



“Where Faith and Life Connect”

The Order of Worship

April 23, 2017
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

We have heard so much tragic news that when the news is good we cannot hear it. But the proclamation of Easter Day is that all is well. And as a Christian, I say this not with the easy optimism of one who has never known a time when all was not well but as one who has faced the Cross in all its obscenity as well as in all its glory, who has known one way or another what it is like to live separated from God. In the end, his will, not ours is done. Love is the victor. Death is not the end. The end is life. His life and our lives through him, in him. Existence has greater depths of beauty, mystery, and benediction than the wildest visionary has ever dared to dream. Christ our Lord has risen.

– Frederick Buechner in *The Magnificent Defeat*

PRELUDE Canzonet: Joy Doth So Arise

Thomas Morley
 trans. Joel Newman

Recorder Ensemble

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 16*

Leader: The Lord is my chosen and my cup; the boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places.

People: We have a goodly heritage.

Leader: I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

People: Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices.

Leader: You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fulness of joy;

People: In your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 106** (blue hymnal) Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks *Alleluia No. 1*

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

O God, we come before you bearing the brokenness of the human church, asking that you make us whole by the power of your Spirit.

O God, we come before you bearing the violence of our time, asking that you would lead us in the way of peace.

O God, we come before you bearing the poverty of our world, asking that you would bind us to those who suffer.

O God, we come before you bearing the wounds of creation, asking the you would teach us to be stewards of the earth.

O God, we come before you bearing the pain that we have caused, asking that you would free us to love more fully.

***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 ...

NEW TESTAMENT I Peter 1:3-9

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Carolyn Greenwood

Children age 4 through 2nd grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Children’s Worship.

PSALTER Psalm 2

SERMON “The Laughter of God” Rev. John Linton Muntz
“He who sits in the heavens laughs.” – Psalm 2:4

***HYMN NO. 115** (blue hymnal) Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain *St. Kevin*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) *from the Belhar Confession*

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells. We believe that God’s life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God’s life-giving Word will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.

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 I Am the Resurrection Thomas Morley

I am the Resurrection and the Life, saith the Lord. He that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live, and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die.

John 11:25-26

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

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (11:00)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

***POSTLUDE** Canzonet

Danish melody
 Thomas Morley

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Debbie Babelay and Dan Collins
CARE TEAM COORDINATOR FOR APRIL 16-30: 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

ACOLYTES (11:00): Alice Gawne and Rhys Whipple

GREETERS (11:00): Gary and Sandra Rowcliffe

CHILDREN’S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

(11:00) Rob McKeegan, Sophia Manrod and Meghan Oros

MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

(9:00) Members of the Chancel Choir and Recorder Ensemble

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SENIOR USHER: Larry Ridley

USHERS:

(9:00) Bob and Lucinda Albiston

(11:00) David and Shawn Owens, Lalla Phillips, Ashley and Scott Porter

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 in memory of Billie Ingraham, Barbara Adamcik’s mother.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING has been called by Session today at the conclusion of the 11:00 a.m. worship service for the purpose of hearing a report from the Nominating Committee and electing Scott Brunger, James Everett, Andrew Gordon, Shawn Owens, Susan McKeehan as Elders, Class of 2020; Clara Oakes as Youth Elder, Class of 2018; and Reed Ellis as Trustee, Class of 2020.

OUR THANKS to Meredith Mackay, Lisa Ellis, John Johnson, and John Hankins for their enrichment of our worship this morning at the 9:00 service.

MUSIC OF THOMAS MORLEY is heard this morning. A pupil of William Byrd, he served as organist at St. Paul’s Cathedral, London, beginning that appointment in 1591. In his music we see his vast capabilities in crafting counterpoint, stemming from Byrd’s influence, but also a compelling interest in the Italian madrigal style (Italian madrigals, fitted with English texts, had gained wide popularity about that time). He composed and published his first set of pieces in this style, comprised of 25 canzonets (he referred to them as “little short songs”) for three voices in 1593. This morning’s madrigal transcription, played by the Recorder Ensemble, is from this set. Other music in his body of work includes services for the Anglican liturgy, anthems, motets, and psalm settings. This past Maundy Thursday the Chancel Choir sang his motet *Nolo mortem peccatoris*.

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

Welcome, Katherine Paterson!

Please make plans to join us today at 2:00 p.m. in the sanctuary for an afternoon with Katherine Paterson. She is a fantastic and engaging speaker who will appeal to all of us, adults and children alike. Being Presbyterian is very important to Katherine Paterson. She grew up in China, the daughter of Presbyterian missionaries. She graduated from King College in Bristol, TN and then she was a missionary in Japan. Katherine married John Paterson, a Presbyterian Minister. Her first-ever published book was *Who Am I?*, a PCUSA-commissioned confirmation curriculum book. She has written over 30 books since then! There will be a book-signing and a chance to meet Katherine following her presentation.

