

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

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

PRELUDE Vater unser im Himmelreich (III) Heinrich Scheidemann
Our Father, Who Art in Heaven

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT (11:00) My Heart Is Full Today Richard Proulx
My heart is full today. I am so grateful for all that God has done for me. I cannot see him, but I can see the works of God's hands. Here is a merciful and loving God. How tenderly God deals with those whose hearts are open to him. Here is a righteous and faithful God, whose promises and precepts are forever. Here is a majestic and powerful God. God created me and sustains me day by day. Here is a forgiving God, who takes me back to his loving heart when I go astray. Here is a forgiving God, who is in this world today. And those who recognize and accept God's presence are building on foundations that are eternally secure. How grateful I am to my God today!

Leslie Brandt, based on Psalm 111
Boys' and Girls' Choirs
Barbara Cline, Lisa Ellis, and Jan Gross, Altos
Robert Adamcik, Tambourine
Joanne Bendy, Handclaps
Katherine Harmon and Robert Ingram, Handbells
Cindy Serbin, Triangle

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 23 (King James Version) Kristi Gordon
Leader: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.
People: He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.
Leader: Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
People: Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Leader: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
People: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

***HYMN NO. 459** (blue hymnal) Father, We Praise Thee *Christe sanctorum*

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We confess that we panic easily, make decisions based on whims, and often listen to the wrong voices. We forget that you promise to supply our needs rather than satisfy our wants. We confess that we have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. Forgive us, gracious God, and in the name of Christ our Savior, restore our souls. 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 Revelation 7:9-17

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Buz Johnson
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 John 10:22-30

SERMON "The Voice of the Shepherd" Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

***HYMN NO. 172** (blue hymnal) My Shepherd Will Supply My Need *Resignation*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) Creed of the United Church of Canada (Reformed)

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

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) My Heart Is Full Today Richard Proulx
(The text is found at the Introit.)

(11:00) Arise, My Love, My Fair One Gerald Near
Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away. For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone, the time of the singing of birds is come. Alleluia.

based on Song of Solomon 2:10-12

***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**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 387** (blue hymnal) (11:00) Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us *Bradbury*

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

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Hymn No. 535 (blue hymnal) Go with Us, Lord *Tallis' Canon*
(Sung in canon, with the pulpit side of the congregation beginning)

***POSTLUDE** Praeambulum in C, WV 30 Heinrich Scheidemann

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP here today.

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK are Bonny Naugher and Rob McKeehan.

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR APRIL: Carlene Robinson

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES (11:00): Helen Bonnyman and Caroline Rogers

GREETERS (11:00): Amy and Eric Theiss

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Nursery Staff

(11:00) Janet and Peter Tortorelli, Julia Tortorelli

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Boys' and Girls' Choirs and members of the Chancel Choir

(11:00) Boys', Chancel, and Girls' Choirs

SENIOR USHER: Tom Byerley

USHERS:

(9:00) Genet Weber and John Styron

(11:00) Rex Battenberg, Tom Byerley, Don Byerly, John and Beth Chang

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Norman McRae and Linda Judge-McRae in honor of their daughter, Caroline Winson Park McRae, who blessed her parents by arriving from South Korea to be a part of their family on April 24, 2002.

OUR THANKS to Bob Adamcik, Joanne Bendy, Barbara Cline, Lisa Ellis, Jan Gross, Katherine Harmon, Robert Ingram, and Cindy Serbin for accompanying and assisting the Boys' and Girls' Choirs this morning.

HEINRICH SCHEIDEMANN, a student of the great Dutch organist and composer Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck, served as organist at St. Catherine's in Hamburg, beginning his tenure in 1625 as he succeeded his father. Following the younger Scheidemann the post would be held by J. A. Reinken (J. S. Bach made several visits to Hamburg as a teenager to hear Reinken play and improvise.). This morning's prelude reminds us of Sweelinck's influence on Scheidemann, as we hear rhythmically shifted sequential and "echo" passages so typical of the former's work (you may recall last Sunday's Sweelinck echo fantasia).

FIVE DATES REMAIN AVAILABLE for flower dedications for 2010. Those dates are: May 30; August 8, 15, and 22; and October 24.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING has been called by Session today following the 11:00 worship service for the purpose of hearing a report from the Nominating Committee and electing elders for the class of 2013, a youth elder for the class of 2011, and one trustee for the class of 2013. The slate of nominees is:

Elder, Class of 2013: Ruthie Carey, Kristi Gordon, Buz Johnson, Tim Ryan and John Salsbery

Youth Elder, Class of 2011: Anna Rennich

Trustee, Class of 2013: Roy Hawk

A STATED SESSION MEETING will take place today at 12:15 p.m. in the McKinnon Room. Dockets were emailed to session Elders on April 15.

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

THE COMPANIONS IN CHRIST STUDY GROUP has begun a new study entitled *The Way of Transforming Discipleship*. This is an exciting study, with an interesting twist at the end. Please join us on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. Books cost \$12 and are available at the meeting.

WESTMINSTER PLAYERS' SPRING MUSICAL REVUE: Feed both your mouths and your ears the weekend of April 30 - May 2. For the Friday and Saturday performances, our youth will help transform the evening into a Broadway dinner theatre experience as a fundraiser for Montreat. After an optional Italian dinner, you will be treated to a smorgasbord of songs, with a variety of tasty musical morsels by over a dozen composers, from Berlin to Bernstein. A matinee is available on Sunday, May 2 at 1:30 p.m.

THE ERIN YOUTH PLAYERS from Erin Presbyterian Church will present *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* here at Westminster June 17-20, 2010. They will be using our facilities while construction is taking place at their church. Youth of Westminster are invited to audition for the show. Auditions are open to rising Middle Schoolers, as well as current Middle and High School youth and will take place on Saturday, May 1 from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and Sunday, May 2 beginning at 3:30 p.m. Please call Tammy Murphy at 548-8292 to sign up for an audition.

