



# The First Presbyterian Church

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## The Celebration of Worship Rally Day Sunday

September 12, 2010

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

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, Who has strengthened me, because He judges me faithful and appointed me to His service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in Him for eternal life. To the King of the Ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

I Timothy 1:12-17

#### VOLUNTARY

Truth Abideth from "Xerxes"  
Fred Gaul, organist

George F. Handel

#### 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

Jim Roberts

\*RESPONSE

I Love You, Lord

Laurie Klein



I love You, Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ and I lift my voice \_\_\_\_\_



to wor-ship You! Oh, my soul, re-joice!



Take joy, my King, \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ what You hear. \_\_\_\_\_



May it be a sweet, sweet sound in \_\_\_\_\_ Your ear. \_\_\_\_\_

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Barbara Hopta

God, we confess our "ordinary" faults—the friend we did not call, the smile withheld, the road rage—real, even if not verbal. We confess the gossip spread, the unnecessary critical word, the time wasted. Please forgive us and make us sensitive, aware, and caring, in Christ's name. Amen.

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 (11:00)

Bill McCoy, Jim Roberts and Barbara Hopta

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (11:00)

Barbara Hopta

\*PASSING THE PEACE

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

\*HYMN 298

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

We Declare our Faith

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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

The Christian's Inner Life Is Shining

J. S. Bach

\*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

Thank You, God, that in the abundance of Your mercy we have been blessed with plenty. In our gratitude, we accept Your mercy and seek to respond to others with the generosity You have shown us. Bless these offerings, we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Word is Proclaimed

ANTHEM

At the River

Aaron Copland

*Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel's feet have trod, with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God? Yes, we'll gather by the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river! Gather with the saints by the river that flows by the throne of God. Soon we'll reach the shining river. Soon our pilgrimage will cease. Soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.*

The Geneva Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 20:6, Pew Bible, NT, p. 259

Bill McCoy

SERMON

The Seven Beatitudes of the Apocalypse:  
"Early Bird Special"

Bill McCoy

\*CONCLUDING HYMN 344

Christ of the Upward Way

SURSUM CORDA

\*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

Voluntary  
Fred Gaul, organist

William Boyce

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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:* Brett Webster, Cindy Wilson, Sandy Zando, Dill Battle  
• *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:* Jessie Allen, Willis and Neva Jo Adams, Mary Cline

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

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