



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship

May 3, 2015
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

THE CHURCH GATHERS . . .

Cast out my fear, O God, with your perfect love, that I may worship you unafraid of anything that life is asking of me. Fill me with your strength and your courage. Amen.

I John 4

PRELUDE

(9:00) Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele Johann Gottfried Walther
Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness

(11:00) Canzona No. 2 Giovanni Gabrieli
Brass Choir

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 98, adapted

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

People: Let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the LORD.

Leader: O sing to the LORD a new song,

People: For our LORD is a God of steadfast love and faithfulness.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 482** (blue hymnal) Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty *Lobe den Herren*

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Gracious God, giver of life and love, we have not thanked you for each breath we take, each moment we live, each experience we enjoy or endure. We are

more likely to complain than to appreciate, and often fail to seek your guidance and wisdom for our daily lives. Forgive us when we do not love others as you have asked us; forgive us when we neglect to see our dependence upon You, each other, and creation itself. Forgive us and prune our lives of everything that separates us from you and from the selves you have created us to be. In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.

***KYRIE ELEISON NO. 574** (blue hymnal) arr. David N. Johnson
Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Leah Milam
Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***RESPONSE** Celtic Alleluia (*sing twice*) Fintan O’Carroll

TO EXPERIENCE GOD’S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING John 15:1-8; I John 4:7-21
A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Eliza Rowcliffe

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

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 8:26-40

SERMON Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

“In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, freedom; in all things, love”

***HYMN NO. 335** (blue hymnal) Though I May Speak *O Waly Waly*

INTRODUCTION OF CONFIRMANDS (11:00) Maggie Gordon, Roland Ryan, Mac Whipple, Caroline McRae

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) Written by the 2015 Confirmation Class
It doesn’t take magic to see God’s work, it takes our faith and belief in Him. I believe in God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. I believe that God is watching over us, guiding and blessing. I believe in a loving God and a loving Church. I believe that Jesus died for my sins and willingly gave his life for us. God sent him to teach us of his loving ways, and by following the path he set we make life on Earth, which is God’s backyard, closer to life as it is in heaven. The Holy Spirit is to remind us of God’s love and glory and unites us with one another. I accept the Church as a place to safely explore my faith, and view it as a place of both refuge and meditation. We show our love for God through community service beyond the confines of the church’s walls, helping others and providing for those in need. I believe that faith is a way of knowing we are not alone in this life, and I accept it wholeheartedly. 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 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) Canzona No. 2 Giovanni Gabrieli
(11:00) Agnus Dei (from *Missa Kenya*) Paul Basler
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

attr. John the Baptist

Barbara Adamcik, Horn
Robert Adamcik, Percussion

***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology No. 514 (red hymnal) *Old Hundredth*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. 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.

People: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Amen.

(Prayer continues)...We proclaim the mystery of faith.

People: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE SACRAMENT

Beginning from the front of the sanctuary, we will come forward by the center aisle, take or tear a morsel of bread and dip it into the chalice before partaking. We return to the pew by the side aisle.

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION

(9:00) Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele Michael Beyer
(11:00) Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele Johann Gottfried Walther

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**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Hymn No. 535 (blue hymnal) Go with Us, Lord *Tallis’ Canon*
(*Sing in canon, with the pulpit side of the congregation beginning*)

***POSTLUDE** Scherzo
John Cheetham
Brass Choir

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Angela Shilling and William Milam
CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR MAY: 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

ACOLYTES (11:00): Abby Hatmaker and Sammy McCartha

GREETERS (11:00): John and Kathy Shilling

CHILDREN’S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

(11:00) Michelle Clark, Daniel Clark and Max Yates

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Brass Choir

(11:00) Brass and Chancel Choirs

SENIOR USHER: Buz Johnson

USHERS:

(9:00) Genet Weber and David Woodall

(11:00) Reed Ellis, Robin and Gordon Greeson, Trish Groves, Bill Holt

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 Larry and Jeanne Ridley in honor of their grandsons, Mark Michel and Evan Michel.

THE BIRTH CANDLE today is lit in honor of:

- **Brody Vahid Blankenship**, son of Breeze and Bret Blankenship, and brother of Bella and Baylor. He was born September 11, 2014. Brody is the grandson of John and Paula Smartt.
- **Clara Elise Turner**, daughter of David and Christi Turner. She was born April 15, 2015. Grandparents are John and Trish Turner.

