

PENTECOST SUNDAY

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

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

PRELUDE Nun bitten wir den Heiligen Geist (II) Dieterich Buxtehude
We Now Petition the Holy Ghost

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT The Day of Pentecost Hal H. Hopson
Come, O Creator Spirit come, and make within our hearts your home; to us your grace
celestial give, who of your breathing move and live. Hallelujah! Amen.

trans. Robert Bridges

Anne Millett, Narrator
Bettie Mason and Bill Rogers, Readers
John Hankins, Peter

Becky Connelly, Pam Potocik, Debbie Schmid, and Renee Wiesehuegel, Handbells
Barbara Cline, Organ

PRAYER OF PRAISE

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

*HYMN NO. 313 (blue hymnal) Come Down, O Love Divine *Down Ampney*

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Merciful God, whose care never ceases, we come to you as we are. We are tired from trying to do more than we can manage. We are anxious about problems which go unresolved. We are worried about events beyond our control. We do not easily let go and trust the guidance of your Spirit. For mistakes we cannot redeem, for sins we cannot undo, forgive us. Lead us to a place of wholeness and fullness of life, that we might be witnesses to your life-giving Spirit, and that we might ever become the people of Christ to which you call us. 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.**

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 2:1-18
A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Cameron Sears

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 14:8-17,25-27

SERMON "Don't Stare at the Sun" Rev. John Linton Muntz

"The one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works..." – John 14:12

*HYMN NO. 127 (blue hymnal) Come, O Spirit *Boundless Mercy*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)
from *A Brief Statement of Faith*, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

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 the one body of Christ, the church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

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 Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling Herbert Howells

Holy Spirit, ever dwelling In the holiest realms of light; Holy Spirit, ever brooding O'er a world of gloom and night; Holy Spirit, ever raising Sons of earth to thrones on high; Living, life-imparting Spirit, Thee we praise and magnify.

Holy Spirit, ever living As the Church's very life; Holy Spirit, ever striving Through her in a ceaseless strife; Holy Spirit, ever forming In the Church the mind of Christ; Thee we praise with endless worship For thy fruit and gifts unpriced.

Holy Spirit, ever working Through the Church's ministry; Quick'ning, strength'ning, and absolving, Setting captive sinners free; Holy Spirit, ever binding Age to age, and soul to soul, In a fellowship unending— Thee we worship and extol.

Timothy Rees
Old Hundredth

***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology No. 514 (red hymnal)

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 315** (blue hymnal) Every Time I Feel the Spirit African-American spiritual

***CHARGE AND BEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Hymn No. 322 (blue hymnal) Spirit of the Living God *Living God*

***POSTLUDE** Chorale Maurice Duruflé

(from *Prelude, Adagio, and Chorale Variations on the Theme of "Veni Creator," Op. 4*)

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP here today.

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK are Cindy Serbin and Jeff Bendy.

CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR MAY: Georgann Byerley

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS are available from the ushers.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES: Joseph Hutzenbiler and Ryan Hammitt

GREETERS: Joe Ben and Robin Turner

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: Bob and Shannon Winkel, Ryan and Russell Winkel

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Chancel Choir

SENIOR USHER: Tom Byerley

USHERS: Bob Murrian, Scott and Ashley Porter, Mark Potocik, Laura Dupper

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given by Tim and Anne Crais in honor of Andrew, Aubrie, Whit, Christy and Matthew.

OUR THANKS to Barbara Cline, Becky Connelly, John Hankins, Bettie Mason, Anne Millett, Pam Potocik, Bill Rogers, Debbie Schmid, and Renee Wiesehuegel for their enrichment of our worship this morning as they accompany the Chancel Choir.

A STATED SESSION MEETING will take place today at 12:15 p.m. in the McKinnon Room.

THE PENTECOST OFFERING is collected today. This offering is used to support children at risk and to nurture the faith of youth and young adults. Forty percent of your gifts will be given by Westminster to benefit local youth, with the remaining going to support General Assembly youth programs.

OUR SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE begins next week. We will have one worship service at 10:00 a.m., followed by fellowship time and lemonade in the Schilling Gallery.



LEMONADE IN THE SCHILLING GALLERY: Sign-ups have begun for volunteers to serve lemonade after the summer worship services beginning next Sunday, May 30. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Schilling Gallery.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

Laura Barron and Gail Clark are facilitating this class as we look at facing our fears and embracing God's calling on our lives.

