



*“Where Faith and Life Connect”*

**The Order of Worship**

**February 12, 2017**  
**9:00 and 11:00 A.M.**

**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**THE CHURCH GATHERS . . .**

*We pray that someday an arrow will be broken,  
 not in something or someone,  
 but by each of humankind,  
 to indicate peace, not violence.  
 Someday, oneness with creation,  
 rather than domination over creation,  
 will be the goal to be respected.  
 Someday fearlessness to love and make a difference  
 will be experienced by all people.  
 Then the eagle will carry our prayer for peace and love,  
 and the people of the red, white, yellow, brown,  
 and black communities  
 can sit in the same circle together to communicate in love  
 and experience the presence of the Great Mystery in their midst.  
 Someday can be today for you and me. Amen.*

*A prayer of the Chippewa*

**PRELUDE**

(9:00) Trio de Flûtes (from *Suite on the Second Tone*) Jean Adam Guilain  
 (11:00) My Shepherd Will Supply My Need *Resignation*  
 arr. Valerie W. Stephenson

My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his name; In pastures fresh he makes me feed, Beside the living stream. He brings my wand’ring spirit back, When I forsake his ways, And leads me, for his mercy’s sake, In paths of truth and grace.

Oh, may thy house be mine abode, And all my work be praise.  
 from Psalm 23  
 paraphrased by Isaac Watts

Meredith Mackay, Soprano and Triangle  
 Renee Wiesehuegel, Soprano Recorder  
 Handbell Choir

**OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 118

Leader: O give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; the steadfast love of the LORD endures forever.

**People: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Leader: This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

**People: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.**

**TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...**

\***HYMN NO. 489** (blue hymnal) Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty *Unser Herrscher*

\***CALL TO CONFESSION**

\***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

**Gracious God, we humbly confess that too often we fall short of your intentions for us, and of our expectations of ourselves. We would touch the world with goodness, but often we withdraw in anxiety and self-concern. Many times we misuse your gifts and hoard what you would have us share. Often our loyalties and allegiances are misplaced. We need your forgiving presence if we are to be what we could be, and what we want to be. Renew us, strengthen us, that we might find wholeness with you and one another. 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** Gloria Patri No. 576 (blue hymnal) Jacques Berthier

**TO EXPERIENCE GOD’S WORD AND RESPOND ...**

**SCRIPTURE READING** Deuteronomy 30:15-20

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN** (11:00) Deborah Phillips

*Children age 4 through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Children’s Worship.*

**SCRIPTURE READING** Selections from Matthew, Chapter 5

**SERMON** “Choose life, so that you may live” Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

\***HYMN NO. 392** (blue hymnal) Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord *Hall*

\***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) The Beatitudes

**Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

**Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.**

**Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.**

**Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.**

**Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.**

**Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.**

**Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.**

**Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

**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.*

*Though 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 Shepherd Will Supply My Need *Resignation*

(11:00) The Eastern Star So Bright and Clear Joachim à Burgk

The eastern star so bright and clear, Proclaimed Messiah’s day was near!

Far as the stars their rays bestow, This message o’er the earth shall go: That

God of Mary gave us His only Son to save us!

Author unknown

\***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. 386** (blue hymnal) (11:00) O for a World *Azmon*

\***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

\***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** (9:00)

Hymn No. 586 (blue hymnal) Amen Danish melody

\***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** (11:00) God Be in My Head John Rutter

God be in my head and in my understanding. God be in mine eyes and in

my looking. God be in my mouth and in my speaking. God be in mine

heart and in my thinking. God be at my end and in my departing.

from the *Sarum Primer*

\***POSTLUDE** Canzona Domenico Zipoli

\*Indicates standing.

**NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY**

**PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK:** Leigh Dunlap and Dan Collins  
**CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR FEBRUARY 1-15:** Cindy Spangler

**LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND HEARING DEVICES** are available from the ushers.

**PLEASE** place your bulletin into a blue recycling bin located at the Narthex door if you do not care to take it home.

**SERVING TODAY**

**ACOLYTE** (11:00): Chloe Smith

**GREETERS** (11:00): Wes and Sandra Williams

**CHILDREN’S WORSHIP:**

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

(11:00) Angela Grobe, Kara and Macy Porter

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:**

(9:00) Handbell Choir

(11:00) Chancel and Handbell Choirs

**SENIOR USHER:** Christie Dowling

**USHERS:**

(9:00) Connie and Donnie Graham

(11:00) David and Shawn Owens, Mark Potocik, Gordon and Robin Greeson

Children are always welcome in our worship services! A nursery for newborns up to 5 years of age is provided in the Children’s education wing by trained, caring staff each week as a part of our ministry to children and their families. Please ask a greeter or usher for assistance.

