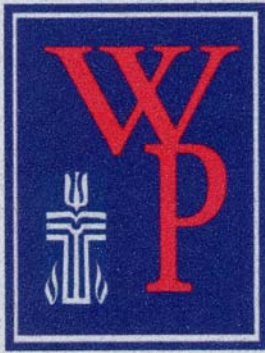


Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth. Isaiah 43:19



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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9, 2010

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music – *Suite from the Royal Fireworks Music*

Handel

- I. *Overture*
- II. *Bourree*
- III. *The Peace*
- IV. *The Rejoicing*

Prayer of Preparation (*you may wish to prepare for worship by praying silently*)

Comfort us, O God, like a mother tenderly nursing a newborn. Protect us like a she bear guarding her cubs. Teach us what we most need to know and do. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting and Announcements

Wilson Ruff

Call to Worship – Psalm 113 (*responsive*)

Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord; praise the name of the Lord.

Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and forevermore.

From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the Lord is to be praised.

The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens.

Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high

Who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?

He raises the poor from the dust, and lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.

He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children.

Come, with joyful hearts let us praise the Lord our God!

- * Hymn of Praise 150 – *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*
- * Call to Confession
- * Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Have mercy upon us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercies, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin. For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. We are judgmental, self-serving, and

unwilling to surrender our pride and walk humbly in Jesus' footsteps. We talk a good game, but when push comes to shove, we shove and defend our rights and protect our feelings without giving love a second thought. Forgive us. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us. Help us to love you and to obey your commandments, for Jesus' sake. Forgive these sins we have named, and those we name now in silence

- * Assurance of Pardon
- * The Congregation's Response: *We Are Forgiven*

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The first staff begins with a forte 'f' dynamic. The lyrics are: 'We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. — Thanks be to God.'

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson – John 14:15-24

(pew Bible pg. 877)

The Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem – *Open My Eyes*

Scott

Open my eyes and I shall see; incline my heart and I shall desire;
 Order my steps and I shall walk in the ways of your commandments.
 O God, be my only Lord,

And beside you let there be none else, no other, none else with you.

Teach me to worship you and serve you in all my undertakings
 With truth of spirit, with honor of body, with blessing of mouth,
 With blessing of mouth both in public and private.

Open my eyes and I shall see; incline my heart and I shall desire;
 Order my steps and I shall walk in the ways of your commandments. Amen.

Second Lesson – Acts 16:9-15

(pew Bible pg. 900)

Sermon – *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?*

Rev. Stephen Ramp

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

- * Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles’ Creed (*unison*) (Hymnal pg. 14, Traditional)
- * Hymn of Thanksgiving – *Dear Lord, Upon This Mother’s Day* (*see insert*)
Prayers of Intercession and the Lord’s Prayer
Offertory – *Largo* Handel
- * The Doxology – Hymn 592
- * Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD’S NAME

- * Hymn of Consecration 343 – *Called as Partners in Christ’s Service* (*vv. 1-3*)
- * Charge and Benediction
- * Congregational Benediction – *Called as Partners in Christ’s Service*
So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life
That surround each person’s sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,
Messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.
- * Postlude – *Fugue in C Major* Buxtehude



- * *Please stand at the * as you are able. Unison readings are **printed in bold**. Also, please take your bulletin and papers home or place them in the recycling basket in the narthex.*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

May 10-15, 2010

Monday, May 10	Colossians 1:9-14 Matthew 13:1-16
Tuesday, May 11	I Timothy 2:1-6 Matthew 13:18-23
Wednesday, May 12	Ephesians 1:1-10 Matthew 22:41-46
Thursday, May 13	Hebrews 2:5-18 Matthew 28:16-20
Friday, May 14	Ephesians 2:1-10 Matthew 7:22-27
Saturday, May 15	Ephesians 2:11-22 Matthew 7:28-8:4

PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

Sandra Armstrong, friend of Audra Cummings – cancer
Nina Auker, friend of the Reidenbachs – continuing fight against ALS
Julie Barkurn, neighbor of the Harris family – cancer
Janet Burke, heart tests
Michelle Gibbs, Peggy Speed's friend – breast cancer
Becky Morgan, McComb friend of the Ramps – liver cancer
Bobby Dossett, Sam Dossett's brother – experimental treatment for aggressive cancer
Judy, friend of the Hickmans – lung cancer, massive chemotherapy
John Menefee – recovering from cancer
Yvonne Owen, friend of the Greggs – recurrence of cancer
Lynn Rouse, Cursillo brother – broken leg from motorcycle accident
Jack Seale, Pam Dossett's brother – radiation for bronchial and brain cancer
Shirley Smith, Janeil Harris' mother – valve replacement surgery in May

PRAYERS OF COMFORT

*For the family of Gail Stallcup, Barbara Stallcup's daughter-in-law,
who joined the Church Triumphant on May 4*
For the family of Don Zillgitt who joined the Church Triumphant on May 6
On the death of Fred Bush, friend of Gene Fair, on May 5

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING FOR NEW BIRTH

Dylan Reese McDaniel – born May 3
daughter of Betsy and Shawn McDaniel, granddaughter of Richard and Sharon Potin

PRAYERS FOR MOTHERS AND OTHERS WHO NURTURE US

PRAYERS FOR FLOOD VICTIMS IN NASHVILLE

Ray and Kelly Scheetz family
Johnny and Kathryn Massey, friends of Robert Cummings

PRAYERS FOR GULF COAST PEOPLE, CREATURES AND HABITAT

For protection from oil

Dear Lord, Upon This

Mother's Day

(tune Duke Street)

1. Dear Lord, upon this Mother's Day
We come to Thee, and humbly pray
Bless all the mothers gathered here,
Be Thou their hope each passing year.
2. A Christian mother has more worth
Than any ruby on this earth;
Kind words are spoken by her tongue
To both her husband and her young.
3. She rises up before the light,
Preparing food while it's yet night.
She does her work, she mends the clothes,
Content to lead the life she chose.
4. Honor and strength are what she wears,
She shows the needy that she cares,
She honors Christ by words and deeds,
While she fulfills her family's needs.
5. Dear Lord, we ask that Thou wouldst bless
Our homes with peace and happiness.
Guide Christian mothers with Thy love
'Til they receive Thy crown above.

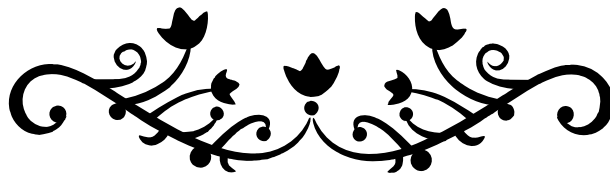
By Diane Gutzman. Mother's Day, 1978

A Poem For a Mother

Your Love is Like the Arizona Sun!

by Nicholas Gordon

Your love is like the Arizona sun:
Always there, no matter what I do.
Bathed in light, I feel my love for you,
But words are gone before I have begun.
I don't know why I find it hard to say
The things that rest so deeply in my heart.
It seems almost impossible to start,
As though they're too ungainly to display.
I cherish you and what you feel for me.
I'm lucky that I have you for a mom.
I love you with a love that's sweet and calm,
And vast, like some unending inner sea.
You're the one I'm with when I'm alone;
You're the place within my heart that's home.



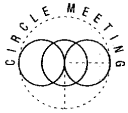


Welcome to Westminster! We hope you will hear God's word and sense God's presence today. If you are looking for a church home, please let us know. Brochures giving an overview of Westminster are in the pew racks. The majesty, sovereignty, and holiness of God are hallmarks of Reformed worship. *Please turn your cell phone off and attune your heart to hear God calling.*

Presbyterian Women encourage you to support the **Networkers Healthy Women Healthy Families** program. Mother's Day honorarium cards are available in the fellowship hall.

The **Youth** will not meet tonight.

Westminster will host the **Acts 16:5 Initiative** on Tuesday, May 11.



The **PW Circles** meet Tuesday, May 11. **Circle 1** meets at 9:30 am at Althea Jerome's house (3307 Southaven Drive); **Circle 2** meets at 7 pm at the church.

The **adult co-ed softball team** has one game this week on Thursday, May 13 at 6:30 pm on Field 2 at Tatum Park. The team will not practice this afternoon.

"Louisiana" Wednesday night supper begins at 6 pm. This week we will be treated to **gumbo and red beans and rice**. Members are asked to provide salad, bread or dessert. Approximately 16 men from **Liberty Ministries** will be our guests. Also plan to stay for the lively Youth **bake sale/dessert auction** following potluck supper. Bring your favorite dessert or baked goods to be auctioned off, and don't forget your checkbook! The proceeds will go to the Youth program.



Westminster will host the **wedding** of Mallory Altazan and Adam Pittman on Saturday, May 15 at 6 pm.

The Agape Sunday School class will host a reception next Sunday at 10:30 am honoring our **graduating seniors**. Everyone is invited.



Baobab Blast Vacation Bible School will be June 7-11. Be sure to invite friends and neighbors to attend this fun-filled week of crafts, singing, Bible study and snacks. Registration forms are in the narthex or can be downloaded from the church website. Registration deadline is Friday, May 31.

The **Officer Nominating Committee** is: Althea Jerome (Moderator); Chuck Brown; (Session); Nancy Johnson (Diaconate); Lisa Forsyth (Diaconate alternate); Members-at-large Sam Dossett, Ginny Graham, Wally Gregg, Mary Kathryn Nobles, Larry Royals, Margaret Shaw. The Committee will meet Wednesday, May 19 at 6:30 pm.

Flooding in Nashville, TN damaged property and dislocated families. Ray and Kelly Scheetz's home took 3 feet of water. They were told they did not need flood insurance, so flooring, electrical, sheetrock, etc. will need to be replaced. We do not have an estimate of the cost yet. The Session voted to assist this family as they regroup and recover. If you feel led to contribute to this relief effort, please make a check payable to Westminster and note in the memo "Nashville Flood." Your support is much needed and deeply appreciated.

Just as the human body needs eyes, hands, ears, lungs, etc., so does the Body of Christ. We have many small group opportunities for growth, fellowship and service here at Westminster. We encourage members to use their gifts to participate in the mission of this congregation and to invite others to join us in serving Jesus Christ.



The Seal of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

A Symbolic Statement of the Church

The Cross – Christianity

The Transept – Bible and Pulpit

The Dove – The Holy Spirit

The Intersection – Baptismal Font or
Communion Cup

Flames – Implied triangle, the Trinity

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