Bible Study Class..... Library

THIS MORNING'S INTROIT is, in the composer's words, a "dramatic reading" and it sets the Pentecost narrative with handbells rung randomly (perhaps evoking the visitation of tongues of fire) and a pair of sustained, low organ pitches creating vibrations more felt than heard. The choir sings the ancient chant "Veni Creator," lending another layer of mysticism and celebration. It is this same chant on which this morning's postlude is based. The offertory today is twentieth-century English composer Herbert Howells' setting of his own hymn tune "Salisbury." Its lyrical lines glide on his expressive harmonies. Our thanks to Bettie Mason for finding this piece and bringing it to Peter Van Eenam's attention.

PETER VAN EENAM is away the next two Sundays as he will be on vacation/study leave in London, Paris, Belgium, and the Netherlands with his younger daughter, Kathryn, who is finishing her exams at University College London. Aside from the fun of just hanging out together they will eventually get to the village of Noordbroek (in northeastern Holland) and visit Peter Westerbrink, organist of the church and a former recitalist on Westminster's *Musica Organi* series. While in Noordbroek Peter will have the opportunity to play the magnificent organ by the North German master Arp Schnitger, built in 1696 and to a very large extent in original condition. Peter and Kathryn will then bike to five other nearby villages with similar instruments (all built between 1531 and 1795), including Appingedam, Godlinze, Krewerd, Zeerijp, and Zuidbroek (the builders include Albertus Anthoni Hinsz, Arp's sons' successor at the shop; Hinsz' successors Franz Caspar Schnitger, Jr. and Heinrich Hermann Freytag; and Theodorus Faber). These are the very types of organs that inspired the work of Ralph Richards and Bruce Fowkes as they designed and built Westminster's instrument. Our thanks to Eileen Rudd for serving as organist while Peter is away.

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

MEN'S THURSDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP: On Thursday, May 27 at 7:00 a.m. a group of men will meet in the McKinnon Room for breakfast and a short discussion-oriented lesson. Larry DeLonge will provide the meal and Tim Crais will lead the lesson. If you want to review the lesson ahead of time, contact Renee at renee_wpc@comcast.net and she will email it to you. You can also pick up a hard copy in the church office. This will be our last meeting until next September so come join us and bring a friend or family member. All are welcome.

TO ALL OUR GARDENERS AND FOLKS WHO ENJOY FRESH PRODUCE: A reminder that beginning Sunday, June 6 the **Share the Bounty** gardening table will be set up in the Schilling Gallery before and after church. You may bring by your overflow of flowers, herbs and/or produce and others may take whatever they can use. A donation may be made to benefit local food ministries.

BAGGING FOR THE FISH PANTRY takes place next Sunday, May 30 at 4:00 p.m. Your help is needed for about an hour and a half. A sign-up sheet and directions to the FISH pantry are posted on the bulletin board in the Schilling Gallery. If you are unable to participate next Sunday, there are three other bagging dates to choose from: Monday, June 7 at 6:00 p.m.; Sunday, June 13 at 4:00 p.m.; and Sunday, June 20 at 4:00 p.m. In addition, a large delivery of food is expected at the pantry on Thursday, May 27, and volunteers are asked to sign up to help shelve the food at 9:00 a.m. on that day.

A FLOOD RELIEF FUND has been established by the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee. If you wish to donate, please send your check directly to Presbytery of Middle Tennessee, 318 Seaboard Lane, Suite 205, Franklin, Tennessee, 37067, with "Flood Relief" in the memo of your check.

CAMP JOHN KNOX summer sessions are filling up! There will be overnight sessions for second through twelfth grades and day camps for ages 4 through 10. You are invited to come to the Open House on May 29 to meet the staff and enjoy camp activities. More information may be found online at www.johnknoxcenter.org.

FOYER GROUP SHUFFLE: New foyer groups will begin forming in June. These groups of adults try to meet for dinner once during the summer and continue until the end of the year. This is the only time to join a group during 2010. Please see the *Abbey* for details, and contact Sue Murrian to join a group or to drop out for a rotation. This is a fine way to meet friends and members of Westminster.



Coffee, Anyone?

Don't miss your opportunity to purchase Fair Trade Organic Coffee, both regular and decaf, to support our senior high youth in raising funds for their trip to Montreat. The cost is \$10 per bag. **Thank you for your support!**



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

This year, Erin Presbyterian Church will join us for a combined daytime Vacation Bible School. If you are interested in helping, please fill out the form below and return it to the offering plate or to the church office. You may also sign up with Angela at angela_wpc@comcast.net.

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:

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