

Celebrating 200 Years!

Morning Worship February 28, 2010 Second Sunday in Lent

Coming Together in Christ

10:55 AM MEDITATION (Please pause in quiet preparation for worship.)

11:00 AM CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

Adagio Tranquillo

Antonio Vivaldi

INTROIT

With Joy I Heard My Friends Exclaim

With joy I heard my friends exclaim, "Come, let us in God's temple meet";
within thy gates, O Zion blest, shall ever stand our willing feet.

Entering God's Presence

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 27: 7-8, 9

Leader: Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me! "Come,"
my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, Lord, do I seek.

**People: Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you
who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of
my salvation!**

* HYMN OF PRAISE #478

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

"Lauda Anima"

THE PRAYER OF APPROACH

SILENCE

AMEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (together)

Let us confess in God's presence that for too much of the time we are blind to God's glory and forgetful of his loving kindness. We are casual about the colors of the season and the unspeakable marvel of the universe and insensitive to the vast range and sweep of the Father's providence and the gentleness of his love. We are blind to the glory of Christ's works and ways and we cannot believe they could redeem our times. We are blind to the glory of the Spirit's sanctifying power and will not believe that it can reverse the unholy trends or penetrate the complexities of our national situation or personal life. O God, forgive us our blindness and faithlessness through Jesus Christ our Lord.

KYRIE ELEISON (Congregation & Choir)

#61, Lift Up Your Hearts

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true. Change my heart, O God, may I be like you. You are the potter, I am the clay, mold me and make me, this is what I pray. Change my heart, O God, make it ever true. Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

THE DECLARATION OF PARDON

John Dillon

* THE RESPONSE IN PRAISE

#69, Lift Up Your Hearts

**God has smiled on me. He has set me free,
God has smiled on me. He's been good to me.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hearing God's Word

TIME FOR CHILDREN

* HYMN OF PREPARATION #349 *Let All Who Pray the Prayer Christ Taught* "Cheshire"

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 2:1-3 pew Bible p. 594

SECOND LESSON Luke 9:18-20 pew Bible p. 65

ANTHEM *Go Not Far From Me, O God* Zingarelli
Go not far from me, O God; cast me not away in the time of age; forsake me not when my strength faileth me. O let my mouth be filled with Thy praise; that I may sing thy glory and honor all the day long.

THE SERMON "Waiting in Vain?" Rev. John Dillon

Our Response to God's Love

* THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostle's Creed (Ecumenical)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

WORSHIPPING THE LORD THROUGH OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY ANTHEMS

*Glorify Thy Name
More Precious Than Silver
The JoyBells*

Donna Adkins
Lynn DeShazo

* THE DOXOLOGY

#114 Lift Up Your Hearts

**Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.
And now let the weak say, "I am strong;"
Let the poor say, "I am rich"
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks, give thanks, give thanks!**

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

* HYMN OF PARTING #368

I've Got Peace Like a River

African-American Spiritual

* SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

Leader: The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

(Please greet one another in the peace of Christ.)

* SUNG BENEDICTION

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Dennis

**Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love:
The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.**

Going Forth in God's Love

* THE POSTLUDE

"Peace Like A River"

* Those who wish to do so are invited to stand

About the Affirmation of Faith

The PC (USA) Book of Confessions is a collection of Confessions from the church in many ages and many different situations. Therefore, its expressions of faith cover a multitude of theological opinions, many of which are obviously influenced by who participated in their preparation and the times and customs of their era. While not necessarily agreeing with every statement precisely, our Ministers, Elders, and Deacons swear to be guided by its principles and truths. We select a passage from one of these Confessions each month to experience and explore the breadth and depth of our heritage.

Continuing our exploration of the Confessions, in February we will be using the Apostles' Creed.

Although not written by apostles, the Apostles' Creed reflects the theological formulations of the first century church. The creed's structure may be based on Jesus' command to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. In a time when most Christians were illiterate, oral repetition of the Apostles' Creed, along with the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments, helped preserve and further transmit the faith of the western churches.

