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The Celebration of Worship 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 20, 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.

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

We Gather

TIME FOR PREPARATION

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on His law they meditate day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgement, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Psalm 1

VOLUNTARY

Theme for Worship
Fred Gaul, organist

Robert W. Thygerson

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

INTROIT

Just As I Am
The FPC Lyres Club

arr. The FPC Lyres Club

We Praise God

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill McCoy

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Great is the Lord
(See insert)

words and music: Michael W. Smith
and Deborah Smith

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Claire Butler

*RESPONSE

You Are My All in All
(See insert)

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Barbara Hopta

Lord, we have learned from You that we should treat others as we would have others treat us.
Why is this one of the most difficult lessons in all of life for us to comprehend?
Forgive us, Lord, when we withhold love, deny mercy, steel ourselves against compassion.
Help us, we pray, to be more loving.

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.

COMMISSIONING OF CHOIRS (11:00)

Bill McCoy

Children may come forward for the baptisms.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00)

For **Addison James Mitchell**, son of Katherine Mitchell and Antonio Sayles and **Brooks Holman Bailey** son of Holly and John Bailey.

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

Addison and Brooks, 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 322

Spirit of the Living God

LIVING GOD

We Declare our Faith

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Claire Butler

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

Barbara Hopta

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

Pastorale on 'Holy Manna'

Gordon Young

*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.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Barbara Hopta

Born anew with the hope of Your redeeming grace, O God, we come before You, bearing our gifts. Use them to spread the good news that in Christ reside the promise of release from captivity, the hope that peace can prevail among all Your people, and the assurance that You usher in the dawn of a new day. Amen.

The Word is Proclaimed

ANTHEM (11:00)

O Taste and See
(Psalm 38:4)

Ralph Vaughan Williams

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is. Blest is the man that trusteth in Him.

The Geneva Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14, Pew Bible, OT, p. 806

Bill McCoy

SERMON

Can These Bones Live?

Bill McCoy

*CONCLUDING HYMN 441

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

ST. THOMAS

*INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND BENEDICTION

Bill McCoy

*HYMN OF PARTING

HYMN 540

God be with you till we meet again. Loving counsels guide, uphold you, with a shepherd's care enfold you. God be with you till we meet again.

*VOLUNTARY

Ode
Fred Gaul, organist

James Denton

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Reminder: please return your hearing devices at the end of the service this morning.

- *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; Susan Watkins, Chang Iyer, Helen Liu, Ashley & Adam Patnoe
- and Heather & Cameron Peterson
- *Elder Visitation:* Sandy Zando, Dill Battle, Margaret Bolt, Dee Campbell
- *The Flowers in the Sanctuary* today are given by Jeanne and Joe Bonsall and George (Bud) Bonsall for the
- glory of God and in loving memory of Virginia and Joe H. Bonsall and Joseph E. Bonsall, Jr.
- *Greeters today are:* Marsha and Bill Bone, June Mills, Becky Smith

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THANK YOU!