

Morning Worship
June 1, 2008
Ninth Sunday of Easter

Coming Together in Christ

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

11:00 AM: CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE *Wherefore, O Father* Oblation

INTROIT *Wherefore, O Father*

*Wherefore, O Father, we thy humble servants here bring before thee Christ
thy well beloved, All-perfect Off'ring, sacrifice immortal, spotless oblation.*

Entering God's Presence

THE CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 46:5, 9-10

Leader: God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

People: He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire. "Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth."

* HYMN OF PRAISE #460

Holy God, We Praise Your Name
"Grosser Gott, Wir Loben Dich"

THE PRAYER OF APPROACH

SILENCE

AMEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (together)

Compassionate One, as we come before your holiness, we sense our troubled and confused hearts. We have not been as loving as you call us to be. We have been too critical of others and too easy on ourselves. We have been too busy doing things and not busy enough on building your kingdom. At times we have taken our families too much for granted. At other times the love you shared in Jesus Christ has been less than unconditional for those closest to us. Forgive us and fill us afresh with your redeeming love. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON (Congregation & Choir)

#574, The Hymnal

**Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

THE DECLARATION OF PARDON

John Dillon

* THE RESPONSE IN PRAISE

#567, The Hymnal, John Weaver

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever.
Amen. Amen. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hearing God's Word

TIME FOR CHILDREN

* HYMN OF PREPARATION #508

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

"Kingdom"

ANTHEM

Three Sketches

Cynthia Dobrinski
The JoyBells

I. Fiesta (Come Celebrate)

THE FIRST LESSON:

Romans 1: 16-17, 3:22b-28

pew Bible p. 142

II. Cathedral Windows

THE SECOND LESSON:

Matthew 7:21-29

pew Bible p. 7

III. Danse (Rejoice in the Lord)

THE SERMON

"I Hear, I See, I Learn"

Rev. John Dillon

Our Response to God's Love

* THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (together)

The visible Church, which is also catholic or universal under the gospel (not confined to one nation as before under the law), consists of all those throughout the world that profess the true religion, together with their children; and is the Kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ; the house and family of God.

This catholic Church hath been sometimes more, sometimes less, visible. And particular churches are more or less pure, according as the doctrine of the gospel is taught and embraced, ordinances administered, and public worship performed.

The purest churches under heaven are subject both to mixture and error. Nevertheless, there shall always be a Church on earth, to worship God according to his will.

—extracts of Chapter XXV, The Westminster Confession of Faith, 1649

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 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.

CHORAL AMEN

Three-Fold Amen

John Weaver

WORSHIPPING THE LORD THROUGH OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

This Is the Day

W.A. Mozart

This is the day the Lord has made; He calls the hours His own; Let heaven rejoice, let the earth be glad, and praise surround the throne. Hosanna in the highest strains, the Church on earth can raise; The highest heavens in which He reigns, shall give Him nobler praise. The God of our salvation. Give thanks to God for he is good. Alleluia.

* 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

* THE HYMN OF PARTING #563

Lift Every Voice and Sing

"Lift Every Voice"

* 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

(Please join hands as we sing the Benediction)

**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

"Lift Every Voice"

* Those who wish to do so are invited to stand

This Morning's Worship Leaders

Preacher..... Rev. John Dillon
Liturgist Barbara Leasure
Organist..... Judith Brown
Special Music..... JoyBells
Time for Children Melanie Ogu
Acolyte Allie Gambrel
Child Care..... Jenna Gallion and Erin Williams
Greeter Barbara Leasure
Coffee Hour Mike Fiscus (Pam Griffith on June 8)
Ushers Jen, Dave, Sam and Kaitlyn Kauffman

Announcements

THANKS TO WCBC (1270 am) for broadcasting our service of worship this morning.

"FILL THE TEEPEE": Our mission project for the final Sunday School rotation of the year is based on "The Parable of the Good Samaritan". We will "Fill the Teepee" with book bags full of school supplies for children of the Cheyenne Indian Reservation in South Dakota. Sue Rudd will take them on her mission trip in July along with fleece blankets made during the rotation. You can find the teepee in the library.

ATTENTION ALL SCRAP BOOKERS: Big Brothers/Big Sisters invites you to its first ever "Big" Day of Scrap Booking" held **June 7th, from 9am-9pm** right here at 1st Presbyterian Church. The fee is \$25 (early registration before May 15th is \$20) and includes lunch, dinner, snacks, giveaways, and door prizes! All proceeds will benefit Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Alleghenies. For more info or to sign-up contact Lauren Seippel at 301-724-2742 or pick up a form in the church volunteer office.

GAFOSAC (GOD AND FRIENDS ON SUNDAY AT CHURCH): There is a GAFOSAC meeting **tonight at 5 pm**. Also, youth are needed to help with the Heritage Days Parking Lot fundraiser on June 14 and 15. Please see Melissa Gambrel to sign up. Upcoming GAFOSAC meeting dates are: June 22 from 5-7 pm and June 8 & 29 from 3-5 pm. (There will be no meeting on 6/15.) Get ready—the flamingos return June 22-July 5!

