



The First Presbyterian Church

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The Celebration of Worship 17th Sunday after Pentecost

October 9, 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

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside still waters; He restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for His name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff—they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Psalm 23

VOLUNTARY

Thee We Adore
Fred Gaul, organist

Robert Hebble

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

We Praise God

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill McCoy

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Ancient Words

Lynn DeShazo

Ho-ly words, long pre - served for our walk in this world;
Ho-ly words of our faith hand-ed down to this age,
they re-sound with God's own heart, O let the an-cient words im - part.
came to us through sac - ri - fice; O heed the faith - ful words of Christ.
Words of life, words of hope, give us strength, help us cope.
Ho - ly words long pre - served for our walk in this world;
In this world where-e'er we roam, an-cient words will guide us home.
they re - sound with God's own heart, O let the an - cient words im - part.
An - cient words, ev - er true, chang-ing me, chang-ing you;
we have come with o - pen hearts, O let the an-cient words im - part.

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*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Jim Roberts

*RESPONSE

Create in Me a Clean Heart

from Psalm 51, author unknown

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,
and re-new a right spir-it with - in me.
Cast me not a - way from Thy pre - sence, O Lord, and
take not Thy Ho - ly Spi - rit from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion
and re - new a right spi - rit with - in me.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ginna Taylor

O God, we confess that we sin and fall short of Your glory. We are idle when we should be active. We listen to gossip more than we listen to the gospel. When called to serve, we have excuses rather than excitement. We hesitate rather than hasten to do what You ask. Help us to be aware of how precious our moments are and be quick to fill them with deeds of discipleship in response to Your will.

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)

Ginna Taylor

*PASSING THE PEACE

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

*HYMN 372

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

We Declare our Faith

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Jim Roberts

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

Deck Yourself, My Soul, With Gladness

arr. Gerhard Krapf

*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, receive these gifts, we pray, in the spirit in which they are given, and magnify them beyond their material worth for Your work in the world. We ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Word is Proclaimed

ANTHEM (11:00)

O Blessed Holy Trinity

Behm, Schütte, Herman, Wolff

*O blessed Holy Trinity, Divine, eternal Unity,
God Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, be Thou this day my Guide and Host.
My Maker, strengthen Thou my heart, O my Redeemer, help impart,
Blest Comforter, keep at my side that faith and love in me abide.
Lord, bless and keep Thou me as Thine; Lord, make Thy face upon me shine;
Lord, lift Thy countenance on me and give me peace, sweet peace from Thee.*

The Geneva Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 9:14-29, Pew Bible, NT, p. 44

Bill McCoy

SERMON

Preparation

Bill McCoy

*CONCLUDING HYMN 262

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

NATIONAL HYMN

*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

Festival Recessional
Fred Gaul, organist

Walker Baylor

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• *In worship leadership last Sunday:* We thank LOGOS participants Ruth Odin and Will Snider for
• chiming the Trinity to begin our worship services last Sunday, October 2.
• *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:* Moseley Winkler, Sandy Zando, Mike Abernethy, Aaron Alexander
• *The Flowers in the Sanctuary* this Sunday remind us that Earle and Barbara Brown have given a
• contribution to the Hunger Fund for the glory of God and in loving memory of their daughter, Laura
• Thomason.
• *Greeters today are:* Marsha and Bill Bone, Barbara Gessner, Jim Hartman
• PLEASE DROP THIS BULLETIN IN THE RECYCLING BOX AS YOU EXIT. THANK YOU!

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