



# The First Presbyterian Church

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## The Celebration of Worship 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 30, 2009

10:00 AM

Worship is broadcast at 11 AM on WCHS-580AM

A warm welcome is extended to all who worship here today.  
Large print hymnals, Bibles and hearing devices, as well as information about child care  
and other church programs are available from any usher.

All children are welcome and encouraged to participate in worship.  
Clipboards, children's Bibles and books to borrow during worship are located at the entrances.

The asterisks (\*) invite you to stand if it is comfortable for you to do so.

### We Gather

#### TIME FOR PREPARATION

O Lord, who may abide in Your tent? Who may dwell on Your holy hill?

Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart;  
who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends, nor take up a reproach against  
their neighbors; in whose eyes the wicked are despised, but who honor those who fear the Lord; who  
stand by their oath even to their hurt; who do not lend money at interest, and do not take a bribe  
against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be moved.

Psalm 15

VOLUNTARY

Easter Carol  
Fred Gaul, organist

George Brandon

WELCOME AND CELEBRATION OF FRIENDSHIP

Jim Roberts

Please sign the friendship pad placed at pew's end, so you may greet each other by name.  
Visitors are invited to wear the button found in the friendship pad.

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

We Praise God

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leslie Clay and Anna Stilwell

\*HYMN OF PRAISE 483

Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Tait Taylor

\*RESPONSE

Change My Heart, O God

E. Espinosa

Change my heart, O God. \_\_\_ Make it ev - er true. \_\_\_

Change my heart, O God. \_\_\_ May I be like You. \_\_\_

You are the Pot - ter. I am the clay. \_\_\_

Mold me and make \_\_\_ me. This is what I pray. \_\_\_

*Fine*

*D.C. al Fine*

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Claire Butler

Even as we have done it unto one of the least of these Your children, we have done it unto You. When they hunger and thirst, we are not quick to offer them the bread of life and the cup of salvation. When they are outcast or imprisoned, we seldom go out of our way to visit them. When they are sick or alone, we are not quick to keep vigil at their side. We know You are in our midst and await our response. Forgive us when we do not go out of our way to be there for You.

Please continue to pray silently.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Gracious God, accept the tributes we bring, and bless our endeavors in Your name. With our voices we will sing Your praises; with our hands we will care for the suffering. With our feet we will seek to walk faithfully; with our hearts we will love You completely. All that we have we return to You, the One Who endows us with bountiful gifts. Amen.

The Word is Proclaimed

ANTHEM Benedictus from *Mass in G* *Franz Schubert*

*Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.* Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
*Hosanna in excelsis.* Hosanna in the highest.

Nancy Bulla, soprano; Tom Marchio, tenor; Tim Holbrook, baritone

SCRIPTURE READINGS Micah 6:1-8, Pew Bible, OT, p. 866 Sue Webster  
James 1:22-27, Pew Bible, NT, p. 229 Kim Stilwell  
Matthew 25:31-40, Pew Bible, NT, p. 29 Leslie Clay

SERMON The Least of These Leslie Clay

\*CONCLUDING HYMN Let Your Heart Be Broken WYE VALLEY  
(See insert)

\*INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND BENEDICTION Leslie Clay

\*HYMN OF PARTING Jesus Loves Me HYMN 304

*Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to Him belong. They are weak, but He is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.  
Jesus loves me! This I know, as He loved so long ago.  
Taking children on His knee, saying, "Let them come to Me!"*

\*VOLUNTARY Voice of Praise Allen James  
Fred Gaul, organist

The asterisks (\*) invite you to stand if it is comfortable for you to do so.  
Reminder: please return your hearing devices at the end of the service this morning.

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• Restrooms and water fountains are found through the double doors to the left of the chancel - please  
• accompany children.  
• Childcare: Nursery and Rooms 113 and 114  
• Elder Visitation: Jenny Pitchford, Terry Raab, Bob Schacht, Becky Smith  
• The Flowers in the Sanctuary today are given by Cheryle M. Hall and Barbara E. Shaffer for the glory of  
• God and in loving memory of Elaine and John Saladini.  
• Greeters today are: JoAnn and Jason Conley, Barbara Gessner, Suzanne Pancake

PLEASE DROP THIS BULLETIN IN THE RECYCLING BOX AS YOU EXIT.  
THANK YOU!

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\*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.  
And also with you.

\*HYMN

Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child  
(See insert)

*African-American Spiritual*

We Declare our Faith

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Jim Roberts

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.

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

HYMN 579

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

We Give Thanks to God

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Jim Roberts

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE

Offertory Anthem

Hodie mecum eris in paradiso  
from *Seven Last Words of Christ*

*Théodore Dubois*

*Verily, thou shalt be in Paradise today with Me. Amen, so I tell thee.  
Hear me, O Lord, and remember me, when Thou comest into Thy kingdom.*

Tom Marchio, tenor; Tim Holbrook, baritone

\*Doxology

*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.*