



# The First Presbyterian Church

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## The Celebration of Worship 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 12, 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

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; for He has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers. Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in His holy place? Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully. They will receive blessing from the Lord, and indication from the God of their salvation. Such is the company of those who seek Him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in. Who is the King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory.                      Psalm 24

VOLUNTARY

Der mange skal komme  
Fred Gaul, organist

Winston Cassler

MARKING OF THE HOUR

We Praise God

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill McCoy

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

Shout to the Lord  
(See insert)

words and music by Darlene Szczech

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Jim Roberts

\*RESPONSE

Thy Word

Grant, Smith, based on Psalm 119:105



Thy Word is a lamp un-to— my feet and a light un-to my path.



Thy Word is a lamp un-to— my feet and a light un-to my path.



When I feel a fraid, and I think I've lost my way, still You're there right be - side— me.



Nothing will I fear as long as You are near. Please be near me to the end. \_\_\_\_\_



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PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Jim Roberts

God of all hope and blessing, hear us as we turn to You with all our hearts. We have not been faithful to Your word of love. We have hurt others and held grudges. We have been jealous and deceitful and ungrateful. We have turned from Your Word and resisted the Holy Spirit. We have wanted our inheritance from You without the responsibilities that go with it. O God, we plead for Your forgiveness and healing that we might respond with joy to the spiritual blessings You offer. Hear now the prayers we offer in these moments of silence.

Please continue to pray silently.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Responsive)

Leader: God's grace is freely given to us in Jesus Christ,  
through Whom we are redeemed and forgiven.

All: Let us set our hope on Christ as, in gratitude and joy,  
we share with others the love God has poured into our lives.

WELCOME AND CELEBRATION OF FRIENDSHIP

Bill McCoy

Please sign the friendship pad placed at pew's end, and greet each other by name.  
Visitors are invited to wear the button found in the friendship pad.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Bill McCoy

\*PASSING THE PEACE

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

\*HYMN 376

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

We Declare our Faith

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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

When God is Near

A. H. Ackley

\*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

With joyous praise, we dedicate this offering, acknowledging our covenant responsibility to share Your word and love with all people. In gratitude for the gospel of salvation, we pledge our first loyalty and highest faithfulness as disciples of Jesus Christ. Help us now to live according to His example. Amen.

The Word is Proclaimed

ANTHEM

Seek Ye the Lord

J.V. Roberts

*Seek ye the Lord while He may be found. Call ye upon Him while He is near.  
Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts  
and return unto the Lord and He will have mercy and abundantly pardon.*

Tim Holbrook, tenor

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 11:37-44, Pew Bible, NT, p. 73

Bill McCoy

SERMON

On Joining the Club

Bill McCoy

\*CONCLUDING HYMN 151

Crown Him With Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

\*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

March in G  
Fred Gaul, organist

Henry Smart

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 112 and 114  
• *Elder Visitation:* Tish Chafin, Louise Christensen, Emilie Couch, Betsy Crockett  
• *The Flowers in the Sanctuary* today are given by Jill Johnson for the glory of God and in loving memory of  
• Bob Johnson.  
• *Greeters today are:* Mary Cline, Sarah Roach, Sally and Pete Slicer

PLEASE DROP THIS BULLETIN IN THE RECYCLING BOX AS YOU EXIT.

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