

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

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

PRELUDE

(9:00) Canzona

Franz Tunder

(11:00) Sarabande

Francis Poulenc

Handbell Choir

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Psalm 127

Leader: Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.

People: Unless the Lord guards the city, the guard keeps watch in vain.

Leader: It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest.

People: The bread of anxious toil does not satisfy; the Lord provides rest.

Leader: Let the people of God find confidence in his faithfulness.

People: Praise the Lord!

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 461** (blue hymnal) God Is Here!

Abbot’s Leigh

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. We confess that we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in 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

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ruth 1:1-9,14-22; 3:1-5; 4:13-17

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

Martha Reynolds

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 12:38-44

SERMON

“Peace In Time of Calamity”

Rev. John Linton Muntz

“Call me Mara, for the Almighty has dealt bitterly with me.” – Ruth 1:20

***HYMN NO. 241** (blue hymnal) Behold the Goodness of Our Lord

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***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison)

from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

In life and death, we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ... The Lord’s Prayer

Petitioner: God of mercy...

People: Hear our 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) Sarabande

Francis Poulenc

(11:00) For the Beauty of the Earth

John Rutter

For the beauty of the earth, For the beauty of the skies, For the love which from our birth Over and around us lies: Lord of all, to thee we raise This our joyful hymn of praise.

For the beauty of each hour Of the day and of the night, Hill and vale and tree and flower, Sun and moon and stars of light: Lord of all, to thee we raise This our joyful hymn of praise.

For the joy of human love, Brother, sister, parent, child, Friends on earth, and friends above, For all gentle thoughts and mild: Lord of all to thee we raise This our joyful hymn of praise.

For each perfect gift of thine To our race so freely given, Graces human and divine,
Flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n: Lord of all to thee we raise This our joyful hymn of
praise.

F. S. Pierpoint

Margaret Harrison, Piano

***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. 538** (blue hymnal) (11:00) Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

Sicilian Mariners

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

Danish melody

***POSTLUDE** Fugue in d

Johann Pachelbel

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP here today.

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Ruthie Carey and Dave Dupper

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR NOVEMBER: Linda Rutherford

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

SERVING TODAY

GREETERS (11:00): Max and Carlene Robinson

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

(11:00) Mike and Leslie Rotella, Ryan Rotella, Sam Phillips

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Handbell Choir

(11:00) Chancel and Handbell Choir

SENIOR USHER: Christie Dowling

USHERS:

(9:00) Doug Naugher and Bonny Naugher

(11:00) Elizabeth Ridley, Tim Ryan, Joyce Ryan, Joe Ben Turner, Larry Ridley

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Patty Harmon in memory of her sister, Mary Snyder and her mother, Esther Harmon.

ENGLISH COMPOSER AND CONDUCTOR JOHN RUTTER is a most significant contributor to fine sacred music today. There is hardly a church that hasn't enjoyed one of his anthems, arrangements, or extended choral works. His writing is colorful and creative, with fresh and imaginative harmonies. While a prolific composer, Rutter is also known for his outstanding choir, The Cambridge Singers, a professional, primarily recording group based in Cambridge, England. He also frequently serves as a clinician and has shared his knowledge with church musicians around the world. This morning's anthem sets a well-known text with an elegant original melody, both carried by a graceful and charming piano accompaniment. The choir is privileged to be joined this morning by Margaret Harrison, herself a true Rutter enthusiast. Many, many thanks to her!

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

THE FLOWER DEDICATION CALENDAR for 2013 is posted on the bulletin board in the Schilling Gallery. The cost for a dedication is \$60, payable to Westminster at the time of the dedication.

Stewardship Update

Many thanks to all of you who turned in your 2013 pledge card and Time and Talent form on Dedication Sunday. We appreciate you! So far, Westminster has received 115 pledges for a total of \$447,852.00. In addition, we have received 46 Time and Talent forms from individuals and families. If you haven't turned one in yet - we have good news! It isn't too late! The church office has plenty of extra pledge cards and Time and Talent forms in case you need another set. Pledges are very instrumental to the Finance Ministry team when formulating an Asking Operating Budget for the 2013 calendar year. Furthermore, the information gathered from the Time and Talent forms will be used by ministry teams and staff to help carry out the church's mission. What a great way to get involved in the life of Westminster Presbyterian Church!

