



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship

**December 7, 2014
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.**

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE CHURCH GATHERS . . .

In these busy, stressful days, as we try to cope with many demands and busy schedules and added worry about our future, give us, O God, a few moments of quiet and peace this morning in which we might hear the soft, insistent voice in the wilderness: “Fear not. Here is your God.” Amen

PRELUDE

(9:00) Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland	Dieterich Buxtehude
	<i>Savior of the Nations, Come</i>
(11:00) Evening Song	Christoph Hoffmann
	Recorder Ensemble
Magnificat primi toni	Johann Pachelbel
	Brass Choir

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

(9:00) Colleen and Ehren Manrod, Sophie and Will Manrod
(11:00) The Pearman Family

CALL TO WORSHIP Adapted, Psalm 85 and Isaiah 40

Leader: A voice cries out: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD...lift up your voice, herald of good tidings...lift it up and do not fear.”

People: In God’s future, steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

Leader: Comfort, O Comfort my people...the glory of the LORD shall be revealed.

People: Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for God will speak peace to His people.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 13** (blue hymnal) Prepare the Way *Bereden väg för Herran*

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Gracious God, make this Advent season a time of holy growth. Forgive us when we assume that our faith can survive without the nourishment of study and reflection and prayer. Forgive us when we stifle our capacity for wonder. Forgive us when we forget that the Christ comes as the bearer of peace and as one who challenges all powers that rule unjustly. Forgive us when we cannot find peace in our lives because of the pace of our lives. Strengthen and enlighten us this Advent season. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

***KYRIE ELEISON** Healey Willan

(Congregation singing—music is found on the inside cover of the red hymnal)

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

(First part: women; second: men; third: all)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***RESPONSE**

Refrain from Hymn No. 116 (red hymnal) Angels We Have Heard on High

Gloria

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

TO EXPERIENCE GOD’S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 40:1-11; II Peter 3:8-15

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

Lisa Kaufman

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1:1-8

SERMON

“What’s the world coming to?” Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

***HYMN NO. 3** (blue hymnal) Comfort, Comfort You My People *Psalm 42*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) The Apostles’ Creed (Traditional)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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 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) Magnificat primi toni	Johann Pachelbel
(11:00) The Angel’s Greeting (from <i>Marienlieder</i>)	Johannes Brahms

“All Hail, Maria, Thou blessed Maiden, All Hail, Maria, The Lord is with Thee.” So sang the Angel to greet the Virgin, as She in prayer was kneeling. “All Hail to Thee!”

“To Thee, Maria, A Son is given. To Thee, Maria, is born the Saviour. All generations shall call Thee blessed. Oh, Holy Mother, Oh, Mother of Christ our Lord.”

Now, we with the angel will sing again, “All Hail to Thee, Maria!” We sing to Thee, Maria, “All Hail to Thee!”

Maynard Klein

***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**

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (responsive)

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(Prayer continues)...to the glory of your name.

Hymn No. 107 (red hymnal) (11:00) Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (*Verse 1*)

Picardy

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;

Ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in His hand, Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

(Prayer continues)...Great is the mystery of faith.

Hymn No. 107 (red hymnal) (11:00) Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (*Verse 2*)

Picardy

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth He stood, Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood, He will give to all the faithful His own self for heavenly food.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE SACRAMENT

Seated and partaking of elements as instructed.

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION (11:00) Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

Dieterich Buxtehude

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Unison)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Veni Emmanuel

O come, thou Day-spring, come and cheer Our spirits by thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death’s dark shadows put to
flight. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

***POSTLUDE** Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland Johann Gottfried Walther

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Jean Bonnyman and William Milam

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR: Linda Rutherford

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND HEARING DEVICES are available from ushers.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES (11:00): Griffen Oros and Ellie Yates

GREETERS (11:00): Ibbie Muntz and Linda Van Beke

CHILDREN’S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

(11:00) Molly Roberson, Ellie Tidwell and Lily Seidner

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Brass Choir

(11:00) Brass and Chancel Choirs and Recorder Ensemble

SENIOR USHER: Bill Wiesehuegel

USHERS:

(9:00) Rob McKeehan and Brenda Seip

(11:00) Jerry and Scott Carley, Tom and Georgann Byerley, Brian Bonnyman

TWO-CENTS-A-MEAL collection is today. We bring this offering each “First Sunday,” as our share in maintaining the Volunteer Ministry Center of Knoxville.

The average monthly cost to serve breakfast and lunch is \$225. Your support is greatly appreciated!

NAME TAG SUNDAY is today. Please fill out a name tag in the Narthex.

MAYNARD KLEIN, the editor of this morning’s anthem by Johannes Brahms, was the director of choral activities at the University of Michigan for many years during the middle of the last century. He is much revered for his warmth and wit, as well as for his many gifts as a choral conductor, teacher, and editor/arranger.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON, DECEMBER 14, AT 5:00, the Chancel Choir and Westminster Choristers will present *A Service of Lessons and Carols* for the seasons of Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany. Music by Brahms, Hovland, Howells, Jennings, Laubengayer, Near, and Walton will be featured. We hope you’ll come join us that afternoon! A nursery will be provided.

