of Patty Harmon's father, Dr. James Harmon, on the occasion of his 99<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 31.

**THE PRELUDE AND POSTLUDE** this morning are chorale preludes based on our closing hymn. Both are Germanic, but very different in form. The Buxtehude setting is intimate, taking the chorale tune and presenting it in a highly ornamented manner, accompanied by imitative material based on the various phrases of the tune. The texture is open and transparent and the writing and colors expressive—a refreshing alternate reading of the majestic hymn. Walther's setting is more overtly contrapuntal and homogenous (while the Buxtehude soloed out the melody on a different manual and sound, Walther has everything on one keyboard). The imitation and counterpoint are tightly woven in the lower, accompanying music, while the melody is stated in the soprano voice in a straightforward, even simple, form that is easily recognized and heard.

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

**Youth to Sponsor Westminster's 2nd Annual Trunk-or-Treat**

**5:00-6:30 p.m.**

Calling all you ghouls and boys... We're having another Trunk-Or-Treat event this evening from 5-6:30. Everyone dress in your best costume, and join us in the Westminster parking lot. The youth and their families will have their cars decorated and ready for Trunk-Or-Treat. We'll also have some activities and a costume contest!! EVERYONE is invited to have dinner afterwards. We'll be fixing some kid-friendly hot and chilly dogs.



**BLT: Bible/Lunch/Tuesdays**

**October 30 - Noon**

The Tuesday study group led by Dr. Phillips continues this week with a look at Romans 8:12-39 and Unit 7 of the study guide. You are invited to bring your lunch and join us for this informal and informing study.

**WEDNESDAYS WITH WESTMINSTER** will not meet this week. We resume on November 7.

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

### **Grown Up Girl Scouts Explore First Friday!**

Get ready for a night on the town with the girls! Friday, November 2, we will gather at Sue Murrian's beautiful building, and enjoy Tomato Head pizza in the party room of her condo building. After dinner, we'll roam downtown Knoxville exploring the galleries and the fun of First Friday.

All grown-up girls (over 18) are invited. Let Barbara know if you are planning to come, and we'll make sure to have plenty of dinner. Feel free to let us know if you need a vegetarian option, too. Barbara's email is Barbara\_wpc@comcast.net or call 584-3957. We hope you can come!

**THE COMMUNITY CHEST THRIFT STORE** collection is scheduled for Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00-11:30 a.m. at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension. Donations of clothing, household items, toys and furniture will be taken to the thrift store, where they may be purchased inexpensively by those in need. If you would like to volunteer to help with these ministries, please call Community Chest (971-4417) or the Northwest FISH Hospitality Pantry (588-9200).

### **Stewardship Campaign Update and Reminder**

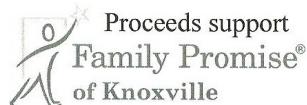
Please don't forget to turn in your Pledge Cards and Time and Talent Sheets for this year's Stewardship Campaign. So far, the number that has been turned in seems to be a little bit behind last year's total at this same time. We would like to have as many pledges as possible turned in by Dedication Sunday, which is November 4<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions please contact Buz Johnson at 588-7519 or buzjohnson@comcast.net.

#### **Art Auction**

**Thursday, November 8**

First Farragut United Methodist Church  
12733 Kingston Pike

Family Promise of Knoxville is proud to host a special benefit auction featuring over 200 pieces of fantastic art and early framed documents. The preview begins at 5:30, followed by a live auction at 6:30. For more information, call 584-2822 or email [jshoudy@familypromiseknoxville.org](mailto:jshoudy@familypromiseknoxville.org). Please see the Family Promise website at [www.familypromiseknoxville.org](http://www.familypromiseknoxville.org) for a list of items that will be available.



Ending Homelessness, One Family at a Time

**THE FALL WORKDAY** is scheduled for November 17 from 8:00 until noon. There are numerous and diverse jobs for all, both inside and outside. Put on your old clothes and bring your favorite tools to help us clean, weed, plant, haul, saw, mulch, trim, cut, rake, paint, and various other tasks. You bring the energy and spirit, and we'll provide the jobs and leadership (and coffee and donuts).