BLT: Bible/Lunch/Tuesdays

November 13 - Noon

The Tuesday study group led by Dr. Phillips continues this week with a look at Romans 12:1-15:13 and Unit 9 of the study guide. You are invited to bring your lunch and join us for this informal and informing study.

THE WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB meets Tuesday to discuss *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*, by Rebecca Skloot. This group meets in the library at 10:30 a.m. on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Feel free to join this informal and welcoming group for one or all of the discussions.

MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT is Tuesday, November 13. The Property ministry team will provide refreshments.

THE CAP (Caring for Aging Parents) GROUP will meet Wednesday, November 14 at 4:30 p.m. in the Library.

WEDNESDAYS WITH WESTMINSTER

November 14

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

This week's dinner is pot roast, green beans, bread and pie.

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, Hap McSween will present a program entitled, "The Dawn Spacecraft Mission & Solar System Creation."
- Bible Survey Class - Downstairs Fellowship Hall

This group will continue its study of the book, *The Mighty Acts of God*. Ellen Anderson will teach the class this week.

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

LADIES' LUNCH BUNCH: The next Lunch Bunch gathering will be Thursday, November 15th. We will be meeting at Sullivan's at Rocky Hill at 11:30 a.m. Please let Georgann Byerley know if you are planning to come. We hope to see lots of you there!

KNOXVILLE HABITAT will have its Board of Directors Blitz on Friday, November 16, beginning at 7:30 a.m. You are invited to join in and help. Please contact John Smartt for more information.

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).

Gift Bazaar Returns

Sunday, November 18

Westminster's annual Alternative Gift Bazaar, sponsored by the Mission Team, will take place this year on Sunday, November 18. You can expect to see the usual line-up of goodies, such as handmade, fair trade craft and food items. Each of the items available for sale is connected in some way to a deserving cause, so that we can be assured that our gifts embody the true meaning of Christmas. The bazaar will be open during the morning, and after the 11:00 service. The gifts you purchase will be a double blessing; first to the ones who benefit from the sale, and second to the recipients being honored by the gift.

New Adult Sunday School Class

Beginning today in the McKinnon Room, the **Faith and Life** class returns to the NOOMA series we used last year. This excerpt describes the series:

"Jesus lived with the awareness that God is doing something, right here, right now, and anybody can be a part of it. He encouraged his listeners to search, to question, to wrestle with the implications of what he was saying and doing. He inspired, challenged, provoked, comforted, and invited people to be open to God's work in this world. Wherever he went, whatever he did, Jesus started discussions about what matters most, because for Jesus, God is always inviting us to open our eyes and join in. NOOMA is a series of short films that explore our world from a perspective of Jesus. NOOMA is an invitation to search, question, and join the discussion."

The **Bible Study** class continues in the Library, and the **Parenting** class meets in the Fellowship Hall.

THE GARDEN is doing beautifully, and winter crops are up. Stop by the Bounty Table following the 11:00 worship service and take some produce home with you. Donations are welcome, with proceeds going to Family Promise.

Advent Sunday School Teachers Needed

Have you ever wanted to try your hand at teaching adult Sunday school? Well, now is your chance. Starting on November 25 we will offer a four-part Advent series entitled "Advent through the Eyes of Those Who Waited." The series spotlights the Hebrew prophets, John the Baptist, Mary, and Elizabeth. Each week we will read scripture, sing Christmas carols, and then try to view the season of Advent through the eyes of those who waited for the Messiah. Sound good?

We just need you to volunteer to lead/facilitate one of the four lessons in November and December. We will make it easy for you by providing a teacher's guide and we will promise to participate in the class like good students should. To sign up for November 24, December 2, 9, or 16, just call Tim Crais at church or at home or email him at timcrais@gmail.com.