

The Order of Worship

**November 8, 2009
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.**

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

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

PRELUDE

(9:00) Sonata No. 21

Gottfried Reiche

(11:00) Sonata Nos. 21 and 22

Gottfried Reiche

Brass Choir

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: What does God ask of us in this place and time?

People: To worship with our whole hearts.

Leader: What does God seek in our lives?

People: To care for one another with compassion and mercy.

Leader: What service does God invite from us?

People: To give what we have, with open hearts.

Leader: What blessing does God seek for the world?

People: That we share in raising up the poor, the lost and the broken.

Leader: Let us worship God here, that we might grow in love and service everywhere.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 464** (blue hymnal) Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Hymn to Joy

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Generous God, we come to confess that our loving and giving is meager and measured compared to yours. Your love is unconditional and unmeasured, your gifts abundant, yet we have failed to model our lifestyle accordingly. We calculate and reason in our minds how much we can love without risking hurt, how much we can surrender without making total commitment, how much we can give to the poor and still afford the comforts we desire, how much we can humble ourselves and still retain control. Help us to live, love and give with the same generous spirit as our Lord Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. 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 (*sing twice*)

Fintan O'Carroll

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING

Ruth 1:15-18,4:13-17

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

JP Mackay

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

Mark 12:38-44

SERMON

"When You Got Nothing, You Got Nothing To Lose" Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips
Bob Dylan, "Like a Rolling Stone"

***HYMN NO. 375** (blue hymnal) Lord of All Good

Toulon

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison)

from A Declaration of Faith

God made us to care for other created things. God made human beings along with all the other creatures and charged them to care for the earth and all that lives on it.

We acknowledge we share in the interdependence that binds together all God's creation. Yet God gives us power to rule and tame, to order and reshape the world. We hold the earth in trust for future generations of living things. The Lord forbids us to plunder, foul, and destroy the earth. The Lord expects us to produce, to consume, to reproduce in ways that make earth's goodness available to all people and reflect God's love for all creatures. The Lord bids us use our technical skills for beauty, order, health, and peace.

God made us for life in community. God created human beings with a need for community and with freedom to enter into it by responding to their Maker with grateful obedience and to one another with love and helpfulness.

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. If you would like to receive our newsletter or more information about the church, include your address, phone number and email address. As 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) Sonata No. 22 Gottfried Reiche
(11:00) Bless Thou the Lord, My Soul Mikhail Ippolitov-Ivanov
Bless thou the Lord, O bless thou the Lord, my soul; blessed art Thou, O most holy Lord.
Bless thou the Lord, O bless thou the Lord, my soul, and let all that is in me bless His holy
name. Bless thou the Lord, O bless thou the Lord, my soul; and forget not all His many
benefits; It is He who doth forgive all of thine iniquities, it is He who healeth thine
infirmities; It is He who doth redeem thy life from all destruction, and crowneth thy life
with merciful kindness and tenderness.

Psalm 103:1-4

***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**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 414** (blue hymnal) (11:00) As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought *Forest Green*

***CHARGE AND BEDICTION**

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

***POSTLUDE** Herr Gott, dich loben alle wir Johann Ludwig Krebs
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP here today.

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK are Bonny Naugher and Rob McKeehan.

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR NOVEMBER: Janice Rawe

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS are available from the ushers.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES (11:00): Laura Mjekiqi, Jason Frederick

GREETERS: Angela Shilling and Sam Smith

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Nursery Staff

(11:00) David and Michelle Clark, Daniel Clark and Sam Phillips

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Brass Choir

(11:00) Brass and Chancel Choirs

SENIOR USHER: Tim Ryan

USHERS:

(9:00) David Weber and Suzanne Graham

(11:00) Joanne and Ralph White, Dave Woehr, Michael Yates, Rex Battenberg

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Patty Harmon in memory of her sister, Mary Harmon Snyder.

THE BIRTH CANDLE today celebrates the arrival of Friedrich "Fritz" Wilson Schilling, son of Jonathan and Emily Schilling. Baby Fritz was born Tuesday, November 3 in Minnesota. He is welcomed by his big sister, Maddy, and his proud extended family, including cousin Clara, Aunt Kath and grandpa, Fritz.

THIS MORNING'S POSTLUDE is based on the "Old Hundredth" psalm tune, with the soprano (top) line in canon with the pedal. The setting of the doxology sung today is by T. Tertius Noble, the English-born organist and composer, who served as Organist and Choirmaster at Ely Cathedral and York Minster before coming to the United States and holding a similar post at St. Thomas Church, New York City, for 30 years, beginning in 1913. Our congregation has enjoyed his free accompaniments to many hymns over the years as well as his hymn tune "Ora Labora," sung to the text "Come, Labor On."

