

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE Celtic Alleluia

Fintan O'Carroll

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

When the prelude begins let us quietly prepare for the Worship of God.

PRELUDE Herzlich lieb hab ich dich, o Herr

Heinrich Scheidemann

I Love You with All My Heart, O Lord

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

Ritual of Friendship

Please fill out the Fellowship register and pass toward the outside and then return it to the center aisle, taking note of who is sitting in the pew with you. Following worship, please greet those around you. If you are a visitor and would like insight into the life of Westminster, pick up an Information Packet from the credenza in the Narthex of this Sanctuary.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: When our thoughts are scattered and feelings confused, how gracious of our God to help us order our lives.

People: We give thanks to God for calling us to discipleship.

Leader: When we sense an inner emptiness and search for meaning and purpose, how gracious of our God to open the path that leads toward fulfillment.

People: We give thanks to God for calling us into mission, into service in the name of Christ.

Leader: When our spirits lack focus and our strength gives way, how gracious of our God to draw us near.

People: We give thanks to God for calling us to worship.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

*HYMN NO. 356 (blue hymnal) Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Nettleton

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Gracious God, you have shown us the path love takes – submitting to the needs of others, open to everyone, willing to grow and endure. We confess that we often desire another path – one where our interests are protected, our comfort is preserved, and we decide who merits our attention. Such love does not resemble yours. Forgive our faint efforts to follow you. Pour your love into our hearts that we might learn compassion, practice charity, and cultivate both character and hope. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 1, Mark 9:33-37

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

Jean Bonnyman

Children age 4 through 3rd grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Children's Worship. A nursery is available during the entire service for infants through age 3.

SCRIPTURE READING

James 3:13-4:3,7-8

SERMON

"The Path of Wisdom"

Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

*HYMN NO. 454 (blue hymnal) Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

Liebster Jesu

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

God has not taken his people out of the world, but has sent them into the world to worship God there and serve all humankind. We worship God in the world by standing before the Lord in behalf of all people. Our cries for help and our songs of praise are never for ourselves alone. Worship is no retreat from the world; it is part of our mission. We serve humankind by discerning what God is doing in the world and joining God in that work. We risk disagreement and error when we try to say what God is doing here and now. But we find guidance in God's deeds in the past and in God's promises for the future, as they are witnessed to in Scripture. We affirm that the Lord is at work, especially in events and movements that free people by the gospel and advance justice, compassion 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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

(9:00) Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace

Lee Hastings Bristol

Lord, make us servants of Your peace: Where there is hate, may we sow love; Where there is hurt, may we forgive; Where there is strife, may we make one.

Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; Where all is gloom, may we sow hope; Where all is night, may we sow light; Where all is tears, may we sow joy.

May we not look for love's return, But seek to love unselfishly, For in our giving we receive, And in forgiving are forgiven.

St. Francis of Assisi

(11:00) Lord, Speak to Me Jeffrey H. Rickard
Lord, speak to me that I may speak In living echoes of thy tone; As thou hast sought, so
let me seek Thy erring children lost and lone.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach The precious things thou dost impart; And wing my
words, that they may reach The hidden depths of many a heart.

O fill me with thy fullness, Lord, Until my very heart o'erflow In kindling thought and
glowing word, Thy love to tell, thy praise to show. Amen.

Francis Ridley Havergal
Old Hundredth

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

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** Lobe den Herren, den mächtigen König der Ehren Johann Gottfried Walther
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP here today.

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK are Laura Barron and Wes Williams.

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR SEPTEMBER: Carlene Robinson

SERVING TODAY

GREETERS:

(9:00) Elizabeth Salsbery and Linda Yates

(11:00) Beth and John Chang

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Nursery Staff

(11:00) Wes and Sandra Williams, Spencer Williams and Max Yates

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Boys' and Girls' Choirs

(11:00) Chancel Choir

SENIOR USHER: Christie Dowling

USHERS:

(9:00) Cile and Ed Mathews

(11:00) Andrew and Kristi Gordon, Robin and Gordon Greeson, Bob James

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Andrew and Kristi Gordon in loving memory of
Betty Gordon – Mom, Mother-in-Law, and Nana.

