

Celebrating 200 Years!

Morning Worship August 1, 2010 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Coming Together in Christ

9:55 AM MEDITATION (We pause in quiet preparation.)
Please fill the center pews first as you enter the sanctuary.

10:00 AM CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE *Adagio for Strings* Samuel Barber

Entering God's Presence

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (together) Hosea 11:1-2, 4

Leader: When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and offering incense to idols.

People: **I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them.**

* HYMN OF PRAISE #138 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!* "Nicaea"

THE PRAYER OF APPROACH

SILENCE

AMEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (together)

Loving God, you are our shield and our defender. Over and over again you have shown your faithfulness to us. Even so, there are many times we do not trust you completely. When the worries of life lead us to despair, we are not trusting you. When we seek answers everywhere but from you, we are not trusting you. Forgive us, loving God. Help us to trust you more so the world will see you work in us. Amen. —*Susan R. Tomlinson*

KYRIE ELEISON (Congregation & Choir) **#62, Lift Up Your Hearts**
Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

THE DECLARATION OF PARDON Rev. John Dillon

* THE RESPONSE IN PRAISE **#28, Lift Up Your Hearts**
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah, hallelujah! (repeat)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hearing God's Word

TIME FOR CHILDREN Cents-Ability

* SONG OF PREPARATION **#126, Lift Up Your Hearts**
Come, Share the Lord Jeffrey Leech

FIRST LESSON 1 Kings 3:3-5 Pew Bible p. 291

SECOND LESSON Matthew 12:22-32 Pew Bible p. 12

THE DUET *He Shall Feed His Flock* G.F. Handel
Patricia Kelby, Mezzo-Soprano; Judith Brown, Organ
He shall feed His flock like a shepherd, and He shall gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

THE SERMON "Missing the Signs of the Kingdom" Rev. John Dillon

Our Response to God's Love

* THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH **The Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father by whom all things were made; who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on

the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe that the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And we believe one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

(Please partake of the communion elements as you receive them.)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S SUPPER

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 DUET

The Lamb

Theodore Chanler

Little Lamb, who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee?
Gave thee clothing of delight, softest clothing, wooly, bright,
Gave thee such a tender voice, making all the vales rejoice?
Little Lamb, who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee?

Little Lamb, I'll tell thee, Little Lamb, I'll tell thee:
He is called by thy name, For He calls Himself a Lamb.
He is meek, and He is mild; He became a little child.
I a child, and thou a lamb, We are called by His name.
Little Lamb, God bless thee! Little Lamb, God bless thee!

(William Blake)

* THE DOXOLOGY

#592, The Hymnal

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

* HYMN OF PARTING #442

The Church's One Foundation

"Aurelia"

* 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

Toccata in E Minor

Johann Pachelbel

* Those who wish to do so are invited to stand

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.

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 August we will be using the Nicene Creed.

In A.D. 312, Constantine won control of the Roman Empire in the battle of Milvian Bridge. Attributing his victory to the intervention of Jesus Christ, he elevated Christianity to favored status in the empire. "One God, one Lord, one faith, one church, one empire, one emperor" became his motto.

To counter a widening rift within the church, Constantine convened a council in Nicaea in A.D. 325, where the original draft of a creed was written. In A.D. 381 it was revised and expanded and became known as the Nicene Creed.

The Nicene Creed is the most ecumenical of creeds. The PC (USA) joins with Eastern Orthodox, Roman Catholic and most Protestant churches in affirming it.

What's Happening This Week:



SUNDAY, AUGUST (1)

10:00 AM Worship Service, 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Communion, Cents-Ability Offering Received
Time for Children, On the Air WCBC

MONDAY, AUGUST (2)

9:00 AM Church Office Open
4:30 PM Finance & Admin Mtg. in the Parlor
5:30 PM Congregational Care Mtg. in the Parlor
7:00 PM 200th Anniversary Comm. Mtg. in the Parlor

TUESDAY, AUGUST (3)

9:00 AM Church Office Open
6:30 PM Worship & Music Mtg. in the Parlor

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST (4)

9:00 AM Church Office Open

THURSDAY, AUGUST (5)

9:00 AM Church Office Open
7:00 PM Global Mission Mtg. in the Parlor

FRIDAY, AUGUST (6)

9:00 AM Church Office Open
9:30 AM Summer Lunch Box Program (last day)

SUNDAY, AUGUST (8)

10:00 AM Worship Service, 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Nancy Hodges, Guest Organist
200th Anniversary Emphasis: Global Mission
Time for Children, On the Air WCBC
12:00 PM Youth Group Pizza & Meeting



COME TO OUR CHURCH PICNIC after worship **on Sunday, August 15 at 12 noon**, Constitution Park, Pavilion #5. Cool drinks and paper products will be provided. Everyone should bring a dish to share. Don't miss the summer fun!

200 Minutes of Prayer

with our

Source, Creator, Provider, Teacher, Deliverer, Comforter, Sustainer, Redeemer, Strong Tower, Sanctifier, Shepherd, Banner, Healer, Ever-Present, All-Seeing, All-Knowing, Alpha and Omega, Commander, Counselor, Foundation, Great High Priest, Almighty, Holy One, Immanuel, King, Lawgiver, Leader, Life, Love, Messiah, Master, the Potter, Savior, Shield, Seed, Truth, Wisdom, Word, Vine...

If your understanding of God does not completely encompass these amazing names, (and we are all just beginning our understanding of God and opening ourselves to relationship with God) would you join in prayer with the **Christian Education Committee** as we begin a new journey to share the Good News on Sunday mornings with all who come to Sunday School?

In this year of celebrating 200 years of history and looking toward the future, we are asking our church family to join with us in 200 minutes of prayer **starting August 1 for the next ten weeks.** On Sunday mornings or during each week, would you dedicate yourself to 20 minutes of prayer for Christian Education in our church? Each week there will be a theme to pray for during the week.

By signing your name and email on the 3x5 card in the pew and placing it in the offering plate, you will share your desire and commitment to join us in the 200 minutes of Timely and Holy Communication for **Christian Education** at First Presbyterian.

Remember:

200 Minutes of Prayer = 20 minutes for the next 10 weeks starting August 1!