



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship April 14, 2013
11:00 A.M.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

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

PRELUDE Elevation César Franck

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, people of God, bring the cares of your day and the concerns of your life. Come and be filled with the presence of God.

People: We will rejoice and be glad in God's presence.

Leader: Gather together, people of God, for God has set aside this moment for refreshment of your spirits.

People: We will rejoice and give thanks for God's care.

Leader: Give thanks, people of God, your Savior is doing a new thing, and the power to receive it is in your hands.

People: We will rejoice and celebrate for the love of our God.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 106** (blue hymnal) Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks Alleluia No. 1

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

O God, we come before you bearing the brokenness of the human church, asking that you make us whole by the power of your love.

O God, we come before you bearing the violence of our time, asking that you would lead us in the way of peace.

O God, we come before you bearing the poverty of our world, asking that you would bind us to those who suffer.

O God, we come before you bearing the wounds of creation, asking the you would teach us to be stewards of the earth.

O God, we come before you bearing the pain that we have caused, asking that you would free us to love more fully.

***KYRIE ELEISON NO. 574** (blue hymnal) arr. David N. Johnson
Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

***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 ...

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 43:16-21

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Kristi Gordon

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.

NEW TESTAMENT Acts 9:1-20

SERMON "Dust And Divinity" Rev. John Linton Muntz
"Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus...has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." – Acts 9:17

***HYMN** In the Bulb There Is a Flower Promise

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison)

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of people long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

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 Alleluia! O Sons and Daughters Let Us Sing Flor Peeters

***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. 115** (blue hymnal) Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain St. Kevin

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

***POSTLUDE** Christ lag in Todesbanden J. S. Bach

*Christ Lay in Death's Strong Bonds
(from the Orgelbüchlein)*

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP here today.

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Angela Partelow and Tim Ryan

CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR APRIL: Sue Byerly and Judy Jorden

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

PLEASE place your bulletin into a blue recycling bin located at the Narthex door if you do not care to take it home.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTE: Daniel Clark

GREETERS: Don and Sue Byerly

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: Nursery Staff

SENIOR USHER: Bill Holt

USHERS: Bill Beintema, Stephanie Lynch-Wright, Kathy Huck, Suzanne Graham, Don Byerly

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Gary, Katherine, Kaitlyn and Nathan Harmon in memory of Benjamin Harmon. We miss you.

OUR THANKS to Eileen Rudd for serving as organist this morning while Peter and Anne Van Eenam are away attending their older daughter Jennifer's concert with the Fayetteville (NC) Symphony Orchestra.

HOUSE BLESSING: Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Presbyterian Campus Ministry at the UT Presbyterian Center (PCUSA) campus house (1831 Melrose Avenue) on **April 21st at 6:00 p.m.** Come join in the fellowship, prayer, and worship as we dedicate this ministry to the Lord. Finger food will be provided.

DRIVER SAFETY COURSE FOR SENIORS: The AARP Driver Safety Course will be offered at Westminster on May 4th from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. This classroom course is designed for people age 50 and older and enables drivers to refresh their driving skills and understand how to adjust to age-related challenges. The cost for this course is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for nonmembers. Upon completion of this course, participants over the age of 55 may be eligible for a discount on their automobile insurance. To register for this course, please contact Paul Johnson at 690-9423.

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

STEPHEN MINISTERS meet Monday at 7:00 p.m. in the library.

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB: The Women's Book Club meets Tuesday, April 16th at 10:30 a.m. in the library. This month we will discuss *Flight Behavior* by Barbara Kingsolver.

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

THE LADIES' LUNCH BUNCH will gather at Sullivan's on Thursday, April 18 at 11:30 a.m. Please RSVP to Sue Byerly if you plan to attend.

A STATED SESSION MEETING is next Sunday, April 21 at 12:15 p.m. in the McKinnon Room.

Everywhere Fun Fair VBS Registration

June 3rd - June 6th
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Please fill out this form and place it in the offering plate. We will send a complete registration form to you by email, or you may fill out the form at the display in the Schilling Gallery.

Child's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (s): _____

Email Address: _____

Child's age/grade: _____ Birth date: _____

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Debbie Bendy, *Abbey* Editor

Parenting Adult Children

Next Sunday morning in the fellowship hall we will resume our adult class entitled "Parenting Adult Children". The class facilitator will be Stephanie Lynch-Wright and the topic will be Marriage. We will look at some problem scenarios and advice from the book, *How to Raise Your Adult Children*. We will also look at what the scriptures say about marriage and attempt to make a connection between the book and the Bible, and between life and faith. You can join us at any point because preparation is not necessary and handouts will be provided when you arrive in class. In addition, your personal experience and opinions are some of our best resources.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING has been called by Session for Sunday, April 21 at the conclusion of the 11:00 a.m. worship service for the purpose of hearing a report from the Nominating Committee and electing elders for the class of 2016, one youth elder for the class of 2014, and one trustee for the class of 2016.

The slate of nominees is:

Elder, Class of 2016: Jerry Faerber, Scott Porter, Mary Boyd, Vicki Mayfield, Elizabeth Ridley.

Tim Ryan will extend his term one year to fill a vacancy in the class of 2014.

Youth Elder, Class of 2014: Will Bendy

Trustee, Class of 2016: John Smartt

THE ALL-CHURCH PICNIC in honor of our graduating high school seniors and our 2013 confirmand class is **Sunday, April 28**. A trolley has been reserved to take us from Westminster to the home of Betty and Leonard McKeehan. Lunch includes chicken tenders, slaw, chips, veggie and fruit trays, cake and beverages. The cost is \$7 per person or \$20 per family. Please RSVP on the bulletin board in the Schilling Gallery or by calling the church office.

THE SESSION

Class of 2013

Ruthie Carey
Kristi Gordon
Buz Johnson
Tim Ryan
John Salsbery
Youth Elder: Nathan Seidner

Class of 2014

Terry Crow
Angela Partelow
Cindy Spangler
Bill Wieseuegel

Class of 2015

Ellen Anderson
Jean Bonnyman
Hap McSween
Rick Oakes
Jack Woodall

TRUSTEES

Roy Hawk

Norman McRae

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