Statement of Purpose

Our Church exists to worship God and proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Spirit, we shall serve God's Kingdom by loving our neighbors and promoting peacemaking, justice and care of the earth.

Statement of Vision

We embrace open and progressive theology. Through education, training, worship and Session leadership we will realize our vision both individually and in community. We will be open to new ideas and programs while staying true to our beliefs and traditions. We will commit our personal and corporate resources to embody our Statement of Purpose. We will live our lives responsibly with honesty and integrity.

What's Happening This Week:



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY (28)

9:00 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal
9:45 AM Sunday School for All Ages
Book Study in Chapel
10:15 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
11:00 AM Worship Service, 2nd Sunday in Lent
On the Air WCBC
6:00 PM GAFOSAC Dinner & Meeting

MONDAY, MARCH (1)

9:00 AM Church Office Open
9:00 AM Learning Tree Preschool
10:00 PM Book Study in Pastor's Office
4:30 PM Finance & Admin Mtg. in Parlor
6:00 PM Christian Ed Mtg. in Pastor's Office
7:00 PM 200th Anniversary Committee Mtg. in Parlor

TUESDAY, MARCH (2)

9:00 AM Church Office Open
9:00 AM Learning Tree Preschool
6:30 PM Worship Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY, MARCH (3)

9:00 AM Church Office Open
9:00 AM Learning Tree Preschool
6:15 PM JoyBells Rehearsal
6:30 PM Pee Wee Basketball Practice at Cresaptown
7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
7:30 PM Jr. High Basketball Practice at Cresaptown

THURSDAY, MARCH (4)

9:00 AM Church Office Open
9:00 AM Learning Tree Preschool

FRIDAY, MARCH (5)

World Day of Prayer

9:00 AM Church Office Open
9:00 AM Learning Tree Preschool

SATURDAY, MARCH (6)

Bowl For Kid's Sake

SUNDAY, MARCH (7)

9:00 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal
9:45 AM Sunday School for All Ages
Book Study in Chapel
10:15 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
11:00 AM Worship Service, 3rd Sunday in Lent
200th Anniversary— Celebrating vocal music
On the Air WCBC
1:00 PM W. MD Churches Lunch & Meeting
In the Heritage Room



Easter Flowers

Celebrate Easter by purchasing flowers that will be used to decorate the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Please indicate below whether you wish to take your plants home, or if you wish they be donated to one of our shut-ins. The florals are available in assorted colors. Please indicate your selection to the right, and total below.

| | Price each | Quantity | Total Cost |
|--------------------------|------------|----------|------------|
| Tulips, 6" potted | \$6.00 | _____ | \$ _____ |
| Hyacinth, 6" potted | \$6.00 | _____ | \$ _____ |
| Daffodil, 4" potted | \$4.00 | _____ | \$ _____ |
| Mums, 6' potted | \$8.00 | _____ | \$ _____ |
| Orange Star, 4' potted | \$10.00 | _____ | \$ _____ |
| Hydrangea, 4 1/2" potted | \$9.00 | _____ | \$ _____ |
| Hydrangea, 6' potted | \$17.00 | _____ | \$ _____ |
| Total | | _____ | \$ _____ |

My floral gift is in honor/memory of: _____

Given to the Glory of God by: _____

Please indicate: I would like to take my flowers home _____
I would like to donate the flowers _____



Easter Music

You can also celebrate Easter by contributing to the Special Music Fund. This fund is separate from the budget and is used to pay guest musicians including area college students and tri-state professionals who are with us on holidays and during special music times in worship.

Special Music Contribution \$ _____

My Special Music gift is in honor/memory of: _____

Given to the Glory of God by: _____

Checks should be made payable to First Presbyterian Church. Please submit this form and payment to the church office or place in the offering plate by Sunday, March 21, 2010.