

Morning Worship
September 28, 2008
Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Coming Together in Christ

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

11:00 AM CHIMING OF THE HOUR JoyBells

PRELUDE *Allegro* G. F. Handel

THE INTROIT *A Festive Intrada* Cynthia Dobrinski
JoyBells

Entering God's Presence

THE CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 33

Leader: Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous;

People: Sing to him a new song;

Leader: Play skillfully, and shout for joy.

People: For the word of the Lord is right and true;

Leader: He is faithful in all he does.

People: The Lord loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love.

* HYMN OF PRAISE #476 *O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!* "Lyons"

THE PRAYER OF APPROACH

SILENCE

AMEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (together)

Holy and merciful God, we confess that we come before you full of ourselves—not empty of conceit so that we may be filled with your Spirit. We have failed to love you above all, and our neighbors as ourselves. We have neglected the less fortunate and have not spoken out for justice. We have not fully used the gifts you have blessed us with to further your kingdom. Forgive us. Help us to be faithful disciples.

KYRIE ELEISON (Congregation & Choir)

#63, Lift Up Your Hearts

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy upon us. (repeat)**

THE DECLARATION OF PARDON

John Dillon

* THE RESPONSE IN PRAISE

#579, The Hymnal

**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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hearing God's Word

TIME FOR CHILDREN

DEDICATION OF THE MARY LOU WATSON F# 3 HAND BELL

Leader: Lord, Creator of metal and music, we thank you for allowing us the freedom to worship you in many ways.

People: May we always worship you in spirit and in truth.

Leader: Lord, Redeemer of the world, we thank you for preparing a place for us in heaven where our praises will be perfect and unending.

People: May the center of our worship always be Christ's saving work.

Leader: Lord, Sanctifier of the Church, we thank you for providing the church with musicians and contributors to enrich our worship to your glory.

People: May our faith burn inside us that we desire to attend church—to hear your word, to receive your sacraments, to respond to you in worship, and to encourage one another in fellowship and love.

Leader: Lord, be pleased to accept this F# 3 hand bell, given in memory of Mary Lou Watson, which we bring before you to be used to your glory.

People: We dedicate this hand bell and all the JoyBells in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

* HYMN OF PREPARATION # 264

When in Our Music God is Glorified

"Engelberg"

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:

Exodus 24:12-18

pew Bible p. 68

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON:

Philippians 2:1-8

pew Bible p. 186

THE ANTHEM

The Lord is My Shepherd

John Rutter

The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.

He shall feed me in a green pasture, and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness,
for His Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk thro' the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil; For thou art with me: Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou shalt prepare a table for me against them that trouble me:
Thou hast anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.
But thy loving kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord, forever.

THE SERMON

Rev. John Dillon

"Why Are Retired Husbands Such A Nuisance?" by Sayoko Nishida

Our Response to God's Love

* THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

The Apostles' 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

WORSHIPPING THE LORD THROUGH OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Second Suite for Hand Bells
JoyBells

Helman

* 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 #411

Arise, Your Light is Come!

"Festal Song"

* 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
(Please join hands as we sing the Benediction)

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

Festal Song

* Those who wish to do so are invited to stand

Announcements

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

WELCOME to worship at First Presbyterian Church. Please sign the red worship pad in your pew, tear off the sheet and place it in the collection basket during the offering.

GAFOSAC MEETING tonight at 4:30 pm. We will have the dedication of the Youth Room tonight. Bon•Ton Community Days coupon books are still on sale for \$5 from any of our youth. HELP WANTED: We need sewers to make pillows for the youth room and donations of bags of poly-fil. We still need adults willing to stay for GAFOSAC meetings on Sunday nights. Please let Melissa Gambrel know if you can help.

CENTS-ABILITY COLLECTION TODAY: Our youth collect the Cents-Ability banks on the 4th Sunday of each month. Banks and brochures are available on the table beside the sanctuary doors.

EMMANUEL PARISH (our neighbors across the street) will hold a gala evening of food and entertainment on **October 3 beginning at 6 pm.** This event is the culmination of the church's organ renovation drive. For more information and to make reservations, please call the church at 301-777-3364.

