



The First Presbyterian Church

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The Celebration of Worship 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 10, 2011

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

God of all that is good, we pray for those who plant the seeds of Your gracious love in places small and large, in people near and far. Through women and men who minister in Your name, grant life abundant to those who know only despair, and nurture hope where there is anguish and fear. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

--2011 Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study

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CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

We Praise God

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mark 12:29-30

Barbara Hopta

Leader: Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God, the Lord is one;

All: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
and with all your soul,
and with all your mind,
and with all your strength.

*HYMN OF PRAISE 461

God is Here!

ABBOT'S LEIGH

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Jim Roberts

*RESPONSE

We Are An Offering
(See insert)

Dwight Liles

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jim Roberts

Lord, forgive us when Your word falls on our deaf ears and doesn't take root in our hearts. Forgive us when we joyfully hear Your word, but turn our backs on it when it becomes a risk to our security. Forgive us when the competing loyalties of popularity, power, and wealth are so much more attractive to us than Your word that it makes no difference in how we live our lives. In Your mercy, O God, open our hearts and minds to hear, receive, and respond to Your word so that we will be transformed and yield the fruits of Your blessed kingdom as You have intended for each one of us. Hear our prayers as, in these moments of silence, we offer our personal confessions.

Please continue to pray silently.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WELCOME AND CELEBRATION OF FRIENDSHIP

Barbara Hopta

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.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Ginna Taylor

*PASSING THE PEACE

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

*HYMN

Psalm 65: To Bless the Earth

DE EERSTEN ZIJN DE LAATSTEN



To bless ___ the earth ___ God sends us from heaven's a - bun-dant store ___
The seed ___ by God ___ pro - vi - ded is sown ___ o'er hill and plain, ___
God crowns ___ the year ___ with good - ness, the earth ___ God's mer - cy fills. ___
With grain ___ the fields ___ are cov - ered, the flocks ___ in pas-tures graze. ___



the wat - ers of ___ the spring - time, en - rich - ing it once more. ___
and then ___ come gen - tle show - ers to bless ___ the spring - ing grain. ___
The wil - der ness ___ is fruit - ful, and joy - ful are the hills. ___
All na - ture joins ___ in sing - ing a joy - ful song of praise. ___

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

*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

Austin Susman

God of grace, take these gifts, we pray, that they and we may be blessings to others as we seek to follow and to serve. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

The Word is Proclaimed

ANTHEM

Open Your Ears, O Faithful People

traditional Israeli melody

*Open your ears, O faithful people, open your ears and hear God's word.
Open your hearts, O royal priesthood, God has come to you.
They who have ears to hear the message, they who have ears, now let them hear.
They who would learn the way of wisdom, let them hear God's word.*

Carole Carter, soloist
Mary Odin, violin; Wayne Odin, clarinet

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 55:10-13, Pew Bible, OT, p. 685

Austin Susman

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23, NT, p. 13

Barbara Hopta

SERMON

Called to Sow

Barbara Hopta

*CONCLUDING HYMN

For the Fruit of All Creation
(See insert)

AR HYD Y NOS

*INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND BLESSING

Barbara Hopta

*HYMN OF PARTING

The Trees of the Field

Stuart Dauermann and Steffi Karen Rubin

You shall go out with joy — and be led forth with peace. — The
moun-tains and the hills will break forth be - fore you. There'll be shouts of joy
— and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands! The trees of the
field will clap their hands! The trees of the field will clap their hands
— while you go out with joy!

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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:* Kim Stilwell, Lynda Strickland, Jim Thomas

: *The Flowers in the Sanctuary* this Sunday remind us that Jill Johnson has given a contribution to the
: Food Pantry for the glory of God and in loving memory of Bob Johnson and a contribution has also been
: given by Jean O'Connor for the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert E. O'Connor.

: *Greeters today are:* Orita Bonnett, Sally and Pete Slicer, Becky Smith

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