

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

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

PRELUDE Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern Dieterich Buxtehude  
*How Brightly Shines the Morning Star*

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

People: **The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.**

Leader: And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory.

People: **The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.**

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

\*HYMN NO. 376 (blue hymnal) Love Divine, All Loves Excelling *Hyfrydol*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Eternal God, in our anxiety and confusion, in our fear and uncertainty, reassure us with the awareness of your Spirit. Give us renewed confidence in your faithfulness so that we can live into the future with courage and confidence. Forgive us, so that we might learn from our past experience and become more faithful in sharing the love of Christ in our own community and beyond. In this New Year, sustain and strengthen us in our willingness to be a presence for good wherever we are and whatever we are doing, for the sake of Christ and the world he came to save. Amen.

\*KYRIE ELEISON Healey Willan

(Congregation singing— music is found on the inside cover of the red hymnal)

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

(First part: women; second: men; third: all)

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

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

\*RESPONSE Gloria Patri No. 579 (blue hymnal) Henry W. Greatorex  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING Jeremiah 31:7-14

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Ellen Anderson

Children age 4 through 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1:1-5,14-18

SERMON "Grace Upon Grace" Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

\*HYMN NO. 210 (blue hymnal) Our God, Our Help in Ages Past *St. Anne*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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) What Is This Lovely Fragrance? Paul Manz

(11:00) The Three Kings Peter Cornelius  
arr. Neil Jenkins

Three kings from Persian lands afar to Jordan follow the pointing star; and this the quest of the travelers three, where the newborn king of the Jews may be. Full royal gifts they bear for the king; gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.

The star shines out with a steadfast ray: the kings to Bethlehem make their way, and there in worship they bend the knee, As Mary's child in her lap they see; their royal gifts they show to the king; gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.

Thou child of man! Lo, to Bethlehem the kings are trav'ling, travel with them! The star of mercy,  
the star of grace shall lead thy heart to its resting place. Gold, incense, myrrh thou canst not bring;  
offer thy heart to the infant king. Offer thy heart!

trans. H. N. Bate

John Harrison, Tenor

**\*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.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**SHARING THE SACRAMENT**

(The congregation will be ushered to the Table, beginning with the first pews on either  
side of the aisle.)

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** (Unison)

God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May this food strengthen us in  
love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
Amen.

### TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

**\*HYMN NO. 333** (blue hymnal) (11:00) Seek Ye First

*Lafferty*

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

Danish melody

**\*POSTLUDE** In dir ist Freude

J. S. Bach

*In Thee Is Joy*

\*Indicates standing.

### **NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS**

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

**WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP** here today.

**PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK** are Judy Jordan and Tim Crais.

**CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR JANUARY:** Carlene Robinson

**LARGE PRINT HYMNALS** are available from the ushers.

### SERVING TODAY

**ACOLYTES** (11:00): Graham Gosselin and Sam Phillips

**GREETERS:** John and Kathy Shilling

**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:**

(9:00) Nursery Staff

(11:00) Peggy McClure, Ian and Megan McClure

**SENIOR USHER:** Bill Holt

**USHERS:**

(9:00) Carol Beilharz and Jeff Bendy

(11:00) Rick and Janice Rawe, Carlene and Max Robinson, Bob Daverman

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** this morning are given by the family of David Dungan in his  
memory and with thanksgiving for the many gifts that his life brought to ours.

**TWO-CENTS-A-MEAL** collection is today. This offering, brought each "First Sunday," is our  
share in maintaining the Volunteer Ministry Center of Knoxville.

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

**OUR THANKS** to John Harrison for his enrichment of our worship this morning and to Eileen  
Rudd for serving as organist while Peter Van Eenam is away.

**A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held Sunday, January 10, 2010 for the purpose of  
installing 3 at-large members to the nominating committee and to approve the terms of call for  
ministers.

**AUDITIONS FOR THE WESTMINSTER PLAYERS'** production of *A Trip to Bountiful* will be  
held today from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

THE YOUTH DRAMA CAST PARTY is today at 5:00 p.m. Cast and crew for *The Other Wise Man* are invited to join us.

### **Founder's Day Banquet**

**January 6, 2010**

Our first WWW event of 2010 will be a very special occasion! On Wednesday, January 6, 2010 we will honor our charter members with a dinner and a special time of stories and light roasting. Come join us as we honor Frank and Marty Marsh, Randolph and Lennis McCartha and Nancy Dean. We will have a master of ceremonies, plus "roasters" telling stories and jokes for all to enjoy. Then we will have something special for our charter members. Mark your calendars for January 6 and come enjoy the food, fellowship and fun as we honor those who have made Westminster Presbyterian Church possible.

### **Westminster 2010 Adult Sunday School Classes**

"Where Faith and Life Connect"

**January 3- May 23**

**Bible Basics** (Library)

Leaders: Ellen Anderson and Scott Brunger

The Bible Basics class is for adults of all ages and Bible experience. This winter we will start by studying the Psalms and their relationship to the New Testament Gospel.

**January 3- May 23**

**Women in Touch** (Prayer Room)

Leader: Leslie Rotella

This group discussion class is for women with or without children who are interested in growing, learning, and sharing our faith together. The topic for January is "Dealing with Clutter: The 6S Program – Emotional and Spiritual".

**January 3-10**  
Room)

**School Violence/Bullying** (McKinnon

Room)  
Leaders: Tim Crais and Dave Dupper

These two classes will focus on the real dangers of school violence as well as the nature of school bullying and its root causes.

**January 17- February 7**

**Book of Confessions** (McKinnon Room)

Leader: John Muntz

What do all of those words have to do with today? This will be a four week adult education conversation exploring the historical contexts and contemporary relevance of Presbyterian Statements of Faith.