

The Order of Worship

**March 14, 2010
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.**

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

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

PRELUDE

(9:00) O Gott, du frommer Gott

Johannes Brahms

O God, Thou Faithful God

(11:00) The Winter's Willow (A Country Song)

Ralph Vaughan Williams
arr. Ronald C. Dishinger

Westminster Strings

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Rice Bowl Collection

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us worship God with songs of joy, for God is –

People: light...love...steadfast...eternal.

Leader: Let us follow Jesus our teacher, for he is –

People: God's light bearer...God's face among us...God's grace made alive.

Leader: Let us live by the grace of God's Spirit, for the Spirit is –

People: alive...creating...shaping us to be ever more faithful.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 478** (blue hymnal) Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Lauda anima

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Psalm 32

Happy are those whose wrongdoings are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Happy are those to whom the LORD assigns no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. While I kept silence, my body wasted away, for day and night your hand was heavy upon me. Then I acknowledged my sin to you and I did not hide my wrongdoing. I said, "I will confess my sins to the LORD," and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you...

***MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION**

***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

II Corinthians 5:16-21

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00)

Lisa Trofatter

Children age 4 through grade 3 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 15:11-32

SERMON

"Prodigal Grace"

Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

***HYMN NO. 345** (blue hymnal) Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

Rest

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison)

Adapted from Romans, Chapter 5

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, we will be saved by his life.

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 Winter’s Willow (A Country Song)

Ralph Vaughan Williams

(11:00) He That Shall Endure to the End (from *Elijah*)

Felix Mendelssohn

He that shall endure to the end shall be saved.

Matthew 24:13

Chancel Choir
Westminster Strings

***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. 371** (blue hymnal) (11:00) Lift High the Cross

Crucifer

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

Danish melody

***POSTLUDE** Verbum supernum (O Salutaris)

Marcel Dupré

O Heavenly Word (O Redeeming Sacrifice)
(from *Eight Short Preludes on Gregorian Themes*)

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP here today.

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK are Anne Dungan and Don Byerly.

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR MARCH: Janice Rawe

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS are available from the ushers.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES (11:00): Jake Tidwell and Nathan Brott

GREETERS: Wes and Sandra Williams

CHILDREN’S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Nursery Staff

(11:00) Mike and Leslie Rotella, Sam Phillips and Ryan Rotella

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Westminster Strings

(11:00) Chancel Choir and Westminster Strings

SENIOR USHER: Marlene Browning

USHERS:

(9:00) Carol Beilharz and John Styron

(11:00) Bob Murrian, Lalla Phillips, Mark Potocik, Scott and Ashley Porter

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Carol Beilharz, along with her children and grandchildren, in loving memory of Clark on his birthday.

FELIX MENDELSSOHN composed his oratorio *Elijah* in 1846 for the Birmingham Festival (England) and it gained immediate popularity. Its text, taken from the Old Testament, depicts various events in the life of the prophet. Mendelssohn was an important figure in the revival of interest in the works of J. S. Bach, having organized the first performance of the *Saint Matthew Passion* since the composer’s death. The oratorios of Handel were also very familiar to Mendelssohn and he prepared a scholarly edition of several of them for publication in London. *Elijah* is composed in the same vein as these works of Bach and Handel, yet its style exhibits early Romantic lyricism, choral and orchestral color, dynamic shading, and harmonic language.

AUDITIONS for the Westminster Players’ Spring Musical Revue are today at 12:15 p.m and Monday at 6:00 p.m. Please bring the music you’d like to sing in the show and a joke. There will also be sheet music and books of Broadway tunes available if you are unsure what you want to sing. Performance dates are Friday, April 30 and Saturday, May 1 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 2 following the Wise and Wonderful luncheon. If you are unable to attend the auditions but want to participate, please contact Anne Millett.

STEPHEN MINISTERS meet for CE and supervision Monday, March 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the SHOW room.

OUR LENTEN SERIES continues each Wednesday evening through March 31. We 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.

THE JOHN KNOX CENTER'S LADIES GET-AWAY DAY is scheduled for Saturday, March 20 from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Spend the day enjoying nature hikes, a ropes course, crafts and more. Jan Krouskup will speak about spiritual renewal as you relax and enjoy the company of others. Registration is online at www.johnknoxcenter.org.

Rice Bowl Collection Time

If you have filled up your Rice Bowl with coins, this week would be a good time to turn your bowl in to the office. If you are still filling your bowl with loose change, our final collection date will be next Sunday, March 21. At that time our youth will break open the bowls and count the coins. The church will then send a check to the Rice Bowl organization in Spartanburg, South Carolina. Thank you for participating along with our youth in a very worthy cause to help fight world hunger.

Lenten Series Adult Sunday School

Today we will continue our study of 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 Tim Crais, and he will cover these chapters:

Chapter 9 – Testimony

Chapter 10 – Diversity

Chapter 11 – Justice

You will find the book to be very thought-provoking and the class to be very stimulating. Come join us in the McKinnon Room at 10:00 a.m.



THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING will be collected Sunday, April 4. The offering is used to support those whose lives have been impacted by disaster, as well as those made vulnerable by hunger, disease, unemployment and environmental degradation. Our gifts are divided among the Presbyterian Hunger Program, Self-Development of People and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Please see the insert in today's bulletin for more information.

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.