THE RESPONSE "Take, O Take Me as I Am" comes from the collection of shorter songs for
worship *Come All You People* by John L. Bell and the Wild Goose Worship Group from the Iona
Community, an ecumenical Christian community working for peace and social justice, rebuilding
of community, and the renewal of worship. Founded in 1938 by the Reverend George MacLeod, its
headquarters is in Glasgow, Scotland, although its main activities take place on the islands of Iona
and Mull.

THE ANNUAL JOHN KNOX CENTER FAMILY PICNIC is today from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Enjoy a
beautiful day at camp! Bring a group or just bring your family to enjoy canoeing, sailing, the zip
line, Nature Center and more, including bluegrass music with The Collin Mabry Band &
Brandywine. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$4 for children. Please see www.johnknoxcenter.org for
more information.

SHOW: High School youth meet at 5:30 p.m. today to carpool to Washington Presbyterian Church
for the first area youth group PACK meeting of the Fall. We will enjoy a barbecue dinner, field
games and a bluegrass band. The meeting will conclude at 8:00 p.m.

WAMS: Middle School youth will meet at WPC Wednesday, September 23 at 5:45 p.m. for dinner,
games and fellowship.

ALL YOUTH AND PARENTS are invited to help serve at the FISH Hospitality Pantry on
Saturday, September 26 at 9:30 a.m. Contact Pete Trofatter if you are interested in participating.

A LABYRINTH WORKSHOP will be presented by Marty Pryor on Saturday, October 3 from 9:00
a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Join us in the McKinnon Room as we learn more about labyrinths and then walk
our own labyrinth in community. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Schilling Gallery.

GATHERING FOR PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN

Don't have plans for parents' night out? Come to the Salsbery's house for adult conversation and dinner. We will order pizza and have the opportunity to meet and spend more time with the young families of Westminster. Please contact Elizabeth Salsbery or let Angela know if you are coming to dinner, so we know how much food to order.

Time and Talent returns to Westminster!

Sunday, October 4

We don't mean to say that Westminster has ever lost its talent. We just stopped keeping track of all of them. Everyone has abilities. Everyone has activities they want to be a part of. Everyone has something to share. We just want you to tell us about it. The New and Improved, vitamin fortified, extra absorbent **Time and Talent Sunday** makes its triumphant return Sunday, October 4. Look for the brochures after services October 4 and check out the tables in the Schilling Gallery.

Be a part of the excitement!

FALL 2009 ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

September 20-27

WPC History (Fellowship Hall)

Leader: Linda Yates

Five charter members will share Westminster's history and answer questions about how WPC came to be. Come and appreciate Westminster's progress from a small group, dedicated to its establishment, to a congregation of over 500.

September 20-27

Globalization of the Church (McKinnon Room)

Leader: Scott Brunger

This class will look at the place of Christianity among the major religions of the world, the countries with the highest proportion of non-religious people and compare those countries with the strategies of the Presbyterian Church as described in our [Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study](#).

September 20 - November 22

Bible Basics Class (Library)

Leaders: Ellen Anderson and Scott Brunger

The Bible Basics class is for adults of all ages and Bible experience. This fall we will concentrate on "Courage in Crisis: Moses, Elijah, and Mary."

September 20 - November 22

Women in Touch (Prayer Room)

Leader: Leslie Rotella

Women of all ages are invited to join us as we grow, learn and share our faith together. We will enjoy group discussion based on a rotation of books, articles, current topics and the Bible.

Please pick up the orange flier in the Schilling Gallery for more details about these and other upcoming classes.

***Terrance McCracken with Meredith Mackay
& friends***

will present

A Concert of Music of Scotland

Tuesday, September 29th

7:30PM

Westminster Presbyterian Church

To commemorate the 250th anniversary of the birth year of Robert Burns, "The Bard" of Scotland.

Songs set to the poems of Robert Burns, along with readings of his poetry and other Scots Music will be presented.

Admission is free.