



# The First Presbyterian Church

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All members  
of the congregation

## The Celebration of Worship Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 13, 2011

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

*Open my eyes, so that I may behold wondrous things out of Your law.*

*Psalms 119:18*

VOLUNTARY

A Swedish Folk Song  
Fred Gaul, organist

*Robert Cundick*

INROIT AND CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

Music of the Angels

## We Praise God

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Barbara Hopta

Leader: Gather from East and West, from North and South.  
God is calling us; listen, for God is naming you.

All: God reaches out to strengthen, not condemn us.

Leader: Ascribe to God glory and strength.

All: Worship God in awe, wonder, and joy!

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE 333

Seek Ye First

LAFFERTY

### \*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Jim Roberts

### \*RESPONSE

Jesus Loves Me

JESUS LOVES ME

*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."  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jim Roberts

Lord, our God, forgive our quickness to find fault, and our slowness to forgive.  
Forgive us for acting out of revenge, rather than giving thanks for our blessings.  
Forgive our blinders that keep us from truth, and replace them with hearts that seek justice.

Please continue to pray silently.

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### RESPONSE

Jesus Loves Me

JESUS LOVES ME

*Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

### 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

Youth Ministry

Joe Faini

### TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Cents-Ability

The Crockett Family

### \*PASSING THE PEACE

Bill McCoy

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

\*HYMN

Blest Are the Uncorrupt in Heart

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Blest are the un - cor - rupt in heart, whose ways are right and true, who  
 Blest are all those who keep Your word and prac - tice Your com - mands, who  
 Great hope we find with - in Your law; Thus firm our lives are bound when  
 Then do we sing with deep - est joy the hon - or of Your name. For  
 To You, O God of truth and law, to You, O liv - ing Word, To

nev - er from Your law de - part but — ev - er fly to You.  
 with their hearts still seek You, Lord, and — serve You with their hands.  
 tri - als, trou - bles, hurts a - rise, in — You true life is found.  
 when Your stat - utes we o - bey, our — lives are kept from shame.  
 You, O Com - for - ter of life, may — now our praise be heard!

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We Declare our Faith

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

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.

\*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

Andante in F (Hymn of the Nuns)

Louis Lefébure-Wély

\*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.*

Blessed are You, God of all creation; through Your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for Your glory and for the service of Your kingdom. Amen.

The Word is Proclaimed

ANTHEM (11:00)

River in Judea

Marcus, Feldman, Leavett

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*Oftentimes I dream of music, of the river that freely flows, and it sings a song sweeter than honey, one everybody knows. Late at night, I hear it singing, then again when I wake at dawn. And it fills me up with hope and goodwill, the will to go on.*

*There is a river in Judea that I heard of long ago, and it's a singing, ringing river that my soul cries out to know.*

*I believe it keeps on traveling, but it rests on the Sabbath day. And the time when it pauses in stillness I almost hear it pray. When I'm weary and downhearted, how I long for the song it sings! For the calm within its gentle blue, the peace that it brings.*

*May the time not be too distant when we meet by the river shore. 'Til then, dream of that wonderful day when we sing once more:*

*There is a river in Judea that I heard of long ago, and it's a singing, ringing river that my soul cries out to know.*

The Geneva Choir

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Deuteronomy 30:15-20, Pew Bible, OT, p. 186

Barbara Hopta

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 5:21-26, Pew Bible, NT, p. 4

Barbara Hopta

SERMON

Decisions...Decisions...

Barbara Hopta

\*CONCLUDING HYMN 335

Though I May Speak

O WALY WALY

\*INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND BENEDICTION

Barbara Hopta

\*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

Lift Up Your Heads  
Fred Gaul, organist

arr. Alice Jordan

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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:* Cindy Wilson, Moseley Winkler, Sandy Zando, Mike Abernethy •  
• *The Flowers in the Sanctuary* this Sunday remind us that a contribution has been given to the Hunger •  
• Fund for the glory of God and in loving memory of Walter H. Schneider, Mr. and Mrs. John Barry and Mr. •  
• and Mrs. Fritz Schneider by Ann Barry Schneider. •  
• *Greeters today are:* Sharon Heidt, Marty Martin, Sarah and Mac McGriff •  
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• PLEASE DROP THIS BULLETIN IN THE RECYCLING BOX AS YOU EXIT. THANK YOU! •  
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