SHOW AND WAMS meet this evening at 5:00. We’ll enjoy a Betty McKeehan supper, then load up the cars and head out to do some shopping. This year, we’re shopping for the Knox Adaptive Education Center. We’re picking out presents for the KAEC students to give to their foster family members. We’ll return by 7:30.

Adult Sunday School

All adult classes have merged for our Advent study entitled, *The Light Will Shine*. Mary Boyd leads our study as we take a look at Advent lectionary texts using the lens of Handel’s masterpiece, *Messiah*. Each week we will listen to music, read the scriptures and get a fresh perspective on the journey through Advent to find the “good news of great joy.”

FISH Delivery

Angela Shilling

One of the things I love about our church is our desire to help. Whether it be when disaster strikes or the daily difficulties of life, we are willing to lend a hand. That being said, I would like to challenge everyone to be a part of this coming **Thursday, December 11th FISH deliveries**. Even if you can only deliver one bag, you’ll be making a huge difference in someone’s life. We can tailor your delivery to your schedule that day. Need to wait until after work? No problem. Need it faxed or emailed to you - we’re on it! Grab a buddy - they don’t even have to be Presbyterian! December is a monetarily challenging month for most of us. Now imagine you are the grandparent and sole guardian of 6 grandchildren. School is out of session for 17 consecutive days, meaning there are no free/reduced breakfasts and lunches. Help give the gift of a little food and a lot of peace of mind. Contact either Nancy Cundall or Angela Shilling. Let’s take care of our community!

MEN’S COVENANT BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP: Thursday, December 11th, the men of the church will meet in the McKinnon Room at 7:30 a.m. for breakfast prepared by Gordon Greeson and the lesson led by Phil Barnette. The topic of our lesson is the Middle East: Peace, Conflict and Human Rights. The lesson will be available on the webpage at wpcknox.org/westminstermen. Remember, no reservation is necessary and all men are welcome to join with us for this meeting and lesson.

THE LADIES’ LUNCH BUNCH will gather for lunch at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 18 at the beautiful home of Betty McKeehan, 6204 Westland Drive. She will prepare lunch for us. The cost is \$10 each. If there is extra money it will be donated to a mission project (to be determined). Please contact Georgann Byerley by Tuesday, December 16 if you can attend.

FISH CHRISTMAS GIFT CARDS: This Christmas, help FISH Hospitality Pantries feed hungry families in our community by sending FISH Christmas Gift Cards to people on your Christmas list. You can mail the order form in today’s bulletin to FISH, and they will do the rest. Cards will be available in the church office during the week.

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*. Donations can be placed in the offering plate or brought to the office.



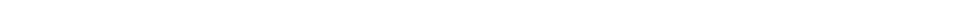
I would like to contribute to the Flower Guild for Advent:

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In memory/honor (circle one) of:



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UPCOMING EVENTS TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR

December 10 Christmas Craft Night/Potluck Dinner with Knox Youth Jazz Concert

December 14 Christmas Youth Drama

December 20 Salvation Army Bell Ringing at West Town Mall
Sign up on the bulletin board in the Schilling Gallery

December 21 Christmas Breakfast between worship services

December 24 Christmas Eve Services

Westminster’s 3rd Annual Jewelry Day

Saturday, December 13, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

The Center For Creative Minds, 23 Emory Place

Angela Shilling will teach us stamping and embossing of metal jewelry elements. We’ll also be embossing our own tin/aluminum ornaments! We are also inviting all to bring beads for swapping.

You know the best part of this day will be the time we have together! This event is for EVERYONE, and you’re welcome to bring a friend.

The cost is \$15 per person. This will cover supplies and lunch from Salsarita's. You can register by calling the church office (584-3957), or by emailing Mary Boyd.

2014 ADVENT GIFT OPPORTUNITY

When Knoxville area teens run afoul of the law, they are sent to the Richard L. Bean Juvenile Service Center. These young people range in age from 14-17, and are both boys and girls. They may be there for several days, weeks, or months. This Advent season, as we did last year, we would like to show God’s love to them, to let them know that someone is thinking of them and praying for them. Last year, we received thank-you notes from Mr. Bean and a number of the teens. Some said we had made it their best Christmas ever.

Between now and Sunday, December 21, we will be accepting gift bags with small treats for these teens. If you would like to participate, bring a Christmas gift bag with any of the following items in it:

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| Hats, scarves, gloves | Nail polish, lipstick, hair ornaments |
| Socks, slippers | Small games, books |
| Combs, brushes, small mirrors | Pens, pencils, writing papers |
| Chocolate, candy, etc. | |

Other small things you think a teen would like!

Put your bag on the gift table in the Schilling Gallery by Sunday, December 21. We will add a tag telling the teen that the gift comes to them from Westminster with our prayers, and we’ll deliver the gifts to the Center before Christmas. Thanks to the whole Westminster family for your giving spirit!