

# Fourth Sunday in



The Order of Worship

March 15, 2015  
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 CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: For God so loved the world...

**People: That He gave his only Son...**

Leader: For God so loved the world...

**People: That whoever believes in him may not perish but have everlasting life...**

Leader: For God so loved the world...

**People: That God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world...**

Leader: For God so loved the world...

**People: That He gave...**

## TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

**\*HYMN NO. 35** (red hymnal) When Morning Gilds the Skies *Laudes Domini*

## **\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask for your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. This we pray through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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** Numbers 21:4-9; John 3:14-21  
**ANTHEM** (11:00) In Christ There Is No East or West Harry T. Burleigh  
arr. Terrance McCracken

In Christ there is no east or west, In Him no south or north; But one great fellowship of love Throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere Their high communion find; His service is the golden cord Close-binding humankind.

Join hands, then brothers and sisters of the faith, Whate'er your race may be. Who serves my Father as a son Is surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west, In Him meet south and north; All Christly souls are one in Him Throughout the whole wide earth.

John Oxenham

Terrance McCracken, Baritone and Guitar  
Taylor Allred, Guitar

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN** (11:00) Ellen Anderson  
*Children age 4 through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to go downstairs for Children's Worship.*

**SCRIPTURE READING** Ephesians 2:1-10

**SERMON** "A Servant with a Purpose" Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

**\*HYMN NO. 277** (blue hymnal) O God, Our Faithful God *O Gott, du frommer Gott*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) Romans 8:1,28,38,39

**We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; and we know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose. We are sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

**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) In Christ There Is No East or West Harry T. Burleigh  
(The text is found at the Anthem.)

(11:00) Lead Me, Lord S. S. Wesley  
Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness, make thy way plain before my face. For it is thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

Psalms 5:8 and 4:9

**\*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** (11:00) O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High *Puer nobis nascitur*

## **\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 586** (blue hymnal) Amen

Danish melody

**\*POSTLUDE** Capriccio Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck?

\*Indicates standing.

## **NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

**PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK:** Brenda Seip and Scott Porter

**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**

**ACOLYTE** (11:00): Ellie Yates

**GREETERS** (11:00): Bill and Renee Wiesehuegel

## **CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:**

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

(11:00) Joshua and Laurie Williams, Eric Partelow

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** (11:00) Chancel Choir

**SENIOR USHER:** Tom Byerly

## **USHERS:**

(9:00) Carol Beilharz and Jeff Bendy

(11:00) Leonard and Betty McKeehan, Lalla Phillips, Tim and Joyce Ryan

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 Ann and John Styron in honor of their new grandson, John Allen Black, born to Katie and Dave Black on February 26<sup>th</sup>. **The birth candle** today is also in honor of baby John.

**OUR THANKS** to Terrance McCracken and Taylor Allred for their enrichment of our worship this morning.

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Rev. Friedrich Schilling, Jr., Pastor Emeritus

## 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](mailto:angela_wpc@comcast.net)) for more information.

**HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED** how dynamics (degrees of loudness or softness) are created on the organ? Aside from the addition or subtraction of stops, our organ has a swell pedal (it resembles a gas pedal and you'll see it just above the pedals). It allows the player to control the opening and closing of wooden slats encasing the pipes played by the upper manual, thereby affecting volume. Our Swell division is located above the middle point and has these slats on three of the four sides (one facing the choir), which enables the nuances of their motion to be incredibly subtle. Even the organbuilders themselves were amazed when they first heard them used! Their used pervasively in this morning's Wesley anthem.

### **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS:**

- March 22 - Kids' Club - lunch & bowling - RSVP to [angela\\_wpc@comcast.net](mailto:angela_wpc@comcast.net)
- March 28 - Westminster Friends Dinner

**THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING** is being collected through Easter Sunday. Your gift to this offering enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world. The offering helps empower the poor and oppressed, while also providing food to the hungry and relief to those affected by natural disasters.

**THE ABBEY DEADLINE** is today. Please send your announcements and articles to [unitedprinters@comcast.net](mailto:unitedprinters@comcast.net).

**A STATED SESSION MEETING** is next Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12:15 p.m. in the McKinnon Room.

### **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."

**LADIES' LUNCH BUNCH** will gather at the Paris Apartments Boutique and Tea Room on Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. Paris Apartments is located in Western Plaza at 4461 Kingston Pike. This is for all Westminster ladies and friends of Westminster. Please RSVP by Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> to Georgann Byerley.

### **Adult Sunday School**

Lenten Study. . . . . Fellowship Hall  
Video and discussion class based on Adam Hamilton's book, *24 Hours That Changed the World*.