

The First Presbyterian Church

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The Celebration of Worship Rally Day Sunday

September 11, 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

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God. For "All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord endures for ever."

1 Peter 1:22-25a

VOLUNTARY

O Waly Waly
Fred Gaul, organist

arr. J. Bert Carlson

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

We Praise God

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill McCoy

*HYMN OF PRAISE

How Shall I Call You?

Robin Mann



How shall I call You? Mak-er of heav-en, Po - et of sun - set and Paint-er of sky,
How shall I call You? Lov-er of child-ren, Shep-herd and Teach-er and Broth-er and Friend,
How shall I call You? Spir-it of com-fort, Cloud in the day-time and Fire in the night,



Fath - er al-might-y Who's run-ning to find us, giv-ing His Son Who must suf-fer and die.
Heal - er of blind man and Heal-er of lep-er: You are be - gin-ning-and mid-dle and end.
Guide as we wan-der, Pro - tec-tor in dan-ger, Listen er and Help-er and Giv-er of sight.



Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, the Son and the Spir-it, let's sing it a - gain and a - gain.



Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, the Son and the Spir-it, for - ev - er and ev - er, A - men. _____

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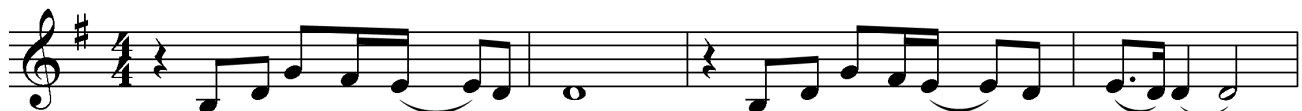
*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Barbara Hopta

*RESPONSE

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Rick Founds



Lord, I lift Your name__ on high. Lord, I love to sing__ Your prais - es.__



I'm so glad You're in__ my life. I'm so glad You came__ to save__ us.__



You came from heav-en to earth__ to show the way,__ from the earth__ to the cross__ my debt to pay,



__ from the cross__ to the grave,__ from the grave__ to the sky,__ Lord, I lift Your name on high!

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Barbara Hopta

God, You are our Father and Mother. All people are our brothers and sisters. But we forget that. We are quick to look down on people who dress differently than we do. We laugh at those who speak with different accents. We treat people with subtle differences according to the color of their skin. Forgive us when we judge others. Remind us that You, and not we, are to judge. Teach us to look more closely until we can see in each person we meet a brother or a sister, who is loved by God.

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.

COMMISSIONING OF TEACHERS AND LEADERS (11:00)

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (11:00)

Barbara Hopta

*PASSING THE PEACE

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

*HYMN 461

God Is Here!

ABBOT'S LEIGH

We Declare our Faith

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Ginna Taylor

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

Bill McCoy

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

In the Garden

arr. Gerald Peterson

*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

Ginna Taylor

Gracious and loving God, You have given us so much, especially the gift of reconciliation through Your Son Jesus Christ. Now in gratitude, we bring our tithes and offerings to You. We ask Your blessing on these gifts and on our lives so that Your peace and justice may be furthered in this Your world. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Word is Proclaimed

ANTHEM (11:00)

This Little Light of Mine

George Mabry

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, every day, every day, every day, every day,
Every day, every day, I'm gonna let my little light shine.*

*On Monday, He gave me the gift of love. On Tuesday, peace came from above.
On Wednesday, told me to have more faith. On Thursday, gave me a bit more grace.
On Friday, told me to watch and pray. On Saturday, told me what to say.
On Sunday, gave me power divine just to let my little light shine!*

The Geneva Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

John 5: 1-18, Pew Bible, NT, p. 96

Joe Faini

SERMON

Healing Words

Bill McCoy

*CONCLUDING HYMN 526

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE

*INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND BLESSING

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

Pensiero
Fred Gaul, organist

Giovanni Maria Casini

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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: Bryson McCain, Charlie Moredock, Donna Noland

: The Flowers in the Sanctuary this Sunday are given by Beth Ann Surber and family for the glory of God
: and in loving memory of their loved ones.

: Greeters today are: John Baldwin, Claude Churchwell, Mary Cline, Jan Flannery

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