

# The First Presbyterian Church

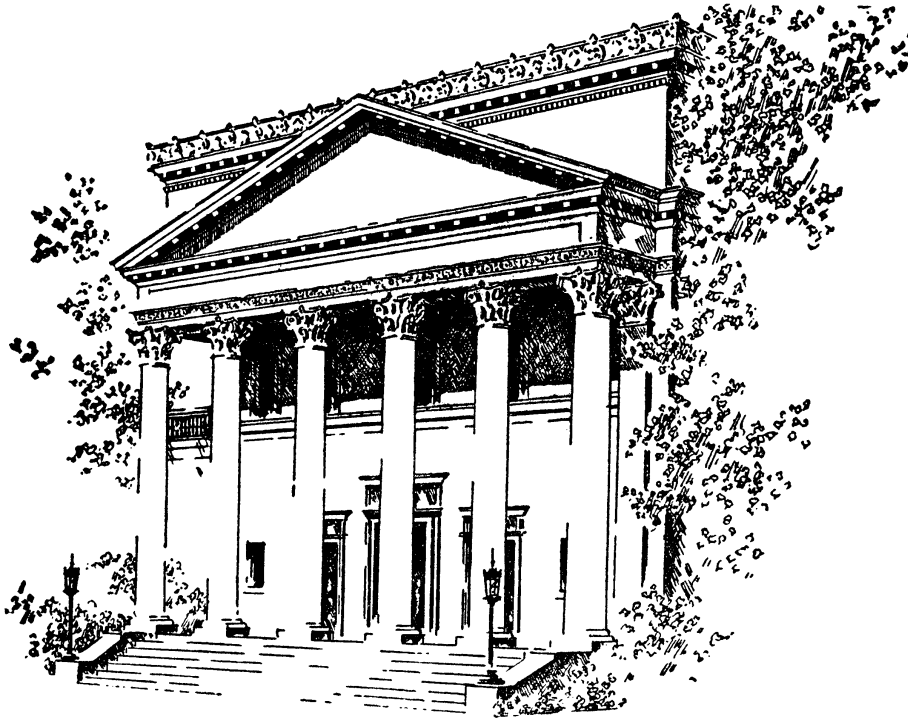
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All members  
of the congregation



## The Celebration of Worship Communion Sunday

January 24, 2010

8:45 and 11:00 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 for younger children and books to borrow during worship are located at the entrances, and children's Bibles are available in the pews.

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

### We Gather

TIME FOR PREPARATION

Bill McCoy

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about Him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up, He went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was His custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to Him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

Luke 4:14-19

VOLUNTARY

Preamble  
Fred Gaul, organist

Louis Vierne

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

## We Praise God

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill McCoy

\*HYMN OF PRAISE 441

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

ST. THOMAS

(Children will bring the communion elements forward.)

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Barbara Hopta

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Barbara Hopta

God of the sinner and the righteous,  
we confess that we move away from our commitment to Christ:  
We deny Your gifts, ignore Your inspiration, wander from Your healing presence.  
Yet we cannot escape Your claims on us; for wherever we go, You are there.  
How precious is Your steadfast love!  
Strengthen us, we pray, to do as You tell us, as Christ demonstrated among us.

Please continue to pray silently.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WELCOME AND CELEBRATION OF FRIENDSHIP

Bill McCoy

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.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Carole Carter

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (8:45)

For Jack, Catherine and Claire, children of Brooke and Jim Bunn.

Welcome by congregation (In unison)

Jack, Catherine and Claire, with joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church.  
As we are all one in Christ, we promise to love, cherish and support you,  
to share the good news of the Gospel with you, and to help you to know and follow Christ.

\*PASSING THE PEACE

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

\*HYMN

Come Build a Church  
(See insert)

Ken Medema

## We Declare our Faith

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Bill McCoy

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.

*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

OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE

Offertory

Tune

Gilbert M. Martin

\*Doxology

*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

Barbara Hopta

Gracious and loving God, You have given us so much, especially the gift of reconciliation through Your Son Jesus Christ. You, the God of peace, have promised that You will always be with us. Now in gratitude, we bring our tithes and offerings to You. We ask Your blessing on these gifts and on our lives so that Your peace and justice may be furthered in Your world. Amen.

The Word is Proclaimed

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 16:13-20, Pew Bible, NT p. 18

Bill McCoy

SERMON

Why the Church?

Bill McCoy

PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION

Come Just As You Are  
(See insert)

Joseph Sabolick

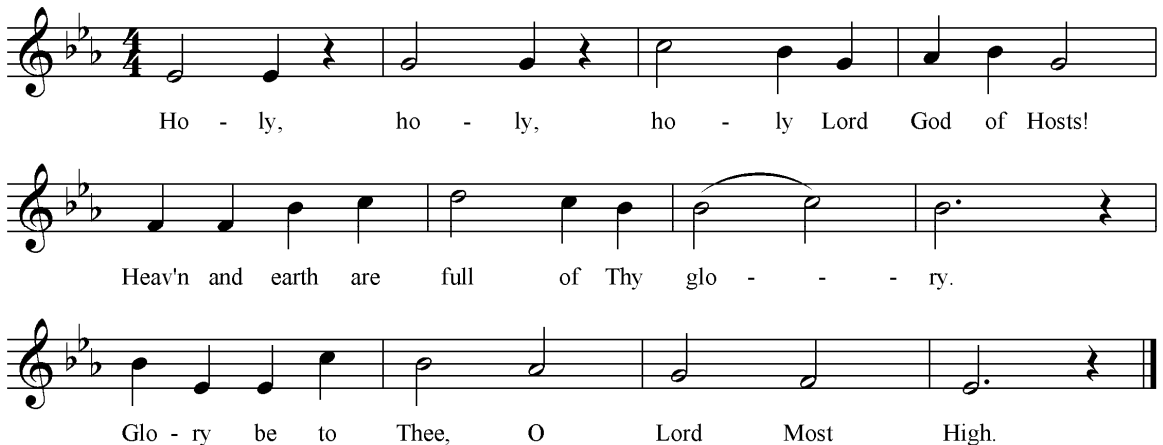
SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Salutation: The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

Sursum Corda: Lift up your hearts.  
We lift them up to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.  
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Sanctus:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Hosts!  
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - - - ry.  
Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord Most High.

