

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

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

PRELUDE Vater unser im Himmelreich, BWV 737 J. S. Bach
Our Father, Who Art in Heaven

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into God's presence with singing!

People: **For the Lord is a gracious God, whose mercy is everlasting; and whose faithfulness endures to all generations.**

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

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

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

This we pray through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***KYRIE ELEISON** John L. Bell

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

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

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

***RESPONSE** Of the Father's Love Begotten

Divinum mysterium

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

Anne Millett

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 4:1-13

SERMON "The Devil Went Down to Georgia" Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

***HYMN NO. 81** (blue hymnal) Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days *St. Flavian*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) *A Brief Statement of Faith – Presbyterian Church (USA)*

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.

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. 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) Ego sum pauper et dolens Lodovico Viadana

Ego sum pauper et dolens: salus tua, Deus, suscepit me. Laudabo nomen Dei cum cantico: et magnificabo eum in laude.

I am poor and sorrowful; let thy salvation, O God, lift me up! I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify him with thanksgiving.

Psalm 69:29-30

Bettie McDavid Mason, Soprano

(11:00) Jesu dulcis memoria

Tomás Luis de Victoria

Jesu dulcis memoria Dans vera cordis gaudia; Sed super mel et omnia Ejus dulcis praesentia.

Jesus, how sweet the very thought, Giving true joy to the heart, But sweeter than honey and all else Is His presence.

trans. Ron Jeffers

*AT THE PRESENTATION

Hymn No. 414 (blue hymnal) As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought *Forest Green*

With gratitude and humble trust We bring our best to You, Not just to serve Your cause, but share Your love with neighbors too. O God who gave Yourself to us In Jesus Christ Your Son, Help us to give ourselves each day Until life's work is done.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

*HYMN NO. 83 (blue hymnal) (11:00) O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

Puer nobis nascitur

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 586 (blue hymnal) Amen

Danish melody

*POSTLUDE Fantasia in g

Johann Pachelbel

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP here today.

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK are Pam Potocik and Rob McKeehan.

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR FEBRUARY: Georgann Byerley

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS are available from the ushers.

SERVING TODAY

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

GREETERS: Don and Sue Byerly

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Nursery Staff

(11:00) Angela and Scott Partelow, Ethan Partelow and Leah Woehr

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: (11:00) Chancel Choir

SENIOR USHER: Bonny Naugher

USHERS:

(9:00) David Woodall and Rob McKeehan

(11:00) Beth and John Chang, Christie Dowling, Alan Chesney, Paul Jorden

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by the Tortorelli family in loving memory of Peter's parents, Flora and Joseph Tortorelli.

THE ITALIAN COMPOSER LODOVICO VIADANA (1560-1627), also a teacher, choirmaster, and Franciscan friar, wrote mostly sacred music. During the earlier part of his career his works were a *cappella*, in Renaissance style. Later, however, he adopted the new technique of figured bass, or continuo, which marks the beginning of the Baroque era. In music history he is important for being the first composer of significance to employ this technique, which involves an instrumental bass line with notations to indicate what chords to play. This morning's offertory anthem at 9:00, an aria with continuo accompaniment, has music that heightens the drama of the text, moving suddenly from a sorrowful supplication to a dance-like outpouring of praise.

OUR THANKS to Bettie Mason for her enrichment of our worship this morning and for providing a translation of this morning's offertory anthem text and notes on the composer and music.

A MEMORIAL SERVICE for Mrs. Eileen Battenberg will be held at Westminster on Thursday, February 25 at 6:00 p.m. A reception in the Schilling Gallery will follow the service.

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

A LENTEN SERIES will be offered every Wednesday evening from February 24 through March 31. We will share a simple meal of soup and bread at 5:45 p.m. and then gather in the sanctuary for a brief, reflective time focused on scripture, song and prayer.

YOUTH CLUB is collecting donations of dried beans and rice to be re-packaged into one pound bags for the FISH pantry. There is a box near the kitchen where donations will be collected until March 21.

MEN'S THURSDAY MORNING BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP: On Thursday, February 25 at 7:00 a.m. a group of 10 to 12 men will meet in the McKinnon Room for breakfast and a short discussion-oriented lesson. Bud Cunningham will provide the meal and Phil Barnette will lead the lesson. If you want to review the lesson ahead of time, you can email Tim at timcrais@yahoo.com or you can pick up a lesson copy in the church office. Come join us.

A STATED SESSION MEETING will be held Sunday, February 28 at 12:15 p.m. in the McKinnon Room. Dockets for that meeting will be distributed during today's called meeting in the McKinnon Room at 12:15 p.m.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE RELIEF EFFORT in Haiti are being accepted through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA). Checks may be made payable to Westminster with the notation "PDA-DR000064" on the check.

THE OFFICER NOMINATING COMMITTEE wants to receive suggestions from members of the congregation for possible nominees for Elders for the class of 2013, one youth Elder for the class of 2011, and one Trustee for the class of 2013. Please write names and reasons for your suggestions on this sheet and turn it in to the church office **no later than February 28, 2010.**

Nominee for Elder or Trustee (circle one) Reason for Nomination

Lenten Series Adult Sunday School

Next Sunday we will again be studying the book, *Christianity for the Rest of Us: How the Neighborhood Church is Transforming the Faith* by Diana Butler Bass. The class will be led by Terry Crow and she will cover the following chapters:

Chapter 4 – Finding Home

Chapter 5 – Hospitality

Chapter 6 – Discernment

You will find the book to be very thought-provoking and the class to be very stimulating. Terry will have a handout summary of the discussion points, but if you'd like to purchase the book, we have some on hand in the office at a cost of \$15. Come join us next Sunday in the McKinnon Room.