

**Morning Worship**  
**November 9, 2008**  
**Thirty-second 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

PRELUDE *Allegro* G. F. Handel

THE INTROIT *Through Songful Worship know that Truth* "Coronation"

Through songful worship know that truth bare words cannot unfold.  
In raptured melodies of prayer your God behold, behold!  
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**Entering God's Presence**

THE CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 78: 1 & 3, 4

Leader: Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us.

People: **We will not hide them from our children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.**

\* HYMN OF PRAISE *With Glad, Exuberant Carolings* "Coronation"  
Thomas Troeger

**With glad, exuberant carolings, with hymns and psalms of praise  
Give thanks through Christ for everything, give thanks for God always!  
Give thanks through Christ for everything, give thanks to God always!**

**Through music blend the potencies of mind and heart and soul  
And with their fused energies your God, extol, extol!  
And with their fused energies your God, extol, extol!**

**O brim the barreled lungs with joy and empty out this song:  
"Our breath, our pulse, our lives, our gifts to Christ, the Lord, belong!  
Our breath, our pulse, our lives, our gifts to Christ, the Lord, belong!"**

THE PRAYER OF APPROACH

SILENCE

AMEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (together)

**We are a people with many words and much talk: creeds and ads and propaganda and slogans and sound bytes. We keep listening among these words for comfort, and we find ourselves made anxious by the cacophony. And then—the din is broken; You speak and we are called by name. You name and we are summoned. We listen and you speak again: you utter words of presence, promises of protection, and assurances of solidarity. We breathe easier, still afraid, but on our way, at risk, not alone. Give us good ears in these days, that we may hear the mandate and listen for assurance.**

— from *“Prayers of a Privileged People”* by Walter Brueggemann

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

#76, Lift Up Your Hearts

**Grace, grace, God’s grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within;  
Grace, grace, God’s grace, grace that is greater than all our sin.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **Hearing God’s Word**

TIME FOR CHILDREN

\* HYMN OF PREPARATION #333

*Seek Ye First*

“Lafferty”

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

pew Bible p. 205-6

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON:

Matthew 22:34-40

pew Bible p. 24

THE ANTHEM

*Come Thou, O Lover of My Soul*

Gordon Young

Come Thou, O Lover of my soul, and dwell within my heart forever. Bide with me forever, amen.

THE SERMON

“The Joshua Legacy”

Rev. John Dillon

## Our Response to God's Love

### \* THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable providence for such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and of the manifestation of his own glory.**

—Chapter 1, 3:01, Scots Confession

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

### WORSHIPPING THE LORD THROUGH OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

### OFFERTORY SOLO

*Allegretto*

G.F. Handel

### \* 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

### \* THE HYMN OF PARTING #376

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

“Hyfrydol”

### \* 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

“Hyfrydol”

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\* Those who wish to do so are invited to stand

## **Music Notes**

The music this morning celebrates the joy of praise and thanksgiving. The Introit and first hymn are from the same poem, from the collection “Borrowed Light” by Thomas Troeger, currently the Chaplain for the American Guild of Organists and Professor of Preaching and Communications at the Iliff School of Theology in Denver, Colorado. Set to the tune “Coronation” from 1793, this marriage of text and tune exudes joy.

The Anthem is a short motet composed by American 20<sup>th</sup> century composer Gordon Young. Containing many mixed meters and close harmony, this exquisite gem reflects the text of petition.

## **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.

For the month of November, we will be using an extract from the *Scots Confession*. The *Scots Confession*, charter document of the Church of Scotland, emerged from a protracted period of political and ecclesiastical turmoil during which religious leadership often proved a risky business. In 1560, the Scottish Parliament commissioned six prominent ministers (John Douglas, John Knox, John Row, John Spottiswood, John Willock and John Winram) to write a statement of Protestant Christian faith. Knox, who during periods of exile had studied in Geneva with John Calvin and also ministered to the English-speaking congregation there, is generally thought to have exerted a strong influence over the document.

## What's Happening This Week:



### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER (9)

- 9:00 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 AM Sunday School for All Ages  
Adult Sunday School Class in Chapel
- 10:15 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 AM Coffee Hour in the Library
- 11:00 AM Worship Service, 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, On the Air WCBC
- 12:00 PM Nursery Worker Welcome Reception in Library
- 4:30 PM GAFOSAC Meeting

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER (10)

- 9:00 AM Church Office Open
- 9:00 AM Learning Tree Nursery School
- 10:00 AM Monday Morning Book Study
- 4:30 PM Finance & Administration Meeting
- 5:30 PM Congregational Care Meeting

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER (11) Veterans Day

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

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER (12)

- 9:00 AM Church Office Open
- 9:00 AM Learning Tree Nursery School
- 6:00 PM Pee Wee Basketball Practice
- 6:15 PM JoyBells Rehearsal
- 7:00 PM Middler & Girls Basketball Practice
- 7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 8:00 PM Sr. High Boys Basketball Practice

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER (13)

- 9:00 AM Church Office Open
- 9:00 AM Learning Tree Nursery School
- 7:00 PM Session Meeting

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER (14)

- 9:00 AM Church Office Open
- 9:00 AM Learning Tree Nursery School
- 5:00 PM Nichol/Ferris Wedding Rehearsal

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER (15)

- 7:00 AM Bon Ton Community Days
- 9:30 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 3:00 PM Nichol/Ferris Wedding

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER (16)

- 9:00 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 AM Sunday School for All Ages  
Adult Sunday School Class in Chapel
- 10:15 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 AM Coffee Hour in the Library
- 11:00 AM Worship Service, 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time,  
Rev. Ben Tumuheirwe, Guest Preacher  
Children's Choir Singing, On the Air WCBC
- 4:30 PM GAFOSAC Meeting