

The Order of Worship

September 27, 2009

9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

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

PRELUDE

(9:00) Galliard Battaglia

Samuel Scheidt

Brass Choir

(11:00) Sonata No. 2 (from *Hora Decima*)

Johann Pezel

Brass Choir

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

Ritual of Friendship

A Fellowship register will be found on the pew nearest the center aisle. Please fill it out 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.

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Stewardship, World Service

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come together, all creation, to sing God's praise!

People: **We come, bringing our stories and eager to hear the stories of others.**

Leader: Let us bring our wisdom and our worship; let us bring our faith and our commitment into the presence of God!

People: **Creating God, create us anew. Jesus Christ, walk with us still. Holy Spirit, breathe life into our lives.**

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 457** (blue hymnal) I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

Toulon

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Lord, forgive your church for its wealth among the poor, its fear among the unjust, its cowardice among the oppressed, its abuse of your creation. Forgive us, your children, for our lack of confidence in you, our lack of hope in your reign, our lack of faith in your presence. Forgive our lack of trust in your mercy and our lack of thanks for the simple goodness of life.

Restore us and bring us to true remembrance and repentance. Break us where we are proud and make us brave where we are weak. Renew our bonds of love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***RESPONSE** Take, O Take Me as I Am

John L. Bell

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

***RESPONSE** Celtic Alleluia

Fintan O'Carroll

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING

Song of Solomon 6:3, Ecclesiastes 3:11

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

Barbara Adamcik

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

John 6:57

SERMON "Is Your Heart in His Hand? Is His Heart in Your Belly? Peace for Eternity"

Dr. Ingrid Reneau

***HYMN NO. 443** (blue hymnal) O Christ, the Great Foundation

Aurelia

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison)

The Declaration of Faith

We believe in God, Maker of an unfinished world, who calls us to participate in bringing about the fullness of creation; God, who created abundant resources to provide for all; God, who has not divided people into rich and poor, owners and slaves, not pitted us against each other because of race, color, social class or gender. We believe in Jesus Christ who was ridiculed, tortured and executed for the sins of humankind. He has overthrown the rule of evil and injustice and continues to judge and redeem the hatred and arrogance of human beings. We believe in the Spirit of God whose flame comforts us with divine presence and causes our hearts to burn for justice and righteousness. We believe in the reconciling power of God in our lives and in the world. We believe that God, through people, can bring peace and hope, justice and equality, the relief of suffering and pain, and the final triumph of love and grace.

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) Sonata No. 2 (from *Hora Decima*)

Johann Pezel

(11:00) I Bow My Knee in Prayer (Ta Mi Lubadh Mo Ghlun)

Dunning
arr. John L. Bell

I bow my knee in prayer before the Father who made me, before the Son who purchased me, before the Spirit who cleansed me, in friendship and love.

Lord, through your anointed, give us the fullness we long for: love and affection for our God, the smile and wisdom of our God, the grace of God.

So may we live on earth as saints and angels in heaven; each shade and light, each day and night, through ev'ry moment we draw our breath, God, give us your Spirit.

from *Carmina Gadelica*
trans. Alexander Carmichael

***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology

Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; alleluia; Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 439** (blue hymnal) (11:00) In Christ There Is No East or West

St. Peter

***CHARGE AND BEDICTION**

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

Danish melody

***POSTLUDE** Trumpet Tune and the Bell Symphony

Henry Purcell

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP here today.

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK are Mary Lou Crow and Rob McKeegan.

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR SEPTEMBER: Carlene Robinson

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR OCTOBER: Georgann Byerley

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS are available from the ushers.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES: Leah Milam and Helen Bonnyman

GREETERS:

(9:00) Shannon and Bob Winkel

(11:00) Linda Judge-McRae and Deborah Phillips

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Nursery Staff

(11:00) Dave and Michelle Woehr, Claire and Leah Woehr

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Brass Choir

(11:00) Brass and Chancel Choirs

SENIOR USHER: Alan Chesney

USHERS:

(9:00) Bonny and Doug Naugher

(11:00) Buz Johnson, Bill Holt, Hap McSween, Bob Murrian, Randolph McCartha

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given in memory of John and Dorothy MacDonald and Major William A. and Mary Evelyn Naugher by Doug and Bonny Naugher.

