

Third Sunday in



The Order of Worship

March 8, 2015
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

On the third Sunday in Lent, congregations are invited to meditate on God's commandments.

The Law of God Exodus 20:1-17
*God spoke all these words, saying,
I am the Lord your God.*

You shall have no other gods before me.

*You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.
You shall not bow down to them or worship them.*

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's spouse, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

PRELUDE Von Gott will ich nicht lassen (I) Dieterich Buxtehude
From God I Shall Not Turn

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT (11:00) Lord Jesus, Think on Me *Southwell*
Lord Jesus, think on me, And purge away my sin; From earth-born passions
set me free, And make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me, That, when this life is past, I may the eternal
brightness see, And share Thy joy at last.

Synesius of Cyrene

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into God's presence with singing!

People: For the Lord is a gracious God, whose mercy is everlasting; and whose faithfulness endures to all generations.

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 481** (blue hymnal) Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show *Llanfair*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Gracious God, no matter what our age, we are all trying to grow, to become wiser and more mature people of faith. We confess the times that we give in to greed or succumb to selfishness or hold on to grudges. We confess the times that we are not the stewards of creation that you call us to be. We confess the times when Christ's way of peace and justice and unconditional love remains at the level of intention rather than daily practice. We confess the times when we so race through our lives that we do not take the time to see your grace in our lives. Forgive us, transform us, and renew us in our walk with the one in whose name we pray, Jesus the Christ. 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 John 2:13-22

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Rachel Powell

Children age 4 through 2nd grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in

Children's Worship.

SCRIPTURE READING I Corinthians 1:18-25

SERMON "The Crucified God" Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

***HYMN NO. 78** (blue hymnal) Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed *Amazing Grace*
Alas! And did my Savior bleed, And did my Sovereign die! Would He devote that sacred head For sinners such as I!

Was it for sins that I have done He suffered on the tree! Amazing pity! Grace unknown! And love beyond degree!

Well might the sun in darkness hide, And shut its glories in, When Christ, the great Redeemer, died For human creatures' sin.

But drops of grief can ne'er repay The debt of love I owe; Here, Lord, I give myself away; 'Tis all that I can do.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

Adapted from The Confession of 1967, PC(U.S.A.)

The life, death, resurrection and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His life as a human being involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to humanity commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all the sufferings of humanity so that the church sees the face of Christ in the faces of all people in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on people's inhumanity to one another. In the power and hope of the risen Christ, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of humanity and God's victory over all wrong. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

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) Sinfonia No. 1 Salomon Rossi
Recorder Ensemble

(11:00) I Have Longed for Thy Saving Health William Byrd
I have longed for Thy saving health, O Lord; Thy law is my delight, O Lord.
O let my soul live and it shall praise Thee, and Thy judgments shall help me.
Psalm 119:174-175

***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. 420** (blue hymnal) (11:00) God of Grace and God of Glory *Cwm Rhondda*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

***POSTLUDE** A Short Verse Thomas Tomkins

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Elizabeth Ridley and Hap McSween
CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR MARCH: Sue Byerly
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): Rhys Whipple and Mac Whipple

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

CHILDREN’S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

(11:00) Carl and Julia Whipple

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Recorder Ensemble

(11:00) Chancel Choir

SENIOR USHER: Larry Ridley

USHERS:

(9:00) Bob and Lucinda Albiston

(11:00) Don Byerly, Bill Wiesehuegel, Bob Daverman, Paul and Judy Jordan

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the Glory of God.

THE BIRTH CANDLE celebrates the birth of Thomas Graham Daniels, son of Bryan and Kim Daniels. He is the grandson of Suzanne and Ross Graham.

SALOMON ROSSI (c. 1570-1630) is widely regarded as the leading Jewish composer of the late Italian Renaissance. After acquiring a reputation as a talented violinist, he was hired as a court musician by the Gonzaga royalty of Mantua, where he served as concertmaster from 1587 to 1628.

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY NEWS:

- Today - Packaging rice and beans for FISH Pantry
- March 28 - Westminster Friends Dinner

THE TUESDAY MORNING BOOK GROUP will meet March 10th at 10:30 a.m. in the library. Our book for discussion this month is *The Storied Life of AJ Fikry* by Gabrielle Zevin. We welcome any women who would like to join us.

MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT is Tuesday, March 10th at 7:00 p.m. The Worship, Music and Arts team will provide refreshments.

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. The theme for our Lenten worship this year is, “For God So Loved the World.”

Adult Sunday School

Lenten Study..... Fellowship Hall

Video and discussion class based on Adam Hamilton’s book, *24 Hours That Changed the World*.

FISH DELIVERY is Thursday, March 12th. The number of families we can help is limited by the number of delivery volunteers we have, and you are needed! If you are able to help make deliveries, please contact Nancy Cundall.

Save the Date for Vacation Bible School

Monday, June 8 - Thursday, June 11

9:00 - Noon

If you’d like to join our planning team or help in any way, we’d love for you to join us. We need planners, leaders, shepherds, snack coordinators and game leaders. You’re welcome to sign your child up at any time. There are sign-up sheets in the hallway downstairs, and we will begin sign-ups in the Schilling Gallery after Easter. Please contact Angela Grobe (angela_wpc@comcast.net) for more information.

MEN’S COVENANT BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP: Thursday, March 12th, the men of the church will meet in the McKinnon Room at 7:30 a.m. for breakfast prepared by Bill Beintema and the lesson to be led by Phil Barnette. The title of the lesson will be, “The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels.” A copy of the lesson will be available on the webpage at wpccknox.org/westminstermen or on request at the church office. Remember, no reservation is necessary and all men are welcome. Tim Ryan’s presentation which was snowed out on February 26th has been reset to May 28th.

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE has a deadline of March 8th for receiving nominees for Elders for the class of 2018, one Youth Elder for the class of 2016, and one Trustee for the class of 2018. If you would like to nominate someone, please fill out the following and drop it in the offering plate or submit it to the church office. You may also send nominations to Hap McSween.

I would like to nominate _____

for Elder/Youth Elder/Trustee, because _____

_____.

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