DRESS UP FOR WORLD PEACE! Next **Sunday, October 5** is World Communion Sunday and also when we receive the Peacemaking Offering. Be sure to wear an article of clothing, a hat, an accessory or something from another culture to show our worldwide unity. Dress for the part, dress for the day, dress for peace.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES:

Pre-School Class: "BibleZone"

Rotation for Gr. K-2, Gr. 3-5 and Gr. 6-8: "Timothy, Eunice, and Lois"

High School Class: "Star Wars Jesus/The Gospel According to Star Wars" video & discussion

Family Matters Class: "Children in the Sanctuary" video series

Seekers Class: "Original Blessing" book study

THE PEACEMAKING OFFERING: Next week, on World-Wide Communion Sunday we in this congregation have the opportunity to give to the Peacemaking Offering. Twenty-five percent of the money collected will go to the Family Crisis Resource Center which aids local victims of sexual assault and domestic violence. At any given time the shelter can accommodate up to 20 women and children in addition to four to six homeless women. This shelter often means the difference between danger and safety. By donating to the Peacemaking Offering you will be helping to make a difference in Allegany County.

OLIVE WOOD CARVINGS: In anticipation of the upcoming S.O.S. Mission Fair at FPC on **November 22**, you may advance order handmade olive wood carvings to support the artisan Christians in Bethlehem. Proceeds aid impoverished Christians living in the Holy Land. Call Bryan Wodaski at 301-268-5947 or stop by the church office to see the beautiful items in the catalog. Place your order soon—the deadline is **Oct 20th**.



ORGAN SPECTACULAR the World's Largest Organ Concert, an international event celebrating the King of Instruments, will bring singular focus upon the unique value of the organ and the contribution of its art to the culture at large. More than 2,000 performers in more than 250 concert venues throughout North America and abroad will be presenting concerts on this same day which highlight the King of Instruments. **On October 19 at 6 pm**, First Presbyterian Church in Cumberland will be one of 250 concert venues across the world celebrating the International Year of the Organ by hosting an "Organ Spectacular" concert. For more information, contact **DCM Judie Brown** at 301-777-3700 or email her at dcmusic@pennswoods.net.

KITCHEN RENOVATIONS continue. You can see a copy of the plans posted on the bulletin board in church hallway. **PLEASE NOTE:** The Conference Room will be closed during the kitchen renovation. The room will be locked for security and safety.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING First Presbyterian Church? Anyone who is considering joining our church family should speak with John Dillon indicating your interest and also attend one of the series of classes taught by the pastor during the year.

ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE: as of September 23, 2008

Pledges Received Year-to-Date	\$ 136,739
Pledges Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 159,928
Over/(Under)	\$ (23,189)

ATTENDANCE RECORD

	Sept 23, 2007	Sept 21, 2008
<i>Sunday</i>		
Worship	150	97
Sunday School	52	25

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.

Music Notes

John Rutter (b.1945) is an English choral conductor, editor, arranger, and record producer and perhaps the best known and popular composer of contemporary sacred music living today.

Born in London, he was educated at Highgate School and then read music at Clare College, Cambridge, where he was a member of the choir and then director of music from 1975 to 1979. In 1981 he founded his own choir, the Cambridge Singers, which he conducts and with which he has made many recordings of sacred choral repertoire (including his own works), particularly under his own label Collegium Records. He currently lives near Cambridge, and frequently conducts other choirs and orchestras around the world. He also works as an arranger and editor, most notably (in his youth) of the extraordinarily successful Carols for Choirs anthology series in collaboration with Sir David Willcocks.

The Anthem this morning is a movement from his "Requiem," beautifully portraying the pastoral feeling of the 23rd Psalm.

What's Happening This Week:



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER (28)

- 9:00 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 AM Sunday School for All Ages
- 10:15 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 AM Coffee Hour in the Library
- 11:00 AM Worship Service, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time,
On the Air WCBC, Moment for Mission,
JoyBells Playing, Cents-Ability Collection
- 4:30 PM GAFOSAC Meeting
- 5:30 PM Sunday Night Book Study

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER (29)

- 9:00 AM Church Office Open
- 9:00 AM Learning Tree Nursery School
- 10:00 AM Monday Morning Book Study

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER (30)

- 9:00 AM Church Office Open
- 9:00 AM Learning Tree Nursery School
- 5:30 PM Christian Ed Committee Meeting
- 7:00 PM Mission Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER (1)

- 9:00 AM Church Office Open
NO Learning Tree Nursery School
- 6:15 PM JoyBells Rehearsal
- 7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, OCTOBER (2)

- 9:00 AM Church Office Open
- 9:00 AM Learning Tree Nursery School

FRIDAY, OCTOBER (3)

- 9:00 AM Church Office Open
- 9:00 AM Learning Tree Nursery School

SUNDAY, OCTOBER (5)

- 9:00 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 AM Sunday School for All Ages
- 10:15 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 AM Coffee Hour in the Library
- 11:00 AM Worship Service, 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time,
World Communion Sunday, Moment for Mission,
Peacemaking Offering Received, On the Air WCBC
- 4:30 PM GAFOSAC Meeting
- 5:30 PM Sunday Night Book Study