WOMEN’S EVENING BIBLE STUDY meets tomorrow at 7:00 p.m. in the library.

MEN’S COVENANT BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP: On Thursday, April 27th, at 7:30 a.m., the men of Westminster will gather in the McKinnon Room for our next meeting and lesson of the year. The lesson, entitled “Storytelling and the Bible; How Jerry Clower Can Help Us Understand the Gospel,” will be presented by Gradye Parsons. Breakfast will be provided courtesy of John Shilling. No reservation is necessary and all men are welcome. Bring a friend. Thanks and have a great day.

CHURCH-WIDE PICNIC: Today is the final day to sign up for the Westminster picnic to be held on Sunday, April 30th at noon at the home of Betty and Leonard McKeehan. We will be honoring our 2017 graduating high school seniors. We have hired the Knoxville Trolley to get us to and from the picnic that day. We’ll enjoy duck races along the creek, a picnic lunch and fellowship time with one another. Sign up on the bulletin board in the Schilling Gallery.

Youth Sunday April 30

The Youth of Westminster will be leading both of our services on Sunday, April 30. We will also be honoring our very accomplished Seniors, and hearing their Senior reflections. It is always inspiring (and entertaining) to hear them reflect on their experience in our Westminster community. Our Seniors this year are Delaney Sears, Tolson Bell, Daniel Clark, and Max Yates. The rest of our youth crew will be leading the liturgy, ushering, and providing special music. It is a very meaningful service. We hope you’ll join us!

WESTMINSTER PLAYERS PRESENT “The Turn of the Screw,” April 28 and 29 at 7:00 p.m. The play is adapted by Jeffrey Hatcher from the story by Henry James. It is quite a mystery. We hope you’ll plan to attend one of the performances.

“Patient Peddlers” Bike Ride – Saturday, April 29, 10:00-2:30

James and Melissa Everett are leading our first-ever “Patient Peddlers” social bike ride on Saturday, April 29, from 10:00-2:30. For kids, Mary Boyd and her crew will be hosting a bike/trike rally at the church, and a nursery will be provided for kids 3 and younger. (Drop-off for kids is 10:00 a.m. The parking lot will be closed to traffic at 10:15.) All those who are able to navigate the 3rd Creek Bike Trail are welcome to meet at the Laurel Church of Christ parking lot (3457 Kingston Pike) for a 10:30 a.m. departure. We will ride the trail and stop for lunch at Calhoun’s on the River! Bring water, a helmet, and a lock (if you have it.)

Rise Against Hunger All-Church Project

Save the date for our super service project, Sunday, May 21 during Sunday School and after the 11:00 worship service. You have generously been contributing as we have raised funds for a couple of years. Grants from the presbytery and our WPC Mission Team put us over the top, so we can host the Stop Hunger Now project we have dreamed of! (Due to copyright issues, Stop Hunger Now has been renamed Rise Against Hunger.) We did a small project with them 3 years ago, and it was a great experience. We are ready to host a much larger project this time, and we really need your help. We will be packaging meals to feed 35,000 school children! If we have 150 people, they say we will complete the task in 2 hours. This project is appropriate for all ages! The organization sends the meals to high-impact areas (usually schools). This allows children to attend school and helps families to insure their children have access to regular meals. We’ll begin the event by having a tasting of the food as it might be served around the world. After we sample the meal, we will get to work! **Look for a sign-up link to be sent out very soon.**

SUMMER YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES: Sign up now for two amazing summer youth events. **June 11-17** all current 8th-12th graders are eligible to go to Montreat, NC for our annual **Montreat Youth Conference**. Our summer mission work will be restoring homes with **Operation Back Yard, July 9-14**. While we do this important work, we will be staying at Maryville College and enjoying all their amenities (ropes course, gym, pool, dorms!) The OBY Summer mission work is for current 6th-12th graders. Call the office or contact Barbara Adamcik if you want to join us!!

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Debbie Bendy, *Abbey* Editor

Adult Sunday School

Bible Study

Today we begin a study of the Gospel of Mark.

The Wired Word

This class discusses the spiritual and religious implications of stories in the news.

Toxic Charity

Join Tim Ryan in the McKinnon Room April 23 and 30 for a discussion based on Robert Lupton’s book, *Toxic Charity*. Are our charitable efforts always successful in helping those in need, or do we need to occasionally rethink our outreach projects to better serve our neighbors?

Library

Prayer Room

McKinnon Room

WELCOME TO WESTMINSTER

Are you new to Westminster? Are you interested in joining, but want to know more? We have a class for you! *Welcome to Westminster* will meet on three consecutive Sundays, May 7, 14, and 21. Led by Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips, Barbara Adamcik, and Mary Boyd, the class will tell you everything you need to know about being part of Westminster Presbyterian Church. Please join us at 10:00 to get the scoop!

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

JP Mackay

Linda Van Beke

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