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

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!

PAUL BASLER teaches horn and composition at the University of Florida. In 1993 he was a Fulbright Senior Lecturer in Music at Kenyatta University (Nairobi, Kenya) and it was this residency that helped to spark and move forward his efforts to write a mass he had been contemplating for some time. His *Missa Kenya* was completed in June 1995, and in the foreword he writes “Much of the music and gestures owe their existence to East African choral traditions, fusing together Kenyan musical styles with references to late 20th century American “classical” music—creating a “synthesis” of sorts between the two musical cultures. In many ways, this is my gift to the warm, loving friends I left behind in Nairobi. It is a work of great celebration colored with a bit of Catholic mysticism.” This piece was last sung on May 16, 2010, by the Westminster Choristers. Our thanks to Barbara and Bob Adamcik for their enrichment of our worship this morning as they accompany the Chancel Choir. For those interested in dates, the Gabrieli canzona heard this morning was the postlude at Dr. Phillips’ installation service on February 26, 2006!

2015 Confirmation Class

Confirmand	Mentor
Maggie Gordon	Jean Bonnyman
Caroline McRae	Ellen Anderson
Roland Ryan	Jeff Bendy
Mac Whipple	Brian Bonnyman

ALL-CHURCH PICNIC: Those attending the picnic will board the trolley in front of the church. The trolley will run a continuous loop throughout the picnic, with the final run at 2:10. Lunch is on us for High school graduates, confirmands and mentors.

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

SHOW AND WAMS youth will host their mothers and grandmothers for dinner this evening at 6:30. Youth should arrive at 5:00 to help prepare dinner.

LADIES’ LUNCH BUNCH: May 21st the Westminster Ladies’ Lunch Bunch will be dining at Carolina Ale House, located at 9045 Kingston Pike. It is on the right side, going west, just before Cedar Bluff and across from Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church. We will be meeting in their glassed in sunroom, so it should be a quieter setting. The time is 11:30 and if you wish to attend, please RSVP to Kathy Shilling.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is providing emergency relief and short-term recovery in the areas impacted by the earthquake in Nepal.

God’s people are once again called on to stand in the “GAP” – Give. Act. Pray.

Give: Financial support for relief efforts can be designated to DR999999 with reference to Nepal. Gifts can be made online, by phone (800) 872-3283, or checks can be mailed to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburg, PA 15264.

Act: Learn how your congregation can help families who have lost everything in the devastation. Stay informed and like us on Facebook.

Pray: Pray for those who suffered loss of family or those who are working tirelessly to provide rescue, humanitarian aid, and spiritual and psychological support.

For more information, visit www.pcusa.org/pda.

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Mary Boyd, Education Coordinator

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Sandra Williams, Administrative Assistant

Rev. Friedrich Schilling, Jr., Pastor Emeritus

Debbie Bendy, *Abbey* Editor

Adult Sunday School Classes

Welcome to Westminster. McKinnon Room

Are you a new member at Westminster? Are you interested in joining, but want more information? Are you an “old” member, but need a refresher course? We’ve got the class for you! This class will continue for three weeks, April 26 - May 10. You’ll learn about what it means to be Presbyterian, some history of this congregation, and ways you can get involved at Westminster. Classes will be taught by Rev. Buran Phillips, Barbara Adamcik, and Mary Boyd.

New Testament Personalities We Should Know: Video lectures by Amy-Jill Levine. Fellowship Hall

Rev. John Muntz will facilitate this class, with discussion following each video lecture. Dr. Amy-Jill Levine spoke at the Dungan Lecture Series at the University of Tennessee in February.

Bible Study. Library
The Bible Study class is led by Ellen Anderson and Scott Brunger.

Coffee House is a time for coffee, conversation, and fellowship in the Schilling Gallery from 10:00-11:00 each Sunday morning.

Class of 2015	THE SESSION Class of 2016	Class of 2017
Ellen Anderson	Jerry Faerber	Phil Barnette
Jean Bonnyman	Vicky Mayfield	Bitsy Ingram
Hap McSween	Scott Porter	William Milam
Rick Oakes	Elizabeth Ridley	Bryan Powell
Jack Woodall	Angela Shilling	Brenda Seip
Youth Elder: Lily Seidner		
Clerk of Session: Georgann Byerley		

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