CENTRE STREET PLAYGROUND OUTREACH: Everyone is encouraged to join our GAFOSAC youth in helping to spruce up the Centre Street Playground and then be available to visit with local children. Please bring garden gloves, a trash bag, a hat, sun block, water to drink and of course, lots of energy to play with the kids! Meet us at the playground on **Saturday, June 7 and July 19 from 9-11 am** (weather permitting). For more information see Melissa Gambrel.

CALLING ALL MUSICIANS! The many and diverse talents of this congregation are immense and I look forward to discovering your musical gifts! PLEASE let me know by calling the church office or myself, Judie Brown, DCM, at 301-777-3700 ex. 104 if you would like to participate this summer during our 10 am morning worship service. Let us together make a joyful noise!

DON'T FORGET: The summer worship schedule resumes on **June 15**. Worship will be at 10 am each Sunday.

CENTS-ABILITY is a Presbyterian Hunger Program for congregations to respond to local and worldwide hunger. Using the Cents-Ability banks available at church you are invited to give a few cents at each meal as a reminder of this need. Our youth will be collecting the Cents-Ability banks on the 4th Sunday of each month beginning June 22. Twenty-five percent of the proceeds will go to the Union Rescue Mission, 25% to Presbytery hunger projects and 50% to the Presbyterian Hunger Program.

VBS POWER LAB! This summer, let's transform our church into a bubbling science lab! Kids age four through grade five are invited to be a part of our Vacation Bible School from **July 21st through 25th from 8:30-11:00AM**. It's our goal to reach 100 kids with this program! That's 100 kids who will grow in their relationship with God. As we plan and prepare for Power Lab, our team would cherish your prayers. Pray that God would give us wisdom in planning. Pray for the right staff members to join our team. And pray that God would begin working in the hearts of the children who will come to Power Lab! Watch for more information about this exciting ministry event!



SUMMER LUNCHBOX BEGINS ON JUNE 27: We are thrilled with everyone who already has signed up to help, but, we still need lots of food donations, Friday helpers and especially drivers. Sign up sheets and food donation guidelines are available on the table in the hallway. Make a difference—feed a hungry child! Contact Cathy Levitas or Kathy Wilhelm for details.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS:

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Athey and Mr. Milton W. Athey, given by their family

If you are able to take flowers to one of our shut-ins today, please speak to one of the ushers in the back of the church.

ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE: as of May 27, 2008

Pledges Received Year-to-Date	\$ 75,970
Pledges Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 88,381
Over/(Under)	\$ (12,411)

ATTENDANCE RECORD

Sunday	May 27, 2007	May 25, 2008
Worship	117	151
Sunday School	57	n/a

PASTORAL CONCERNS: In your prayers, calls and cards, please remember the members of our church family who have been ill, or have other concerns or trials this week.

- ✠ Gary Hartung, at home
- ✠ Ken MacFie, WMHS Braddock Campus

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 June we will be using extracts from “The Westminster Confession of Faith”. (1649)

“The Westminster Confession of Faith is composed of thirty-three chapters. It begins with Chapter 1 on Scripture, which is the source from which all other truths are derived. A second section, Chapters II through V, declares the sovereignty of God... A central section, Chapters VI through XX, addresses the working out of God’s purposes in human history. Chapters VI and VII describe the fall of humanity into sin and God’s covenant to redeem them. In Chapter VIII, Jesus Christ the mediator of God’s covenant is presented as the pinnacle of God’s purposeful work on behalf of humanity. Then, Chapters XI through XX describe the way of salvation in Christ and how it becomes effective in the lives of believers. A fourth section of the confession, Chapters XXI through XXVI, deals with ethical dimensions of the Christian life. It treats topics such as the law of God, liberty of conscience, church and state, and marriage and divorce. The final section, Chapters XXVII through XXXV, treats the church, the sacraments, and last things.

The confession provides a concise system of theology in the form used in mid-seventeenth-century Britain. The functional concern of these Puritan Divines was, however, that theology be a practical rather than a theoretical discipline. This is manifested by the fact that nearly two-thirds of the confession deals with practical matters of the Christian life in its personal and social dimensions.”

—from “Book of Confessions: Study Edition”, 1996

Our 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, JUNE (1)

- 9:30 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal
Sunday School for All Ages
- 10:15 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 AM Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall
- 11:00 AM Worship Service, 9th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Communion, JoyBells Playing
On the Air WCBC
- 5:00 PM GAFOSAC Meeting

MONDAY, JUNE (2)

- 9:00 AM Church Office Open
- 5:00 PM Congregational Care Mtg. at Mark's Daily Grind
- 5:30 PM Christian Education Committee Mtg.

TUESDAY, JUNE (3)

- 9:00 AM Church Office Open
- 5:00 PM Session Task Force Mtg.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE (4)

- 9:00 AM Church Office Open

THURSDAY, JUNE (5)

- 9:00 AM Church Office Open
- 7:00 PM Local and Global Mission Meetings
- 8:00 PM Mission Committee Meeting

FRIDAY, JUNE (6)

- 9:00 AM Church Office Open

SATURDAY, JUNE (7)

- 9:00 AM Centre St Playground Outreach
- 9:00 AM Big Brothers/Big Sisters Scrap Booking Event
in FPC Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, JUNE (8)

- 9:30 AM Sunday School for All Ages
- 10:30 AM Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall
- 11:00 AM Worship Service, 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time
On the Air WCBC
- 3:00 PM GAFOSAC Meeting