

Second Sunday in



The Order of Worship March 16, 2014
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

Welcome to Westminster Church! We are a family of Christians gathered from many traditions and neighborhoods, worshiping here with the goal of connecting faith and life. If you are a visitor, we pray you will feel welcome and blessed by our worship. We invite you to consider making Westminster your church home. Please let us have your contact information so we may be in touch.

Children are welcome in worship here. A nursery is available during the entire service.

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

PRELUDE Vater unser im Himmelreich (III) Heinrich Scheidemann
Our Father, Who Art in Heaven

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT (11:00) My God, Accept My Heart This Day Orlando Gibbons
My God, accept my heart this day, And make it always Thine, That I from Thee
no more may stray, No more from Thee decline.

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 121/122
Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills – from where will my help come?
People: **My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**
ALL: **I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the LORD!”**

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

*HYMN NO. 488 (blue hymnal) The God of Abraham Praise Leoni

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Gracious God, who dwells in the heart that longs for Your presence and the life that reflects your will, hear our confession. We have not loved you with all of our heart and soul, with all of our mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Throughout this season of Lent, deepen within us a sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. May our individual lives and our communal life together continually reflect the life of our Lord, who is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Amen.

*KYRIE ELEISON John L. Bell
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 Of the Father’s Love Begotten *Divinum mysterium*

TO EXPERIENCE GOD’S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 12:1-4; Romans 4:1-5,13-17

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Ellen Anderson
Children age 4 through 2nd grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Children’s Worship.

SCRIPTURE READING John 3:1-17

SERMON “Holy Curiosity” Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

*HYMN NO. 326 (blue hymnal) Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart *Morecambe*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) from *A Declaration of Faith*, PC(USA)

Christ calls us to pilgrimage toward the kingdom. Jesus announced the coming of God’s kingdom and its hidden presence in the midst of the world’s kingdoms. He taught his disciples to seek God’s Kingdom first. We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives in pilgrimage toward God’s kingdom. Like Christ we may enjoy on our journey all that sustains life and makes it pleasant and beautiful. No more than Christ are we spared the darkness, ambiguity, and threat of life in the world. We are in the world, but not of the world. Our confidence and hope for ourselves and other people do not rest in the powers and achievements of this world, but in the coming and hidden presence of God’s kingdom. Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom: to serve as he has served us; to take up our cross, risking the consequences of faithful discipleship; to walk by faith, not by sight, to hope for what we have not seen.

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.

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) O God, from Heaven Look Below Michael Praetorius
O God, from heaven look below, And let thy love awaken. Alas, thy saints are very few, And we are all forsaken. Thy word do men of evil slight, And faith on earth is perished quite In all old Adam’s children.

Martin Luther (based on Psalm 12)

Karl Hammond, Tenor
Terrance McCracken, Baritone
Steve Hoadley, Bass
Peter Van Eenam, Bass

(11:00) Like as the Hart Desireth the Waterbrooks Herbert Howells
*(from *Four Anthems*)*

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks, so longeth my soul after thee, O God. My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God. When shall I come to appear before the presence of God? My tears have been my meat day and night, while they daily say unto me, Where is now thy God?

Psalm 42:1-3

*AT THE PRESENTATION Doxology No. 591 (blue hymnal) *Tallis’ Canon*
(Sung to the tune of Hymn No. 542 (blue hymnal))

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

*HYMN NO. 430 (blue hymnal) (11:00) Come Sing, O Church, in Joy! *Darwall’s 148th*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 586 (blue hymnal) Amen

Danish melody

*POSTLUDE Praeambulum in e, WV 38 Heinrich Scheidemann

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Vicki Mayfield and Jerry Faerber
CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR MARCH: Linda Rutherford
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 (11:00): Ellie Yates

GREETERS (11:00): Bill and Jane Beintema

CHILDREN’S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

(11:00) Irene and Bruce Seidner, Lily Seidner and Ethan Partelow

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: (11:00) Chancel Choir

SENIOR USHER: Larry Ridley

USHERS:

(9:00) John Styron and Genet Weber

(11:00) Joanne White, Emily and Wiley Wright, Brian Bonnyman, Sue Caradine

Children are always welcome in our worship services! A nursery for newborns up to 5 years of age is provided in the Children's education wing by trained, caring staff each week as a part of our ministry to children and their families. Please ask a greeter or usher for assistance.

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given in loving memory of John Wittman by Shirley and family.

OUR THANKS to Karl Hammond, Steve Hoadley, and Terrance McCracken for their enrichment of our early worship this morning.

HERBERT HOWELLS is one of England's finest twentieth-century composers. He studied with Stanford at the Royal College of Music and became a teacher of composition there in 1920. Among his varied output, including chamber, orchestral, and choral works, are separate settings of the *Magnificat* and *Nunc dimittis* for a number of England's most distinguished choirs. This morning's offertory is a lovely setting of verses from Psalm 42. We hear Howells' gift for poignant and gripping harmonies that pull at the heart. It is a privilege to sing this anthem and share it in worship today as we remember devoted choir member and dear friend Jennings Cline, who was especially fond of it.

THE NEXT PROGRAM IN THE iLISTENER=INFORMED LISTENER series will be presented on Tuesday evening, March 25, at 7:30 in the sanctuary. Our discussion will be devoted to J. S. Bach's *Passacaglia*, BWV 582. Background, analysis, and the amazing music will be shared in Powerpoint and on the organ. This is one of Bach's most beloved organ works. Come learn how the teenaged Bach wrote this masterpiece!

THE ABBEY DEADLINE is today. Please send your announcements and articles to unitedprinters@comcast.net.

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

TUESDAY MORNING BOOK GROUP will meet Tuesday, March 18th at 10:30 in the library. Our book for discussion this month is *And the Mountains Echoed* by Khaled Hosseini.

Wednesday Evening Lenten Series

Join us at 5:45 p.m. each Wednesday evening during Lent for a simple meal of soup and bread, followed by a service of evening prayers in the sanctuary. This reflective time focuses on scripture, song and prayer as we prepare ourselves for Easter. Childcare will be provided after dinner.

THE LADIES' LUNCH BUNCH will meet Thursday, March 20th at 11:30 a.m. at Bravo. RSVP to Eileen Rudd by March 18th.

A STATED SESSION MEETING is next Sunday, March 23rd at 12:15 p.m. in the McKinnon Room.

Smart Driver Course

Safer driving can save you money. Take the new AARP Smart Driver Course and you could reduce your overall maintenance and car insurance costs. Refresh your driving skills and know new rules of the road. Learn research-based driving strategies to help you stay safe behind the wheel. Plus, there are no tests to pass. This course will be offered on Saturday, April 5th from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. in the McKinnon Room. The cost is \$15 for AARP members, \$20 for others. Contact Paul Johnson at 690-9423 to sign up.

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Sign-ups will begin soon!

What: All Church Picnic to honor the Confirmation Class of 2014

Where: On the lawn of Leonard and Betty McKeegan

Trolley Shuttle will run to/from Westminster

When: Sunday, May 4, 2014

Adult Sunday School

Table Talk - "Animate Faith"	Library
This DVD series uses live action and animation to introduce a topic for discussion.	
Bible Study	McKinnon Room
We are studying the book of Genesis, led by Ellen Anderson and Scott Brunger.	
Current Topics - "Living the Questions"	Fellowship Hall
Today our DVD series will explore the theme of "Social Justice: Realizing God's Vision." No preparation is necessary, and you are welcome to join the discussion at any point.	

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