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given by Donnie and Connie Graham in honor of Donnie, Shawn, Meredith and Ellie’s February birthdays.

**THIS MORNING’S MUSIC FOR HANDBELLS** is a most creative arrangement of the well-known hymn taken from William Walker’s *Southern Harmony*. What is unique and lovely is that solo voice and recorder join the bells! The first verse of the hymn is sung without accompaniment, followed by the opening phrase played on recorder and suspended, malleted bells. Other bell techniques, including thumb damping, grace notes, and singing bell, are found in the score, providing interesting variety and textures in the accompaniment of the melody. Handchimes and triangle lend additional color to this expansive setting.

**THE CAST PARTY** for “The Best Christmas Pageant Ever” is today at noon in the McKinnon Room. Lunch will be provided. There will be awards for all who participated, and we’ll see our fantastic video!

**DONATIONS NEEDED FOR KIDS’ CLUB:** We need your help with donations of dry rice and beans. We will repackage these for the FISH Hospitality Pantry to give to families in Knoxville and surrounding areas. There will be a green box marked “Rice and Beans” just to the right of the kitchen door. We are collecting through Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. Thank you so much for your help.

**SHOW:** We have tickets for today’s 3:00 p.m. performance of “The Barbarosa” presented by Go! Contemporary Dance Works at the Bijou. Our own Ruth Ann Bendy is performing in the show. Contact Barbara if you want to join us!

**WAMS:** We’ll meet at the cast party for “The Best Christmas Pageant Ever” today after the 11:00 worship service.

**THE ABBEY DEADLINE** is today. Please send your announcements and articles to unitedprinters@comcast.net.

**BLT: BIBLE, LUNCH, THEOLOGY:** Join us Tuesday at noon for our discussion of II Corinthians, chapters 10 and 11. Feel free to read the material and come join us at any time.

**MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT** is Tuesday, February 14 at 7:00 p.m. The Christian Formation team will provide our refreshments.

**WEDNESDAYS WITH WESTMINSTER:** Dinner is at 5:45 p.m, followed by our program at 6:30. Terry Crow will share what she has discovered about the topic of trust, based on her research, work with organizations, and life experiences. Terry will reveal “the truth about trust,” and she will share specific ways to boost the positive power of trust that people can use as they seek to connect faith and life. Childcare is available, and all are welcome!

**LADIES’ LUNCH BUNCH** will meet at Bravo! (106 Major Reynolds) on Thursday, February 16 at 11:30 a.m. Please RSVP by February 13 to Anne Crais.

**Adult Sunday School**

<b>Bible Study</b>	Library
This group takes a deep look at Scripture, mixed with lots of laughter.	
<b>The Wired Word</b>	Prayer Room
Using stories pulled from the headlines, the class explores how we take our faith into the world.	
<b>Topics</b>	McKinnon Room
<i>Change the World: Recovering the Message and Mission of Christ</i> by Mike Slaughter	
<b>Faith and Life</b>	Fellowship Hall
Spirituality and Mental Health	
<b>Coffee House</b>	Schilling Gallery

**THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE** has a deadline of February 28<sup>th</sup> for receiving nominees for five Elders for the class of 2020, one Youth Elder for the class of 2018, and one Trustee for the class of 2020. If you would like to nominate someone, please fill out the following and drop it in the offering plate or submit it to the church office. You may also send nominations to the committee: William Milam (Chair), Leigh Dunlap (Vice-chair), Paula Hogan, John Johnson or Shirley Wittman.

I would like to nominate \_\_\_\_\_  
for Elder/Youth Elder/Trustee, because \_\_\_\_\_  
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Debbie Bendy, *Abbey* Editor

**THE DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES** at the University of Tennessee presents the David L. Dungan Memorial Lecture Series, Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. in Cox Auditorium. Further information can be found at religiousstudies.utk.edu.

**PROGRESSIVE DINNER:** Sign-ups are underway for our March 24<sup>th</sup> Progressive Dinner. Please sign up in the Schilling Gallery. Our meal will be catered by Naples Italian Restaurant.

**THE SESSION**

**Class of 2017**

Phil Barnette

Bitsy Ingram

William Milam

Bryan Powell

Brenda Seip

Youth Elder: Tolson Bell

Clerk of Session: Georgann Byerley

**Class of 2018**

Leigh Dunlap

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Wes Williams

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**Class of 2019**

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