WE WELCOME International Peacemaker Dr. Ingrid Reneau, a PCUSA mission worker since 2007, serving as education officer in southern Sudan in partnership with the Presbyterian Church of Sudan, the Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church, and the Association of Christian Resource Organizations Serving Sudan (ACROSS). Her work involves expanding the church-sponsored school system, improving its administrative capabilities, and strengthening its teaching methodologies. Dr. Reneau grew up in Belize, then came to the U.S. at age 13. She earned degrees from Hunter College and Rutgers University. Her first career was in banking; her second teaching literature and writing. Now, in her third career, she uses her experience as an educator to serve God's people in Sudan. International Peacemakers are sponsored by the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program and supported by your contributions to the Peacemaking Offering, received on World Communion Sunday, October 4. The Rev. Ann Owens Brunger, a member of the Presbytery Peacemaking Committee, is liturgist this morning. She is a PCUSA minister who served as a mission volunteer in West Africa.

DOCKETS ARE AVAILABLE in the narthex for all current elders for today's stated session meeting at 12:15 p.m. in the McKinnon room.

JOIN US AS WE BID FAREWELL to the Mahurin Family. The entire congregation is invited to a Going Away Party today after the 11:00 service, honoring Rob and Ellen Mahurin and their precious children, Hannah and Will. Rob and Ellen have completed their graduate degrees and are moving to Newport News, Virginia for Rob's new job. We will miss them sorely.

THE DRAMA COMMITTEE meets today at 12:15 p.m. in the library.

THERE ARE TWO OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP set up the apartment for the BRIDGE refugee family. Meet at church today at 3:00 p.m. and Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. to carpool to the Htang family's new home and set things up for their arrival.

SHOW (Senior High of Westminster) meets this evening at 6:00 p.m. in the SHOW room.

A BRIDGE REPRESENTATIVE is coming to Westminster at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday evening to talk with us about refugees from Burma and what to expect as sponsors. Afterward, a group will go to the airport to welcome the Htang family.

Wednesdays With Westminster (WWW)

This coming **Wednesday, September 30**, is the big event!! Yes, it will be time to kick off WWW and we know you will want to participate and share in the celebration. Here is what we have planned for members of all ages:

5:45 – Dinner – chicken tetrazinni, salad, bread, and a dessert of pound cake and strawberries. You do not have to make reservations and the dinner is free unless you want to make a donation at the door.

6:30 – 7:30 – Activities – nursery for infants through age 4 and programs for ages 5 through 5th grade. For all middle schoolers, high schoolers, and adults we will have choices:

Inside activity -- Buran Phillips will start the Wednesday evening sessions with a two-session study entitled, "Why, God?" focused on discerning God in the face of evil and suffering.

Outside activities – You can choose from volleyball, bocce ball, corn hole, ladder ball, basketball, or kickball. You can even try several games if you are talented. (If it rains we will have inside games such as Janga, Pitt card game, Uno, Banana Gram, Apples to Apples, Candyland, and Wii.)

Take a break from your hectic pace, slow down, and come join us for some good food and fellowship with your family and friends at Westminster. You are guaranteed to walk away more peaceful than when you arrive. See you on Wednesday.

FALL 2009 ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

September 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 27 **Globalization of the Church** (McKinnon Room)
Leader: Scott Brunger

Today the class meets with Dr. Ingrid Reneau to learn more about mission in Sudan.

September 27 - 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 27 - 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.

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.

THE PEACEMAKING OFFERING will be received Sunday, October 4. This offering was created in 1980 to support the efforts of the church to live out a deeper commitment to peacemaking as a part of our faithfulness to God. Twenty-five percent of the offering is used for local ministries, twenty-five percent by presbyteries and synods, and fifty percent is used by the General Assembly ministries through the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program.

Luncheon for Families with Young Children

We will hold a luncheon for families with young children on Sunday, October 4 in the downstairs fellowship hall following the 11:00 service. Sandwiches and drinks will be served. Please bring chips, cookies, fruit, etc. to share with the group. After lunch, we will move down to the preschool Sunday School room where the adults can chat and the kids can play on the playground. Please RSVP with Angela Grobe.

OLIVE BRANCH OLIVE OIL is available for purchase. This delicious oil is produced by agricultural cooperatives in Palestine. It is first-cold-pressed, extra-virgin, fair trade, organic Holy Land oil, superb for cooking, salads or dipping. The cost is \$18 per bottle or \$180 for a case of 12 bottles. Proceeds from the sale of the oil go to support the cooperatives and re-planting orchards destroyed by the Occupation in the West Bank. To place an order, please contact Bingham Pope. Thank you for your continued support of this effort.

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!

***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.

An offering will be collected to support Living Waters of the World.