



# The First Presbyterian Church

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## The Celebration of Worship Membership Sunday

March 22, 2009

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, children's Bibles and books to borrow during worship are located at the entrances.

### We Gather

#### TIME FOR PREPARATION

Bill McCoy

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness towards us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Ephesians 2:1-10

#### VOLUNTARY

Consolation  
Fred Gaul, organist

Sandra W. Jarrell

MARKING OF THE HOUR

We Praise God

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill McCoy

\*HYMN OF PRAISE 319

Spirit

James K. Manley

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Jim Roberts

\*RESPONSE

Lord, Listen to Your Children  
(See insert)

CHILDREN PRAYING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Claire Butler

God of our journey, Your chosen people complained in the wilderness: "Where is the water? We are sick of this food!" We confess we are weary of this Lenten wilderness: "Where are our alleluias? We are tired of repentance." Rather than being grateful for a time of reflection, we restlessly look for Easter. Silence our complaints. Forgive and restore us. Turn us again toward Jesus, our Guide in the wilderness, that we may look upon Him and fully live.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Claire Butler

WELCOME AND CELEBRATION OF FRIENDSHIP

Bill McCoy

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

Children may come forward for the baptism.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00)

For **Clarín Custis Skuce Gaucher**, daughter of Elizabeth and Jamie Gaucher.

Leader: Keep me, keep me as the apple of the eye:  
Hide me, hide me in the shadow of Thy wings.

People:

Keep me, keep me as the ap - ple of the eye: *Fine*  
hide me, hide me in the sha - dow of Thy wings.

Leader:

Keep me,

People:

Keep me,

Leader:

Hide me;

People:

Hide me;

Welcome by congregation (In unison)

Clarín, 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.

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

The Holy City

Adams, Weatherly

*Last night I lay a-sleeping; there came a dream so fair: I stood in old Jerusalem beside the temple there.  
I heard the children singing, and ever as they sang methought the voice of angels from heaven in answer rang:  
Jerusalem! Jerusalem! Lift up your gates and sing, Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna to your King!  
And then methought my dream was changed, the streets no longer rang. Hushed were the glad Hosannas the little children sang.  
The sun grew dark with mystery, the morn was cold and chill, as the shadow of a cross arose upon a lonely hill.  
Jerusalem! Jerusalem! Hark! How the angels sing, Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna to your King!  
And once again the scene was changed, new earth there seemed to be. I saw the Holy City beside the tideless sea.  
The light of God was on its streets, the gates were open wide, and all who would might enter, and no one was denied.  
No need of moon or stars by night, or sun to shine by day. It was the new Jerusalem that would not pass away,  
Jerusalem! Jerusalem! Sing for the night is o'er! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna forevermore!*

Hannah Graff, soprano

\*Doxology (Please stand and sing)

HYMN 591

*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.*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Claire Butler

O God of boundless love, You restore our strength through faith in Your goodness. You look with favor upon us and through Christ redeem us. You take not Yourself from us, but promise Your presence through the gift of Your Spirit. You come from behind to push us, and go before us as our Guide. Accept now what we bring You in response to Your encompassing care of us. Amen.

## The Word is Proclaimed

ANTHEM (11:00)                      Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days                      *arr. Richard Shephard*

*Lord, Who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray,  
Teach us with Thee to mourn our sins and close by Thee to stay.*

*As Thou didst hunger bear and thirst, so teach us, gracious Lord, to die to self and chiefly live by Thy most holy Word.  
And through these days of penitence and through Thy passiontide, yes, evermore, in life and death, Jesus, with us abide!*

The Geneva Choir

SCRIPTURE READING                      Isaiah 6:1-8, Pew Bible, OT. p. 635                      Bill McCoy

SERMON                      WHAT GOD WANTS TO KNOW:  
Who Will Go For Us?                      Bill McCoy

\*CONCLUDING HYMN 391                      Take My Life                      HENDON

\*INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND BENEDICTION                      Bill McCoy

\*HYMN OF PARTING                      Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights                      WINCHESTER NEW

We bear the si-lence, cross and pain of hu-man bur-dens, hu-man strife,  
while sis-ters, broth-ers help sus-tain our cour-age 'til the Feast of Life!

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\*VOLUNTARY                      Aus tiefer Not                      *Georg Friedrich Kauffmann*  
Fred Gaul, organist

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

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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; Mary Mullens, Karen Scherr, Susan Watkins, Kelly Uldrich,  
• Kim Smith, Helen Liu, Any Isaac, Carolyn & Bill Mullett, Susan Herold, Maggie Graney, and Anna  
• Chambers

• *Elder Visitation:* Bill Mullett, Otis O'Connor, Ann Orders, Rebecca Palmer

• *The Flowers in the Sanctuary* today remind us that Barbara and Earle Brown have made a contribution to  
• the Hunger Fund in loving memory of their daughter, Laura Thomason.

• *Greeters today are:* Sara and Fred Joseph, Betty Kerns, Martha Jane Williams

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THANK YOU!**

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