

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

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

PRELUDE Das alte Jahr vergangen ist J. S. Bach

*The Old Year Has Passed Away
(from the Orgelbüchlein)*

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

People: **Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise.**

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 474** (blue hymnal) O Splendor of God's Glory Bright Puer nobis nascitur

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

In the waters of baptism, O God, you have cleansed us and claimed us. Forgive us for resisting your grace. Forgive us for not seeing your image in all people. We have followed our own paths, and they have led us far from you. Help us to live into our baptisms, to trust that all we need is in you, for you have marked us as your own, loving us without limit. Wash us with your love again, so that with clean hearts we may go in the way of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

***KYRIE ELEISON NO. 574** (blue hymnal) arr. David N. Johnson

***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

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 43:1-7

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

Bart Carey

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

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

SERMON

"But I've seen love conquer the great divide" Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

U2, with B.B. King – *When Love Comes to Town*

***HYMN NO. 361** (blue hymnal) How Firm a Foundation

Foundation

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison)

adapted from *A Brief Statement of Faith*, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death, can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

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) 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

Terrance McCracken, Baritone

(11:00) Sing We Now of Christmas

Noël nouvelet

arr. Richard Zgodava

Sing we now of Christmas, Sing we here Noel! Of our Lord and Savior We the tidings tell.
Sing we Noel! For Christ the King is born, Noel!

Angels did say, O shepherds come and see, Born in Bethlehem, A blessed Lamb for thee.
(Refrain)

In the manger bed, The shepherds found the Child. Joseph was there, And Mother, Mary mild.
(Refrain)

Magi oriental journeyed from afar. They did come to greet him 'Neath the shining star.
(Refrain)

Now together sing, Let our voices ring, Thanks to God on high. Sing we here Noel!

Traditional

I Saw Three Ships

arr. David Willcocks

I saw three ships come sailing in, On Christmas Day in the morning.

And what was in those ships all three? (Refrain)

Our Saviour Christ and his lady, (Refrain)

Pray, whither sailed those ships all three? (Refrain)

O, they sailed into Bethlehem, (Refrain)

And all the bells on earth shall ring, (Refrain)

And all the angels in heav'n shall sing, (Refrain)

And all the souls on earth shall sing, (Refrain)

Then let us all rejoice amain! (Refrain)

Traditional

***AT THE PRESENTATION** Hymn No. 63 (blue hymnal) As with Gladness Men of Old *Dix*
As they offered gifts most rare At that manger rude and bare; So may we with holy joy,
Pure, and free from sin's alloy, All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee, our
heavenly King.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 535** (blue hymnal) (11:00) Go with Us, Lord

Tallis' Canon

***CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** (11:00)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

Danish melody

***POSTLUDE** In dir ist Freude

Marcel Dupré

In Thee Is Joy

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP here today.

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK are Stephanie Lynch-Wright and Wes Williams.

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR JANUARY: Carlene Robinson

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS are available from the ushers.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES (11:00): Leah Milam and Helen Bonnyman

GREETERS: Lisa and Norman Hammitt

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Nursery Staff

(11:00) Marty and Dagmar Krall, Emma Adamcik and Clara Oakes

SENIOR USHER: Tom Byerly

USHERS:

(9:00) Connie and Don Graham

(11:00) Ralph and Joanne White, John Salsbery, Trish Groves, Jay Schmid

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are orchids from Jack Barron's greenhouse in honor of the Flower Guild. Thank you for your continuing ministry in flowers!

OUR THANKS to Terrance McCracken for his enrichment of our worship this morning.

THIS MORNING the Chancel Choir sings David Willcocks' arrangement of "I Saw Three Ships" in honor of his 90th birthday, celebrated late last month. Sir David was organist at Salisbury Cathedral from 1947 to 1950 and at Worcester Cathedral from 1950 to 1957 before becoming Director of Music at King's College, Cambridge, in 1957. His legendary tenure at King's College would continue until 1974, during which time he further developed the choir's outstanding tradition and high standards. Church music has benefitted immeasurably from his many contributions as a conductor, organist, and composer.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held today following the 11:00 a.m. worship service for the purpose of installing 3 at-large members to the nominating committee and to approve the terms of call for ministers.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY meets Monday, January 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the SHOW room.

MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT is Tuesday, January 12 at 7:00 p.m. The Christian Education team will bring refreshments.

THE ABBEY DEADLINE is Wednesday. Please send your articles to unitedprinters@comcast.net.

MEN'S THURSDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP is January 14 at 7:00 a.m. Don Byerly will lead a lesson entitled, "New Year's Resolutions." Come join us Thursday morning – "Where Faith and Life Connect".

FISH delivery is Thursday, January 14. If you are able to help make deliveries, please contact Barbara Wilkinson, 300-8845. The number of families receiving bags of groceries is dependent on the number of Westminster volunteers. **YOU are needed!**

ORGANIST DAVID ARCUS will be heard in recital at Westminster Church on Friday evening, February 5, at 8:00 as part of this season's *Musica Organi* series. Mr. Arcus is organist of Duke University Chapel and the Duke Divinity School. Admission is free and the congregation is cordially invited to attend. A nursery will be provided. Do come join us that evening!

WEDNESDAYS WITH WESTMINSTER

January 13

5:45 p.m. - Meal and Fellowship

6:30 p.m. - Activities

Adult Classes:

"The Civil War in East Tennessee" led by Buz Johnson

Bound and Free: A Theologian's Journey led by Dr. Buran Phillips

SHOW AND WAMS parents and students will meet in the SHOW room to discuss the Fall semester as well as evaluate goals and activities for the coming year.

A nursery and activities for young children will be provided. Come join the fun and fellowship at WWW!

DR. PHILLIPS' CLASS during Wednesdays with Westminster will focus on different faiths and denominations. We will begin our class on Wednesday, January 13 and conclude our five week study on Wednesday, February 10. For our first class on January 13, Dr. Phillips will make available a brief essay which offers an interesting perspective on how one may look at other faiths and belief systems. Our study topics for the weeks following will come from The Thoughtful Christian website and will cover a variety of faiths. Materials will be available for pick-up the week prior to each discussion. If you are unable to pick up a copy at that time, you may call the church office or email Sandra at sandra_wpc@comcast.net and we will email you a copy of the lesson.

Adult Sunday School Classes

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.

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".

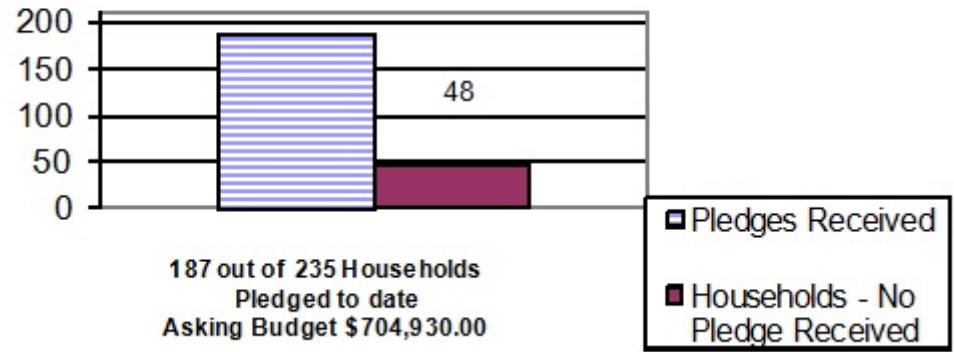
School Violence/Bullying (McKinnon Room)

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.

Pledges Received \$ 614,086.00 for 2010 Operating Budget

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187 out of 235 Households
Pledged to date
Asking Budget \$704,930.00