

The Order of Worship

**April 4, 2010
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.**

EASTER SUNDAY

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

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

PRELUDE Pièce d’Orgue, BWV 572 J. S. Bach

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT Today Is Risen Christ the Lord, Alleluia! Melchior Vulpius
Today is risen Christ the Lord, Alleluia! He doth for all men hope afford, Alleluia!

The pangs of death He did endure, Alleluia! And gave to mortal man a cure. Alleluia!

“Go, bring to His disciples word: Alleluia! Today is risen Christ the Lord.” Alleluia!

Now let us in these Easter days, Alleluia! To Triune God bring joyful praise. Alleluia!
trans. Herbert J. A. Bouman

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Come to celebrate good news.

People: We gather for worship in awe and wonder. The tomb is empty; death is not the last word.

Leader: Christ is Risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed!

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 123** (blue hymnal) Jesus Christ Is Risen Today *Easter Hymn*

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Gracious God, we humbly confess our faults. For anger, impatience and quickness to misunderstand—forgive us. For thoughtlessness, indifference, and self-centeredness—forgive us. For unkindness and the lack of kindness—forgive us. For not speaking out against injustice and suffering—forgive us. For all the times we have not followed Jesus in the way of peace and love—forgive, heal, and transform us anew into your servant people. In the name of the risen Christ we pray. Amen.

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

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** Celtic Alleluia (*sing twice*) Fintan O’Carroll

TO EXPERIENCE GOD’S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 65:17-25

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Bob Adamcik

Children age 4 through 2nd 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 24:1-12, Romans 8:35-39

SERMON “The Day After Easter” Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

***HYMN NO. 119** (blue hymnal) The Strife Is O’er *Victory*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) from “A Declaration of Faith”

In the death of Jesus Christ God’s way in the world seemed finally defeated. But death was no match for God. The resurrection of Jesus was God’s victory over death. Death often seems to prove that life is not worth living, that our best efforts and deepest affections go for nothing. We do not yet see the end of death. But Christ has been raised from the dead, transformed and yet the same person. In his resurrection is the promise of ours. We are convinced that the life God wills for each of us is stronger than the death that destroys us. The glory of that life exceeds our imagination but we know we shall be with Christ. So we treat death as a broken power. Its ultimate defeat is certain. In the face of death we grieve. Yet in hope we celebrate life. No life ends so tragically that its meaning and value are destroyed. Nothing, not even death, can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ 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. 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 Most Glorious Lord of Life William H. Harris
Most glorious Lord of life, that on this day Didst make Thy triumph over death and sin,
And having harrowed hell, didst bring away Captivity thence captive, us to win.

This joyous day, dear Lord, with joy begin, And grant that we for whom Thou diddest die,
Being with Thy dear blood clean washed from sin, May live for ever in felicity:

And that Thy love we weighing worthily, May likewise love Thee for the same again; And
for Thy sake, that all like dear didst buy, With love may one another entertain.

So let us love, dear love, like as we ought; Love is the lesson which the Lord us taught.

Edmund Spenser
Old Hundredth
***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology No. 514 (red hymnal)
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. 104** (blue hymnal) (11:00) Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! *Hymn to Joy*
***CHARGE AND BEDICTION**
***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** Hail Thee, Festival Day! *Salve festa dies*
***POSTLUDE** Toccata (from *Symphony No. 5*) Charles-Marie Widor

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP here today.

GREETERS for today are Eric and Amy Theiss.

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK are Stephanie Lynch-Wright and Michael Yates.

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR APRIL: Carlene Robinson

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS are available from the ushers.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES: Joseph Hutzenbiler and Ryan Hammitt

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Nursery Staff

(11:00) Bruce, Irene, Nathan, and Lily Seidner

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Chancel Choir

SENIOR USHER: Sue Caradine

USHERS:

(9:00) Cile and Ed Mathews

(11:00) Dick and Joanne Steinle, Ralph and Joanne White, Alan Chesney

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.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING concludes today. This offering supports Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Self-Development of People, and the Presbyterian Hunger Program.

OUR ANNUAL EASTER BREAKFAST is today at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Breakfast includes egg casseroles, fruit, danish, donut holes, juice and coffee. Please join us!

THIS MORNING'S PRELUDE is unique among Johann Sebastian Bach's organ works and one could interpret it as speaking to the Resurrection. The opening section is gleeful and childlike, a single line that seems to skip along. The breadth and grandeur of the massive middle section is undergirded by frequent stepwise motion in the pedal line, often ascending. In fact, near the end of this section, there is an ascending line of long notes that traverses nearly the entire pedalboard, answered by majestic lines and suspensions in the treble that combine both ascending and descending motion simultaneously! After many measures of suspended motion and "interrupted" cadences, this seems to affirm our hope in the Resurrection and salvation. Bach could perhaps have ended this magnificent piece at this point, but instead moves into a breathtaking conclusion employing the improvisatory *stylus fantasticus* (fantastic style). Here he combines the drama of the pedal line moving in chromatic contrary motion to a treble line of ascending figuration leading eventually to a prolonged pedal point (a sustained single note, in this case repeated many times, around which the harmony moves) and its inherent musical tension, all to be resolved in a single flourish and triumphant final chord.