COMMUNITY CHEST is in need of small household items and clothing. A collection will take place Saturday, May 1 from 10:00-11:30 a.m. at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 800 Northshore Drive. The goal of Community Chest is to sell needed items to those in distressed situations at the lowest prices possible.

NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP GATHERINGS are taking place for the purpose of discussing the Vision Task Force recommendations. Upcoming group meetings are listed below. We hope that you will be a part of the shaping of a new vision for Westminster Presbyterian Church!

| Date | Time | Neighborhood Group |
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| April 25 | 3:00 p.m. | Farragut |
| April 25 | 6:00 p.m. | Cedar Bluff |
| May 2 | 5:00 p.m. | Peninsula |
| May 2 | 6:00 p.m. | Sequoyah and Westmoreland |
| May 4 | 7:00 p.m. | Westminster |
| May 7 | 6:30 p.m. | Bluegrass |
| May 16 | 12:30 p.m. | Kingston Woods |

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

"If You Want to Walk on Water, You Have to Get Out of the Boat" McKinnon Room

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." Laura Barron and Gail Clark will be facilitating the class. Books are available for \$19.

Bible Study Class Fellowship Hall

Psalm 23 is almost everyone's favorite Psalm. But how does God actually shepherd us today? Join us in the Bible Study class today for a new look at an old favorite. Ellen Anderson will lead and we are meeting in the Fellowship Hall.

Share Your Faith Journey Library

Members are "invited to reflect on their experience of God's presence in their life and God's absence, the people and events who have shaped or inspired their faith most, and the faith convictions they affirm, and those with which they struggle." Join us in the library during the Sunday school hour to share your faith journey.

May 9-23

Nuclear Tipping Point Library

This class will take "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God." (Matthew 5:9) as a starting point and look into the big picture of nuclear weapons and their relationship to peace and security. The format will include a combination of short video segments, Bible references and discussion. We feel that this topic is very timely in that President Obama recently signed a nuclear reduction treaty and our senators will be debating this treaty in the Fall.



SAVE THE DATE FOR THE ALL-CHURCH PICNIC

Sunday, May 9
Mother's Day
Senior and Confirmand Sunday

*Sign up now for the meal catered by Take Out Thyme.
 Cost is \$8 per person, with no charge for honorees or mentors.*

Vacation Bible School
Sunday, June 27 – Thursday, July 1

This year, Erin Presbyterian Church will join us for a combined daytime Vacation Bible School. Their church has a new addition under construction, and we will enjoy sharing our time and facilities with them.

Attendance and volunteer sign-ups are in the Schilling Gallery. We will need help with snacks, crafts, shepherding, games, decorating and co-leading classes. If you are interested in helping in any way, please fill out the form below and return it to the offering plate or to the church office. You may also sign up by contacting Angela at angela_wpc@comcast.net or at 556-8034.

Our schedule:

Sunday, June 27 – 2:00-5:00 p.m., followed by a cookout for the entire family

Monday, June 28 – Thursday, July 1 – 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Attendance Sign-up:

A nursery is available for infants and toddlers of volunteers. Preschoolers aged 2-3 (potty trained), 4 and 5, as well as students currently in kindergarten through 5th grade are welcome to sign-up.

We also need middle and high school students to lead the games.

Name:_____ Age or Current School Grade:_____

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Volunteer Sign-up:

Name(s):_____

Please circle your volunteer interest:

crafts snacks shepherd decorations class co-leader

COMMUNITY SERVICE SURVEY

The Community Service Team is refocusing our mission for the future. Please complete this brief survey and return to a basket in narthex or church office (The survey may also be completed online at wpcknox.org/survey.) Below you will find a summary of our 2010 financial and volunteer commitments.

What are your personal callings for community service?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> feeding the hungry | <input type="checkbox"/> children and families at risk |
| <input type="checkbox"/> medical care for the working poor | <input type="checkbox"/> assistance to the homeless |
| <input type="checkbox"/> community outreach (evangelism) | <input type="checkbox"/> church sponsored projects |

Where are you currently involved in community service? Would you be willing to talk with interested individuals about volunteer opportunities in your specific agency/program ?

_____ (agency or program) _____ (your name)

The Community Service Committee thanks you for your thoughtful response.

We seek to follow Christ in an open and inclusive community of faith where God's transforming love for all creation is celebrated through *worship, discipleship* and *service*. (WPC Statement of purpose)

2010 Budgeted COMMUNITY GIVING TOTALS AND PERCENTAGES

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| Feeding the Hungry (Mobile Meals, FISH*) | \$8,075 | 27.5% |
| Teens at Risk (Florence Crittenton, Safe Haven) | \$2,400 | 8% |
| Medical Care for the Working Poor (Interfaith Clinic) | \$5,000 | 17% |
| Assistance to the Homeless (Volunteer Ministry Center*, Volunteer Ministry Refuge*, Habitat for Humanity*) | \$12,750 | 43.5% |
| Community Outreach (UT Presbyterian Fellowship House*, Race Relations, Coalition Ministries) | \$1,325 | 4% |
| TOTAL | \$29,450 | 100% |

*Agencies/programs in which volunteer hours are also given

Meatballs for Montreat

FRIDAY, APRIL 30

SATURDAY, MAY 1

6:30 p.m.

- **Senior High Fundraiser**
- Meatballs, spaghetti, salad and dessert (before the WPC Musical Revue)
- Children under 3 eat free
- \$5 for children 3-12 yrs
- \$10 for adults 13+
- \$25 max for a family
- Dessert Donations Requested
- Tickets on sale after worship in the Schilling Gallery

