

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

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

PRELUDE Aria in F

G. F. Handel
arr. Alexandre Guilmant

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION
CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come with hope or hesitation;
Come with joy or yearning;
All who hunger, all who thirst
for life in all its fullness.

**People: We celebrate the miracle and wonder of life
and the unfolding purposes of God,
forever at work in ourselves and the world.**

Leader: Let us worship the Lord our God!

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

*HYMN NO. 150 (blue hymnal) Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Madrid

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Gracious God, within the sacred space of prayer, we ask for your forgiveness and continued guidance in our lives. For the good that we neglected to do, forgive us. For all that we did which was not pleasing to you, forgive us. For our inattention to all the ways that your presence surrounds our lives, forgive us. For confusing the kingdoms of this world with your kingdom, forgive us. Grant us a sense of peace and wholeness and a spirit of thanksgiving in the name 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

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 1:4-8

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

Bob Adamcik

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

John 18:33-37

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

"Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end" – *Closing Time*, Semisonic

*HYMN NO. 555 (blue hymnal) Now Thank We All Our God

Nun danket alle Gott

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

adapted, Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. 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.)

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS (11:00)

Gary and Sandra Rowcliffe

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 Sing to the Lord of Harvest

Healey Willan

Sing to the Lord of harvest, sing songs of love and praise; With joyful hearts and voices your alleluias raise! By Him the rolling seasons in fruitful order move; Sing to the Lord of harvest a song of happy love.

By Him the clouds drop fatness, the deserts bloom and spring, The hills leap up in gladness, the valleys laugh and sing, He filleth with His fullness, all things with large increase; He crowns the year with goodness, with plenty and with peace.

Heap on His sacred altar the gifts His goodness gave, The golden sheaves of harvest, the souls He died to save. Your hearts lay down before Him when at His feet ye fall, And with your lives adore Him when at His feet ye fall, And with your lives adore Him who gave His life for all.

J. S. B. Monsell

***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. 142** (blue hymnal) (11:00) All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! *Coronation*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

***POSTLUDE** Postlude in G G. F. Handel
arr. Alexandre Guilmant

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP here today.

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Cindy Spangler and Buz Johnson

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR NOVEMBER: Linda Rutherford

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

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES (11:00): James Hutzenbiler and Spencer Williams

GREETERS (11:00): Angela Shilling and Sam Smith

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

(11:00) Nancy Duckles and Cameron Sears, Delaney and Aidan Sears

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Chancel Choir

SENIOR USHER: Christie Dowling

USHERS:

(9:00) David Woodall and Carol Beilharz

(11:00) Michael Yates, Rex Battenberg, Brian Bonnyman, Scott Brunger, Don Byerly

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by the Bonnyman family to the glory of God and in honor of all of Westminster's caregivers.

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

OUR THANKS to Theresa Pepin for leading the choir this morning and serving as organist while Peter and Anne Van Eenam spend time with their older daughter, Jennifer, and her husband, Blake, visiting from Norfolk, where he plays horn with the Navy band and she teaches violin and plays with several orchestras in the region. A special thanks to the members of the Chancel Choir for singing both services this morning.

WESTMINSTER CHORISTERS will meet today at the regular time of 4:00.

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

DONATIONS TO HEIFER INTERNATIONAL may be made throughout December. Gift cards are available in the church office.

LET'S GIVE A HUGE THANK-YOU to Will and Jeff Bendy and Mark Grobe for ripping up the old badly stained carpet in the WAMS room and replacing it with new wood flooring. It looks beautiful and is extremely functional. Job well done, guys!!

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.

THANK YOU TO THE VOLUNTEERS that came November 17th and helped make our WPC Fall workday a great success. They painted; pulled weeds and vines; raked leaves and cleaned up some of the garden beds and areas around the Labyrinth and Prayer Path; planted new shrubs and flowers; mulched; shredded leaves; trimmed limbs and trees; planted several hemlock trees; replaced the flooring in the WAMS room; and generally gave our buildings and grounds a new, improved look. At the risk of omitting someone, I want to acknowledge the following folks who participated: Bob Albiston, Judy Barnette, Jane Beintema, Jeff Bendy, Will Bendy, Sharon Boyce, Don Byerly, Sue Byerly, Tom Byerley, Anne Davidson, Anne Dungan, Mark Grobe, Roy Hawk, Stephanie Lynch-Wright, Judy Jordan, Cile Mathews, Rob McKeegan, Rick Oakes, Brad Pearman, Scott Porter, Janice Rawe, Rick Rawe, Bill Rogers, Bonnie Rogers, Linda Rutherford, Tim Ryan, Brenda Seip, John Shilling, Doris Solomon, Cindy Spangler, Bill Wiesehuegel, Renee Wiesehuegel, and Jack Woodall. Please give them a thank you when you see them.

Christmas Stockings for the Salvation Army

Elementary Sunday School children will be filling Christmas stockings for the Salvation Army on Sunday, December 2nd.

A collection box will be just outside the kitchen door for donations of items that will be needed or enjoyed by a child between the ages of 0 and 12. Suggestions include: toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, brushes, socks, hats, gloves, hair bows and barrettes, balls, small books, crayons, pencils, jump ropes, Play-doh, yo yo, small dolls, lip gloss, cars, nerf balls, puzzles, happy meal toys, kleenex, baby bottles, onesies, rattles, pacifiers, etc. The items need to fit into a large stocking.

Thank you so much for helping us with this very special project.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE: To date, pledges total \$530,512 toward our asking budget of \$689,506. If you haven't already done so, please drop your pledge card in the offering plate. Pledge cards are available on the credenza in the Narthex.

THE COMMUNITY CHEST THRIFT STORE collection is scheduled for Saturday, December 1st 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).

Westminster Jewelry Day

Saturday, December 1, 10:00-3:00

Center for Creative Minds, 23 Emory Place, Knoxville

Please sign up by November 28. The fee is \$12 for lunch and supplies.

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Participant(s)

Phone/email

Adult Sunday School

Advent Through the Eyes of the Prophets

Fellowship Hall

Today we have the first of a four-part Advent Series. The lesson is about the Hebrew prophets, especially Isaiah, and the anticipation of the Messiah. Ellen Anderson will be leading the class and Ibbie Muntz will be providing the music for our Advent hymns.

NOOMA

McKinnon Room

How much is enough? Some say the best things in life are free. Really? Do you buy that?

We're constantly bombarded with images of the latest styles of everything, and it's easy for us to feel like what we have won't do. But to most people in the world what we have would be more than enough. Maybe what we have is enough, and God has blessed us so that we can bless and give to others. The NOOMA series by Rob Bell is a new format for spiritual direction. It is a short film touching on issues that we care about, that we want to talk about, and it comes in a way that fits our world. It's a format that's there for us when we need it, as we need it, how we need it. Come join us for an interesting DVD presentation and lively discussion.

DONATIONS are being accepted for the Advent floral decorations. There is no set amount for each dedication. A list of donations will be included in the Christmas Eve bulletins as well as the *Abbey* edition of December 19th. Donations can be placed in the offering plate or brought to the office.



I would like to contribute to the Flower Guild for Advent:

\$ _____

In memory/honor (circle one) of:

Given by:
