

PRAYER CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

- **Anna Watson Blair**, a friend of Westminster School teacher **Jane Pate**, is in treatment for brain cancer.
- **Don** and **Carolyn Cleaver** celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary this week.
- **Cindie** and **Ken Diehl** celebrate the birth of their grandson, **James Lewis Sanders**, on March 15 in Atlanta to **Stacie** and **David Sanders**.
- **Steve Emrich**, a member of the WPC basketball team, is in rehab in Atlanta after a stroke nine months ago.
- **Mark Hill**'s mother, **Susan Hill**, is hospitalized in California, recovering from an infection.
- **Sally Ransford** is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- **Cathy Reinhardt**'s sister-in-law, **Jan Yantz**, is receiving chemotherapy treatments for cancer.
- **Heath Tuttle** is at Duke Hospital for treatment of an infection that developed this week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The fifth and final Lenten Dinner & Bible Study will be held on Wednesday, March 28.** Sign up in the Mission Center or call Barb Schmidt (489-4974) by Monday, March 26, to RSVP for the 5:30pm dinner in the Fellowship Hall. Following dinner, an adult Bible Study will be held in the Music Room from 6:30-8pm. Childcare will be available by reservation only during the study. Contact Barb Schmidt by March 26, to reserve a spot in childcare.
- **The Global Missions Committee invites you to an evening of conversation with Kiev missionaries Roger and Diane McMurrin tomorrow night.** The McMurrins are the founders of Music Mission Kiev, a unique ministry of Christian outreach through sacred music. Join us on Monday, March 26, at 7pm in the Parlor to hear about their 20-year ministry in the former Soviet Union. Coffee and dessert will be served.
- **The Lenten Lunch Series will wrap up this week at Epworth United Methodist Church.** Rev. Bob Kaynor of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church will preach at noon, and lunch will be held afterward. For the full series schedule, visit www.bit.ly/LentenLunch.
- **It's not too late to bring your donations of new or gently used towels and washcloths to the yellow collection bin in the Mission Center.** Many thanks to those who have already contributed!
- **If you know a member who would be a good representative for WPC, please submit their name to the Nominating Committee.** The diaconate and session need representatives with a wide range of skills and interests. You can: place the name in the box on the front desk in the Mission Center; send the name to nominatingcommittee@wpcdurham.org; mention the name to Helen Tharrington, Chris McLaughlin, Sarah High, John Graham, Kevin Rosemond, Chuck Byrd, or Dave Snider. Please share your suggestions by April 1.
- **The portion of WPC's One Great Hour of Sharing Easter offering that benefits our local community will be divided between two local organizations this year.** The first, Adult System of Care, is an integrated network of community services and resources supported by a partnership between families, professionals and the community in all aspects of service planning and delivery. The second, El Futuro, is a non-profit agency dedicated to providing high quality mental health and substance abuse treatment for Latino families in central North Carolina. Please give generously.
- **Priority registration for VCS ends April 1!** Pick up a sign-up form at the front desk in the Mission Center or download one online at www.bit.ly/vcs2012.

MISSION STATEMENT

We are a community, a covenant people.

In response to God's love and grace, we proclaim and demonstrate the Gospel of Jesus Christ within our congregation, throughout the community, and to the world.

As disciples in the Reformed Tradition, led by the Holy Spirit, we affirm our faith through worship, nurture, outreach, stewardship and education.

We go into the future with hope and confidence in God's purpose.

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CALENDAR FOR MARCH 25 - APRIL 1

To view all events held at WPC, visit www.wpcdurham.org, and click "Calendar" in the main menu.

To reserve a room for a meeting, call Barb Schmidt in the church office at 489-4974, ext. 100.

SUNDAY, MARCH 25 - Fifth Sunday in Lent, Birthday Sunday

- 8:30am Worship - Sanctuary
- 9:45am Sunday School - HMC
- 10:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Music Room
- 10:30am Junior Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 11:00am Worship - Baptism of Cooper William Hanczaryk - Sanctuary
- 12:15pm Web Advisory Group Meeting - Room 105
- 4:00pm Confirmation - Taylor's Office
- 5:30pm Youth Group - Youth Suite

MONDAY, MARCH 26

- 9:30am Study of John - Room 105
- 7:00pm Global Missions Hosting Missionaries Roger & Diane McMurrin - Parlor
- 7:00pm Bell Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

TUESDAY, MARCH 27

- 7:15am MOW Fellowship - Rick's Diner at Hope Valley Square
- 10:00am WPC Staff Meeting - Room 105
- 5:30pm Youth Serve Shelter Meal - UMD

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28

- 12:00pm Lenten Lunch Series - Epworth UMC - Rev. Bob Kaynor, St. Stephen's, preaching
- 3:45pm MP2 and Club MP2 - WPC Campus
- 5:30pm Lenten Dinner - Fellowship Hall
- 6:30pm Lenten Bible Study - Music Room
- 8:00pm Stephen Ministry Class - Room 105

THURSDAY, MARCH 29

- 9:15am The WAY Bible Study - Youth Suite
- 9:30am Doorways - Parlor
- 7:00pm Men's Part Rehearsal - Music Room
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

SUNDAY, APRIL 1 - Palm Sunday & Communion

- 8:30am Worship - Children's Palm & Fish Bank Parade - Sanctuary
- 9:45am Sunday School - HMC
- 10:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Music Room
- 11:00am Worship - Children's Palm & Fish Bank Parade - Sanctuary
- 2:30pm CROP Walk - Duke Chapel
- 5:30pm Youth Group - Youth Suite & Fellowship Hall

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR MARCH 25

March Nursery Coordinator – Jennifer McElroy

The **Nursery** 8:30 Infants: Thoko Manzini, Diane Leadbetter; Toddlers: Claire Leadbetter, Marketta Dickinson

2-5 Tiny Bradley and Carrie Tuttle

11:00 Infants: Thoko Manzini; Toddlers: Marketta Dickinson

2-3 Vivian & Jim Young

4-5 Amy & Glenn Dickson

The **Offering Counters** 8:30 John High and Bill Whitt 11:00 Bill & Barb Burig

The **Sound Technicians** 8:30 Bobby Bosworth 11:00 Gene Zielinski

The **Lectors** 8:30 Linda Van Gombos 11:00 Jack Walker

The **Ushers** 8:30 Donald & Shirley Ruffy, and Jeff & Mary Beck Sutton

11:00 Kevin, Lori, Charlie & Anna Rosemond, and Merida Negrete

The **Acolyte** Sean Cleary

A warm welcome to all who are worshipping with us today. If you are visiting, we would relish the opportunity to tell you more about this vibrant family of faith! While children are welcome during Worship, childcare for infants through kindergarten is available on the lower level of the Holderness Mission Center (building on left as you exit). A card in the pew rack has some tried-and-true tips for parents of children who remain in the Sanctuary. Parents who need a comfortable space to calm an infant may use the room in the Narthex (which has speakers so you can still hear the service). Restrooms are located on each floor of the Mission Center. Please see an usher if you would like to use a large-print hymnal. If you need to exit during the service, please use the doors at the back of the Sanctuary.

March 25, 2012

Fifth Sunday in Lent
Birthday Sunday



Westminster Presbyterian Church
Durham, North Carolina

*“...and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?”*

Micah 6:8

The Service of Worship

ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

THE ORGAN PRELUDES

Preludes on *O Mensch, bewein’ dein’ Sünde gross* (O people, mourn your grievous sins)
Johann Pachelbel & J. S. Bach
Prelude on *O Lamm Gottes* (O Lamb of God) Pachelbel

*In order to preserve the dignity of this service, please turn off cell phones
and observe silence during the preludes.*

GREETING

INTROIT

Hymn **82, vs. 1:** *Sung by Congregation (& Choir)* O Lamm Gottes
O Lamb of God most holy! Who on the cross did suffer,
And patient still and lowly, Yourself to scorn did offer;
Our sins by You were taken, or hope had us forsaken:
Have mercy on us, Jesus!

*# THE CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 22
“My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?”

These are the words our Jesus cried from the cross.

All who saw Him that day mocked Him. He was scorned and despised by the people.

His blood was poured out like water, His heart like wax.

Yet He alone is holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel! For He did not despise the affliction of the afflicted.

And so we will proclaim His deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that He has done it!

*# THE HYMN NO. **101** WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS Hamburg

THE ACT OF CONFESSION (Please be seated.)

Why do we confess our sin?

BECAUSE ALL HAVE SINNED AND FALL SHORT OF THE GLORY OF GOD.

But why do we do this together?

BECAUSE WE ARE A COMMUNITY, A COVENANT PEOPLE.

Then let us confess our sin.

O Lord, at nine o’clock in the morning they crucified You. At nine o’clock in the morning, Your self-sacrifice for us is usually the last thing on our minds, as we begin a busy day of work, or school, or whatever else seems so very important in our lives. Those who saw You made fun of You. They laughed at You, shouting, “Save yourself!” How often, Lord, do we say the same. We try to “save ourselves” so that we don’t have to depend on You or on others. We tell others to “save themselves” – because we are just too busy, because we can’t get too involved, and because “the Lord helps those who help themselves.” But Lord, we confess that we can’t help ourselves! When the Lord of the Universe confronts us face to face, we crucify You! We name You a criminal, someone who might interrupt the comfort and the order of our lives...someone who might turn our lives upside down...and so You have. Only You, O Jesus, can turn our sins against You into pure and unfailing love. Only You, O Jesus, can save us. O Jesus, save us. Amen.

