



# The First Presbyterian Church

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## The Celebration of Worship 7th Sunday after Pentecost

July 31, 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

I call upon You, for You will answer me, O God;  
incline Your ear to me, hear my words.  
Wondrously show Your steadfast love,  
O Savior of those who seek refuge from adversaries at Your right hand.  
Guard me as the apple of the eye;  
hide me in the shadow of Your wings.

— From Psalm 17

VOLUNTARY

Tune for the Oboe  
Fred Gaul, organist

*Gilbert Martin*

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

## We Praise God

CALL TO WORSHIP		Jim Roberts
*HYMN OF PRAISE 482	Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty	LOBE DEN HERREN
*PRAYER OF ADORATION		Jim Roberts
*RESPONSE 333	Seek Ye First	LAFFERTY
PRAYER OF CONFESSION		Barbara Hopta

Faithful Giver and Preserver of Life, we thank You for Your never ending care for us.  
You have always met our needs; You have never let us down.  
Forgive us for times when our confidence in You has wavered,  
forgetting that You watch carefully over us wherever You may lead us.  
Forgive our lack of faith, and by Your Spirit enable us to believe that  
Your promises are indeed dependable, enough so to stake our lives on them.

Please continue to pray silently.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WELCOME AND CELEBRATION OF FRIENDSHIP	Jim Roberts
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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	Barbara Hopta
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\*PASSING THE PEACE

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

*HYMN 276	Great Is Thy Faithfulness	FAITHFULNESS
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## We Declare our Faith

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	The Apostles' Creed	Barbara Hopta
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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

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

Psalm 113:1, Psalm 9:1, Psalm 148:1

George K Jackson

\*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

Lord, we thank You for our daily bread, and for the ability to share from our abundance. Keep us ever mindful, we pray, of the needs of others. Bless these gifts and give us the trust we need to be thankful and generous as we respond to Christ's call to "feed my sheep." Amen.

The Word is Proclaimed

ANTHEM

Word of God Speak

Millard, Kipley

*Word of God speak. Would You pour down like rain, washing my eyes to see Your majesty  
To be still and know that You're in this place. Please let me stay and rest in Your holiness. Word of God speak.*

*I'm finding myself at a loss for words, and the funny thing is it's okay  
The last thing I need is to be heard, but to hear what You would say*

*I'm finding myself in the midst of You, beyond the music, beyond the noise  
All that I need is to be with You, and in the quiet hear Your voice.*

Andy Stewart, soloist

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SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 32:22-31, Pew Bible, OT, p. 30  
Matthew 14:13-21, Pew Bible, NT, p. 16

Jim Roberts

SERMON

Take What You've Got

Jim Roberts

*CONCLUDING HYMN 343	Called as Partners in Christ's Service	BEECHER
*INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND BENEDICTION		Jim Roberts
*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	"Leoni" Fred Gaul, organist	arr. Richard Proulx
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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:* Aaron Alexander, Scott Case, Tish Chafin, Doug Chambers

• *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 Frank L. Taylor, Jr., Judge Frank L. Taylor and Anne  
• Taylor by Jackie Taylor, Blair, Ginna and Tait Taylor; and a contribution has been given by Sarah Glenn  
• Sullivan and Ricklin Brown for the glory of God and in loving memory of John L. Sullivan.

• *Greeters today are:* Barbara Gessner, Sally and Pete Slicer, Becky Smith

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