



The First Presbyterian Church

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All members
of the congregation

The Celebration of Worship Membership Sunday

March 27, 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

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Romans 5:1-11

VOLUNTARY

Jesu, Jesu, Thou Art Mine
Fred Gaul, organist

J. S. Bach

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

We Praise God

ANTHEM (11:00)

Kyrie and the Lord's Prayer
The Cherub Choir
Debbie Eads, director

Herbert Draesel Jr.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill McCoy

*HYMN OF PRAISE

The Power of Your Love
(See insert)

Geoff Bullock

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Jim Roberts

*RESPONSE

Thy Word

Amy Grant, Michael W. Smith

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. Fine

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. D.C. al Fine

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Barbara Hopta

Leader: God of sure and steadfast covenant, You call us to be Your people
and are true to Your promise to never leave us,

All: Yet we do not remain faithful to You; we turn to our own way.

Leader: We have been forgiven, but have not forgiven one another.

All: We have been unconditionally loved, but have placed conditions on our own love.
Forgive us, Lord, we pray.

Please continue to pray silently.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (11:00)

Barbara Hopta

*PASSING THE PEACE

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

*HYMN 85

What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE

We Declare our Faith

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Barbara Hopta

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

Elegy in D

Ovid Young

*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

Jim Roberts

Lord, we bring our offerings praying that they will be acceptable to You, as we seek the welfare of all our sisters and brothers, in the name of the One whose very life You received as an acceptable offering for our well being. Amen.

The Word is Proclaimed

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| SCRIPTURE READING | Genesis 4:1-16, Pew Bible, OT, p. 3 | Bill McCoy |
| SERMON | The Pre-History of Israel: Brothers and Keepers | Bill McCoy |
| *CONCLUDING HYMN 423 | Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun | DUKE STREET |
| *INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND BENEDICTION | | Bill McCoy |
| *HYMN OF PARTING | | HYMN 540 |
| <i>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.</i> | | |
| *VOLUNTARY | Recessional from "The Redemption" Fred Gaul, organist | Charles Gounod |

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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:* Perry Keller, Larry Kerr, Pam Kuyk, Kay Lamb
• *The Flowers in the Sanctuary* this Sunday are given for the glory of God and in loving memory of Muriel
• Battle, Elizabeth Grinstead and Tim Dekin by Dill, Emily, George and Julia Battle.
• *Greeters today are:* Steve Hopta, Kay Marble, Karen and Jim Scherr

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