A TIME OF PERSONAL SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE ELEISON NO. 574 arr. David N. Johnson
Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* THE GLORIA PATRI NO. 579

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

^ SPECIAL MUSIC

Feed My Lambs Natalie Sleeth
*Feed My lambs, tend My sheep, over all a vigil keep;
In My Name lead them forth gently as a shepherd.*
When they wander, when they stray, their protector be,
As ye do unto My flock, thus ye do to Me. *Feed My lambs...*
Unto all who lose the way, hope and comfort be.
As ye do unto My flock, thus ye do to Me. *Feed My lambs...*

God Made Me! Michael Jothen
God made the birds in the trees; God made the bees to buzz busily;
God made the land full of black earth and sand, and yes, God made me!
God made the stars in the sky; God made the sun to shine bright and high;
God made the moon to glow over the world, and yes, God made me!
He made us all, both short and tall, poor and rich alike.
He sent His Son, the Blessed One, to live a life like me.
God made the fish in the sea; God made the grain grow tall with the rain;
God made the world and infinity, and yes, God made me!
The Junior Choir

THE CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Following the baptism of Cooper William Hanczaryk, preschool children may be excused for childcare.

^ THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Chris Tuttle
Gathering of the Children
Words of Institution Sally Keener
Promises of the Parents Brian & Katie Hanczaryk
Congregational Promises
The Baptism Cooper William Hanczaryk
A Prayer of Thanksgiving

SHARING OUR MISSION

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of compassion, who bears the pain of the world, gather with us now. Hold us as we listen for You speaking. Invite us into Your suffering, that we might glimpse the enormity of Your love for us. Redeem us by Your grace, so that we might follow. Amen.

READINGS FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT: Mark 15:25-32 (p. 54)
Mark 15:33-39 (p. 54)

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON “Curtain Tearing and Unexpected Proclamation” Chris Tuttle
MOMENTS OF SILENCE

* THE HYMN NO. **95** HE NEVER SAID A MUMBALIN’ WORD African-American Spiritual

RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles’ Creed (Traditional)
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

BIRTHDAY PRAYER

O God, our times are in Your hands. Look with favor, we pray, on Your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in Your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BIRTHDAY HYMN NO. **369, vs. 1**

I’m gonna live so God can use me, anywhere Lord, anytime!

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THE CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

Please direct your attention to the list of concerns, celebrations, and announcements. If you or someone you know has any needs or concerns, please fill out a green card (located in the pew rack) and place it in the offering plate.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (in unison)

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

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Please sign the pew register and pass it along your row. The register book is on the end closest to the center aisle. As you pass it back, please take notice of who is sitting with you. Thank you.

OFFERTORY

+ Prelude on *O Lamm Gottes* J. S. Bach

^ The Loving Lamb Music by Jennifer Stammers; text by Isaac Watts
Alas, and did my Savior bleed, and did my Sov’ reign die?
Would He devote that sacred head for sinners such as I?
Was it for sins that I have done He suffered on the tree?
Amazing pity, grace unknown, and love beyond degree!
*Oh, the Lamb, the loving Lamb, the lamb on Calvary;
The Lamb was slain, and lives again, to intercede for me.*
But drops of grief can ne’er repay the debt of love I owe;
Here, Lord, I give myself away, ‘tis all that I can do.
*Oh, the Lamb, the loving Lamb, the Lamb on Calvary;
The Lamb was slain, and lives again, to intercede for me.*
The Chancel Choir

* THE DOXOLOGY Old Hundredth
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GO IN GOD’S NAME

* THE HYMN NO. **99** THRONED UPON THE AWFUL TREE Arfon

* THE CHARGE AND THE BENEDICTION

^ AMEN

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O Lamb of God most holy! Who on the cross did suffer,
And patient still and lowly, Yourself to scorn did offer;
Our sins by You were taken, or hope had us forsaken:
Your peace be with us, Jesus!

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE

Christe, Aller Welt Trost (Christ, Comfort of All the World) J. S. Bach

The Lenten arrangement, “Vessels and The Tree,” symbolizes our brokenness and Christ’s healing love.

* Congregation standing, if able * Denotes 8:30am service
Latecomers may be seated at these times ^ Denotes 11:00am service
Children’s Bibles: Inside aisle of pew; Children’s Bulletins: Narthex (Green: 3-6yrs, Yellow : 7-12yrs)

Easter Lilies



If you wish to donate a lily to be displayed in the church on Easter Sunday, please complete this form and return it to the church office by **April 3**.

I would like to donate _____ lilies.
(You may make a suggested donation of \$10.)

The following will be placed in our Easter Sunday Bulletin:

From: _____

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