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING members of the University of Tennessee Horn Ensemble will play at both services. The full ensemble will perform a concert at Westminster on Sunday afternoon, November 22, at 4:00, to which the congregation and community are cordially invited.

SHOW AND WAMS meet today at 6:00 p.m. to assemble care packages for Westminster's college students. We will stuff the care packages with goodies, supplies, notes and anything else we can come up with. Join us as we reach out to old friends and recent graduates. Parents of college students are also welcome to join us. We will have plenty of boxes to fill and wrap!

THE YOUTH RUMMAGE SALE is coming soon! We'll be accepting donations November 19 and 20 for the sale on Saturday, November 21. It's a great opportunity to clear out those storage rooms and closets to help support the youth programs at Westminster.

YOU CAN SUPPORT THE MISSION of hunger relief in East Tennessee at the East Tennessee Chili Cook-off today from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. in World's Fair Park. Please plan to attend and enjoy dozens of styles of chili, live music, a kids' area and more. All proceeds benefit Second Harvest Food Bank and its hundreds of East Tennessee Food Pantry partners. More information is available at www.etnchilicookoff.com.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY meets Monday, November 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the SHOW room.

MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT is Tuesday, November 10 at 7:00 p.m. The Community Service team

will bring refreshments.

THE ABBEY DEADLINE is Wednesday. Please send your articles to unitedprinters@comcast.net. **FISH** delivery is Thursday, November 12. If you are able to help make deliveries, please contact Barbara Wilkinson. The number of families receiving bags of groceries is dependent on the number of Westminster volunteers. **YOU are needed!**

MEN'S THURSDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP: "It's a Wonderful Life!" This next Thursday, November 12 at 7:00 a.m. the Men's Thursday Morning Fellowship group will study a lesson wrapped around Frank Capra's beloved holiday movie classic, "It's a Wonderful Life" – considered among the greatest movies of all time. To preview the lesson and the associated scripture, you can pick up a copy in the church office or contact Tim Crais at timcrais@yahoo.com. Come join us Thursday morning – "Where Faith and Life Connect".

WISE AND WONDERFUL GATHERING is scheduled for Sunday, November 15 following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. If you plan to attend, please call the church office at 584-3957.

OLIVE BRANCH OLIVE OIL is available for purchase. This delicious oil is produced by agricultural cooperatives in Palestine. The cost is \$18 per bottle or \$180 for a case of 12. 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 leave a message for Bingham Pope. Thank you for your support of this effort.

THE COMMUNITY SERVICE MINISTRY TEAM has a display of information in the Schilling Gallery about Mobile Meals. If you are interested in volunteering with Mobile Meals or want to know more about the organization, please pick up an information packet or volunteer form from the table in front of the office.

Adult Sunday School Classes for today:	
Civil Rights	Fellowship Hall Leaders: Scott and Ann Brunger
Speaking of Faith: Religion, Meaning, Ethics and Ideas	McKinnon Room Leader: Jean Bonnyman
Bible Basics Class	Library Leaders: Ellen Anderson, Scott Brunger
Women in Touch (formerly Mothers in Touch)	Prayer Room Leader: Leslie Rotella

LAKESHORE MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTE has a need for winter coats for their residents. They need men's sizes L to XXL and women's sizes M to XL. There is a box in the Schilling Gallery marked "Lakeshore Coats" where you may deposit any coats you wish to donate.

RESERVE YOUR SPOT for next year's LeConte hike! Please send your \$50 deposit to the church office, noting "LeConte reservation" on your check. The hike will take place July 24, 2010.

ADVENT FLORAL DECORATIONS: The Flower Guild has begun making plans for the floral decorations during Advent. Donations for floral dedications can be placed in the offering plate or brought to the office. Help will be needed on Saturday, November 28 with hanging wreaths and setting up the large tree. Please notify the church office if you are able to volunteer for tasks that require climbing a ladder.



I would like to contribute to the Flower Guild for Advent:

\$ _____

In memory/honor (circle one) of:

Given by:



Wednesdays With Westminster

Would you like to:

- 1) Learn the features and benefits of our new WPC website
- 2) Get a glimpse into the future plans for our website
- 3) Give some feedback to our website creators
- 4) Learn how to "twitter", "blog", and get on Facebook
- 5) Create online "avatars"

You can do all of the above only if you attend our next WWW on November 11. Here is what we have planned:

- 5:45 – 6:30 Dinner** – enchiladas, chips and salsa, and brownies. 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. Middle schoolers and high schoolers can participate in games or join the adults in the following program choices:

"Christian Fundamentalism" – presentation by Buran Phillips

"WPC Website and the Latest Trends of the Internet World" – presentation by Wes Williams

So, come enjoy the food, fun and fellowship at WWW. You will be glad you did.