ORGANIST JOHN GREW will be heard in recital at Westminster Church **this Friday evening, April 9, at 8:00** as part of this season's *Musica Organi* series. Mr. Grew is Professor of Organ and University Organist at McGill University in Montréal and an internationally active concert organist. The recital is cosponsored by the Knoxville Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Admission is free and the congregation is cordially invited to attend. A nursery will be provided. Do come join us that evening!

THE EASTER EGG HUNT will begin at 10:20 a.m. today for ages 1-5 and at 10:40 a.m. for Kindergarten through fifth grade. Bags will be provided for the children to gather their eggs. We will meet in the Schilling Gallery and we will begin promptly at the designated times.

THE COMPANIONS IN CHRIST STUDY GROUP will begin a new study on Wednesday night. "The Way of Transforming Discipleship" will be studied. This should prove to be an exciting study with an interesting twist at the end. We will begin on Wednesday April 7 at 6:30 p.m. Books will be available at the first meeting and will cost \$12.00. If you've been out for a while, we will be glad to welcome you back. If you would like to join us for the first time, we would be glad to have you. See you Wednesday!

THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP will meet this Thursday at 7:00 a.m. This men's bible study meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of every month. Welcome!

FISH delivery is Thursday, April 8. If you are able to help make deliveries, please contact Barbara Wilkinson. The number of families that receive food depends on the number of volunteers we have. You are needed!

A NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: "If you want to walk on water, you have to get out of the boat." What does that mean? " It means facing your fears and choosing not to let fear have the last word." " It means discovering and embracing the unique calling of God on your life." " It means experiencing the power of God in your life to do something you would not be able of doing on your own." We will begin this study on Sunday April 11; Laura Barron and Gail Clark will be facilitating the class. Books are available for \$8. The class will be held in the McKinnon Room.

THE BIBLE BASICS CLASS will begin a study on Psalm 15. Due to the library renovation project, this class will use the Fellowship Hall until the Reafsnnyder Memorial Library comes to life! ♥

CAMPING ANYONE? Weather permitting, we will be heading to Cosby Campground the weekend of April 9-11 for camping, hiking, and to fellowship with one another. If you would like to join us, please give the church office a call to let them know. Hopefully some of the early wildflowers will be making their entrance into the world by then.

NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP GATHERINGS are all set to take place within the next seven weeks. Please check the bulletin board in the Schilling Gallery for the date that your group will meet to hear exciting news from the Vision Task Force. We hope that you will be a part of the shaping of a new vision for Westminster Presbyterian Church!

EASTER FLOWER DEDICATIONS

The Flower Guild would like to thank everyone who supported the guild this Easter season. Contributors to the Easter flowers may take some flowers out of the baskets at the end of the 11:00 a.m. worship service so that they can be planted in your gardens at home! (Please leave the baskets in place)

Given by:

Barbara, Bob, Eric, and Emma Adamcik In memory of Billie Ingraham

Ken and Ellen Anderson In memory of Lucy Anderson
In honor of the Bible Study Class here at Westminster

Jack and Laura Barron In honor of Harrietta Rowe
In memory of Lester Rowe, John and Viola Barron

Jack Woodall and Sharon Boyce In memory of Lee Boyce, Jack and Erwin Boyce
In memory of Eloise Woodall

Marlene Browning In memory of Larry Browning

Barbara Cline In gratitude for family

Bob and Lana Daverman In memory of our parents; Herb and Marian Daverman
and Marvin and Lyda Tinholt

The Dean Family In loving memory of Scott and Carter Dean

Melinda Dickson In honor of Maggie and Rachel Dickson

Christie Dowling In memory of her father; John C. Struckmeyer

John and Betty Hanes In memory of our parents

John Hankins and Joan Beeler In memory of our mother; Evelyn Hankins White

Sky and Kathy Huck In memory of Phyllis and Albert Clark

John and Anne Langley In honor of Sarah, Patrick, and Bryson, Mercer and Emily

Given by:

June Martin In memory of her father

Rookie and Jane Norton In memory of our parents; Elmer and Edith Norton
Julius and Frances Hegedus

Bob and Ada Pfohl In memory of Elizabeth and LeClair Greenblatt
Dorothy and Ken Pfohl, Betty and Bob Campbell

Rick and Janice Rawe In honor of our parents; Geneva and the late Tug Rawe
Delma and the late Hugh Garrison

Joyce and Tim Ryan, Matt, Tiffany, and Chandler Ryan
Lauren R. And Brandon Bice Honor of our mother, grandmother, and
great-grandmother, Helen Ryan

Doris Solomon In memory of Bill Chappell and in honor of his family

Janelle Stueck In honor of Vivian Gammon

Larry and Kathleen Tragesser In memory of Mr. and Mrs. George Dukas
Mr. and Mrs. Gene Tragesser

Renee Wiesehuegel In loving memory of her momma, Shirley Jean Rechenbach

John and Shirley Wittman In memory of our parents; Cliff and Mildred Hanks
John and Lucile Wittman

The Woehr Family In memory of Capt. Robert Wilson, Michelle's brother

Jim and Linda Yates In honor of our grandchildren; Max, Ellie, Owen, Ian, Sarah, Grace,
Jonah, Luke, Patrick, and Ryan

