



# The First Presbyterian Church

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## The Celebration of Worship 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 19, 2009

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.

### We Gather

#### TIME FOR PREPARATION

Come before the LORD with shouts of praise. Sound the trumpet; sing songs of joy.  
The LORD has blessed His people. Let us worship God!

(Based on 2 Samuel 6)

#### VOLUNTARY

Meditation  
Fred Gaul, organist

*R. de Montalent*

#### WELCOME AND CELEBRATION OF FRIENDSHIP

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.

Barbara Hopta

#### MOMENT FOR MISSION

#### MARKING OF THE HOUR

## We Praise God

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 24

Montreat Campers

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

Here I Am to Worship  
(See insert)

*T. Hughes*

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

\*RESPONSE 322

Spirit of the Living God

LIVING GOD

Musical notation for the hymn "Spirit of the Living God". The notation is in 4/4 time, G major, and consists of four staves. The lyrics are: "Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me." The melody is simple and repetitive, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 4/4.

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jim Roberts

God, You teach us right from wrong, but we ignore You. Like Herod's family, we do what we want, greedily taking what we want. We are quick to take revenge on those who hurt us. We pay more attention to what our friends think of us than to what we know is right. Even when we know that others are hurt by what we do, we make no changes. Loving God, in Jesus' name, forgive us.

Please continue to pray silently.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WELCOME AND CELEBRATION OF FRIENDSHIP

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TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Carole Carter

\*PASSING THE PEACE

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

\*HYMN 177

Psalm 24

Israeli Folk Melody

We Declare our Faith

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

Jim Roberts

In life and in death we belong to God.  
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,  
Whom alone we worship and serve.  
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks  
and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,  
praying, Come, Lord Jesus!  
With believers in every time and place,  
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. 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

Children of the Heavenly Father

*arr. Gayden Sikes*

\*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)

Jim Roberts

Receive our best, gracious God, as we offer ourselves along with these our gifts of gratitude.  
Send us and our offerings to where You need us most, so that Your reign is established  
throughout the world. We ask in Christ's name. Amen.

The Word is Proclaimed

ANTHEM

Lift Thine Eyes

F. Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

*Lift thine eyes, O lift thine eyes to the mountains. Whence cometh help?  
Thy help cometh from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.  
He hath said, "Thy foot shall not be moved. Thy Keeper will never slumber."*

The Women's Chorus

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 6:14-29, Pew Bible, NT, pp. 40-41

SERMON

Q: What's better than a promise kept?

Barbara Hopta

A: It could be one that's broken...

\*CONCLUDING HYMN 285

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

AUSTRIAN HYMN

\*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

Saints Bound for Heaven

arr. Steven Scott

Fred Gaul, organist

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

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:* Betty Damewood, Nancy Douglas, Art Doumaux, Dick Golden  
• *The Flowers in the Sanctuary* today are given by Betty Risk and family for the glory of God and in loving  
• memory of Philip E. Risk, and by Jean O'Connor for the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert E.  
• O'Connor.  
• *Greeters today are:* Mary Cline, Sarah Roach, Sally and Pete Slicer

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THANK YOU!

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