



# The First Presbyterian Church

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## The Celebration of Worship 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 5, 2010

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.

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

### We Gather

#### TIME FOR PREPARATION

Now large crowds were traveling with Him; and He turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to Me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be My disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow Me cannot be My disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become My disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

Luke 14:25-33

VOLUNTARY

Jesus, Still Lead On  
Fred Gaul, organist

*John M. Rasley*

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

# We Praise God

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill McCoy

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

Come Build a Church

Ken Medema

*Refrain*

Come build a church with soul and spir-it. Come build a church of flesh and bone.  
We need no tow - er ris - ing sky-ward; no house of wood or glass or stone.  
Come build a church with hu-man frail-ty. Come build a church of flesh and blood.  
Je-sus shall be its sure foun-da-tion. It shall be built by the hand of God. *Fine*

1. Let us see the tongues of fi - re Let us hear the great wind roar.  
2. Let us know the love un-ceas - ing which a - lone can loose the bounds,  
3. Guide our feet in peace - ful path-ways. Teach us peace of heart and mind,

Let us know the awe and won - der that we've on - ly glimpsed be - fore.  
reach - ing out a - cross the cha - sms, bring - ing walls of ha - tred down.  
peace with God and all God's chil-dren, 'til we leave our wars be - hind.

Let us feel the strength of pas - sion which can make us laugh and weep.  
Let us taste the sweet com-mun - ion, where the cir - cle nev - er ends.  
Sure-ly joy will come and find us like a breeze that cools the night,

Let us know this great a - wakening. For so long we've been a - sleep. *to Refrain*  
Hold us in the sweet con- nec-tion, turn-ing strang - ers in - to friends. *to Refrain*  
like the rain up - on the des - ert, like a can - dle's gen - tle light. *to Refrain*

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\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

GINNA TAYLOR

\*RESPONSE 322

Spirit of the Living God

LIVING GOD

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

GINNA TAYLOR

God, we confess that we often feel overwhelmed by life itself.  
We take actions that belie our faith in Jesus and the message of His grace.  
Deliver us from our doubts, O merciful God.

Please continue to pray silently.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Ginna Taylor

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

Ginna Taylor

\*PASSING THE PEACE

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

\*HYMN 520

Here, O Our Lord, We See You Face to Face

MORECAMBE

We Declare our Faith

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Jim Buckalew

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

Unto Thee, O Lord

Francis E. Aulbach

\*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 Buckalew

God of abundance, Creator of all that is,  
we bring these offerings to You with thanksgiving  
for the multitude of blessings that we receive each day.  
We bring our monetary gifts  
as well as our gifts of time, talent, and creativity.  
Bless them to Your service. Amen.

The Word is Proclaimed

ANTHEM

Wade in the Water

*trad. African-American spiritual*

*Wade in the water. Wade in the water, children. Wade in the water. God's gonna trouble the water.  
See that band all dressed in white! The leader looks like the Israelite.  
See that band all dressed in red! It must be the band that Moses led.*

The Geneva Choir; Carole Carter, soloist

SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 19:9, Pew Bible, NT, p. 258

Bill McCoy

SERMON

The Seven Beatitudes of the Apocalypse:  
"R.S.V.P."

Bill McCoy

\*CONCLUDING HYMN 415

Come, Labor On

ORA LABORA

\*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

Come, Christians, Join to Sing  
Fred Gaul, organist

Sondra K. Tucker

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*: Lynda Strickland, Jim Thomas, Ken Volkers  
• *The Flowers in the Sanctuary* today remind us that a contribution has been given to the Hunger Fund by  
• Martha Jane Williams for the glory of God and in loving memory of husband, Curtis Burr Williams, and  
• son, Ted Williams.  
• *Greeters today are*: Jessie Allen, Willis and Neva Jo Adams, Mary Cline

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