

Fourth Sunday in



The Order of Worship

March 30, 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 Passacaglia, BWV 582 J. S. Bach

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT (11:00) O Praise God George Thalben-Ball
O praise God in his holiness; praise him in the firmament of his power.
Psalm 150:1

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: St. Augustine declares that our hearts are restless until they rest in God.

People: And so we come seeking...

Leader: Forgiveness that restores and renews,

People: Grace that amazes and enables,

Leader: Community that strengthens and supports,

People: Truth that informs and guides,

Leader: Love that redeems and heals.

ALL: And God is truly in our midst.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

*HYMN NO. 474 (blue hymnal) O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

Puer nobis nascitur

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Gracious God, whose care never ceases, we come to you as we are. We are tired from struggling to do more than we can manage. We are anxious about problems which go unresolved. We are worried about events beyond our control. We do not easily let go and trust the leading of your Spirit. For mistakes we cannot redeem, for sins we cannot undo, forgive us. For the spiritual blindness that cannot see the needs of others, that cannot see our own faults but can see the faults of others with amazing clarity, forgive us. Open our eyes to your life-giving presence and lead us to a place of wholeness, in Christ's name. 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

I Samuel 16:1-13

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

Barbara Adamcik

Children age 4 through 2nd grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Children's Worship.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 9:1-41

SERMON

"And There Was Light"

Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

–Autobiography of Jacques Lusseyran

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

Amazing Grace

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

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit give 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 peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

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) Great Is Thy Faithfulness and Sweet Hour of Prayer arr. Jo Ann Powell

Joanne Bendy, Flute

Jo Ann Powell, Guitar

(11:00) I've Been 'buked

African-American spiritual

arr. Hall Johnson

I've been 'buked an' I've been scorned, Yes, I've been 'buked an' I've been scorned, Children. I've been talked about sho's you' born.

Dere is trouble all over dis worl', Yes, Dere is trouble all over dis worl', Children. Dere is trouble all over dis worl'.

Ain' gwine lay my 'ligion down, No, Ain' gwine lay my 'ligion down, Children. Ain' gwine lay my 'ligion down.

African-American spiritual

*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. 339 (blue hymnal) (11:00) Be Thou My Vision

Slane

*CHARGE AND BEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 586 (blue hymnal) Amen

Danish melody

*POSTLUDE Prélude (from *Suite on the Second Tone*)

Jean Adam Guilain

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Cindy Spangler and Jack Woodall

CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR APRIL: Sue Byerly and Joanne Bendy

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

ACOLYTES (11:00): Mac Whipple and Clara Oakes

GREETERS (11:00): Marty Pryor and Sue Caradine

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

(11:00) Tim and Anne Tidwell, Ellie Tidwell and Ellie Yates

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: (11:00) Chancel Choir

SENIOR USHER: Larry Ridley

USHERS:

(9:00) Doug and Bonny Naugher

(11:00) Nancy Cundall, Joe Ben Turner, Bill Holt, Christie Dowling, Reed Ellis

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 by Rick and Kathryn Oakes in loving memory of mom and in loving honor of Clara on their upcoming birthdays.

THE BIRTH CANDLE is lit today in celebration of the March 22nd birth of Charles (Charlie) James Huff, son of Emily and Chris Huff and grandson of Jim and Janice Utt.

OUR THANKS to Joanne Bendy and Jo Ann Powell for their enrichment of our early worship this morning. Thanks also to John Hankins for bringing today's anthem at the 11:00 service to Peter Van Eenam's attention. John is particularly knowledgeable on the subject of spirituals and we appreciate his suggestion!

THIS MORNING'S PRELUDE is Johann Sebastian Bach's well-known and beloved *Passacaglia*, an organ work most likely dating from his years in Arnstadt at New Church (1703-1707), his first major organ post. Bach had returned from his schooling in Lüneburg and began his career at the age of 18. While in North Germany he was exposed to the work of Buxtehude, Reinken, and Böhm, and his *Passacaglia* reflects their influence. Its form is 20 variations over an eight-measure ground or melody introduced in the pedal at the beginning, concluding with a fugue, whose subject is the first part of the ground. It is an astounding work, especially for a *teenage* composer at the beginning of a legendary career, one where he would continuously develop his craft.

THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING will be collected through Easter Sunday, April 20th. Since 1949 Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world. Your generous gifts to this Special Offering help provide relief those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and assist in helping to empower the poor and oppressed.

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

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.

Spring Workday at Westminster

- ★ Come join us for part or all of this workday as we spruce up the church building and grounds.
- ★ Saturday, April 5 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
- ★ 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 for any part of the time; we'll provide the jobs and leadership (and coffee and donuts)



Help us give WPC a good Spring cleaning

SMART DRIVER COURSE Safer driving can save you money. Take this new AARP 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. This course will be offered on Saturday, April 5 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.

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 Rev. Friedrich Schilling, Jr., Pastor Emeritus
 Debbie Bendy, *Abbey* Editor

ALL CHURCH PICNIC to honor the Confirmation Class of 2014 will be held on the lawn of Leonard and Betty McKeehan on Sunday, May 4, 2014. Please sign up in the Schilling Gallery as soon as possible.

THE PRESENT ART EXHIBIT in the Schilling Gallery is composed of 24 paintings by members of the Knoxville Watercolor Society and displays the range of subject matter and techniques that are employed in their works, many of which are available for purchase. Our own Max Robinson has two paintings on view. KWS is an organization comprised of Knoxville area artists interested in aqueous media painting and provides an outlet to develop and demonstrate their talents. Its purpose is to promote an appreciation and understanding of watercolor as a significant art form. Over the past half century, the area's increasing interest in watercolor painting has been a result in part of the growth and development of the Knoxville Watercolor Society. The exhibit will remain on view through April 30. For more information, please visit knoxvillewatercolorsociety.com.

EASTER FLOWERS
 Please help the Flower Guild as they adorn the sanctuary in celebration of Easter. Checks of any amount are welcome and can be made payable to Westminster Flower Guild in honor or memory of loved ones. These names will be included in the Easter Sunday bulletin and *Abbey*. Easter lilies will be available after the service to deliver to those who are unable to attend worship, or to recycle into your garden. Thank you for supporting this annual tradition.

Donation of \$ _____
 given in (please circle your choice) honor/memory of:

Given by: _____

| Adult Sunday School | |
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| 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 "Prayer: Intimacy with God." | |
| No preparation is necessary, and all are welcome. | |

| THE SESSION | | |
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| Class of 2014 | Class of 2015 | Class of 2016 |
| Terry Crow | Ellen Anderson | Mary Boyd |
| Angela Partelow | Jean Bonnyman | Jerry Faerber |
| Tim Ryan | Hap McSween | Vicki Mayfield |
| Cindy Spangler | Rick Oakes | Scott Porter |
| Bill Wiesehuegel | Jack Woodall | Elizabeth Ridley |
| Youth Elder: Will Bendy | | |
| Clerk of Session: Georgann Byerley | | |
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