

Morning Worship
January 18, 2009
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 *Give Me Jesus* Spiritual
arr. Emma Lou Diemer

Entering God's Presence

THE CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.

People: The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters. The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

* HYMN OF PRAISE #469 *Morning Has Broken* "Bunessan"

THE PRAYER OF APPROACH

SILENCE

AMEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (together)

Father, "There is so much frustration in the world because we have relied on gods rather than God. We have genuflected before the god of science only to find that it has given us the atomic bomb, producing fears and anxieties that science can never mitigate. We have worshipped the god of pleasure only to discover that thrills play out and sensations are short-lived. We have bowed before the god of money only to learn that there are such things as love and friendship that money cannot buy and that in a world of possible depressions, stock market crashes, and bad business investments, money is a rather uncertain deity. These transitory gods are not able to save or bring happiness to the human heart. Only God is able. It is faith in Him that we must rediscover."

—Martin Luther King, Jr. (1929-1968)

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

#28, Lift Up Your Hearts

**Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hearing God's Word

TIME FOR CHILDREN

* HYMN OF PREPARATION #80

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley
"Lonesome Valley"

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:

1 Kings 21:1-7

pew Bible pp. 313-314

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON:

John 9:1-3,6-7

pew Bible p. 96

THE SOLO

I've Got Peace Like a River
Stephen Kobert

Spiritual
Arr. Mark Hayes

THE SERMON

Rev. John Dillon
"Naboth's Vineyard"—Race Relations & Martin Luther King, Jr.

Our Response to God's Love

* THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

When the fullness of time came God sent his Son, his eternal wisdom, the substance of his own glory, into this world, who took the nature of humanity from the substance of a woman, a virgin, by means of the Holy Ghost. And so was born the "just seed of David," the "Angel of the great counsel of God," the very Messiah promised, whom we confess and acknowledge to be Emmanuel, true God and true man, two perfect natures united and joined in one person.

We acknowledge and confess that this wonderful union between the Godhead and the humanity in Christ Jesus did arise from the eternal and immutable decree of God from which all our salvation springs and depends.

That same eternal God and Father, who by grace alone chose us in his Son Christ Jesus before the foundation of the world was laid, appointed him to be our head, our brother, our pastor, and the great bishop of our souls.

—Chapter 3, 3:06-3:08, Scots Confession (1560)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION–CORPORATION of The First Presbyterian Church of Cumberland, Maryland is called by the Session for **Sunday, January 25, 2009**. The purposes of the meeting are:

- To hear the Annual Report of the Session
- To elect an Auditor to the Auditing Committee
- To receive the report of the Nominating Committee
- To elect a Nominating Committee for the coming year, and
- To conduct any other business properly coming before the Congregation-Corporation.

—By Order of the Session
J. David Stickler, Clerk of Session

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 January, 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, JANUARY (18)

9:30 AM Sunday School for All Ages
10:30 AM Coffee Hour in the Library
11:00 AM Worship Service, 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time,
Jean Kobert, guest pianist, On the Air WCBC,
Dedication of the 2009 Pledges
Youth Group from Decatur, IL Visiting FPC

MONDAY, JANUARY (19)

Martin Luther King Jr, Birthday
Church Office Closed
NO Learning Tree Nursery School

TUESDAY, JANUARY (20)

9:00 AM Church Office Open
9:00 AM Learning Tree Nursery School
5:30 PM Pee Wee Teams Basketball Practice

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY (21)

9:00 AM Church Office Open
9:00 AM Learning Tree Nursery School
5:00 PM Christian Education Committee Mtg.
6:00 PM Middler Team Basketball Practice
6:15 PM JoyBells Rehearsal
7:00 PM Seniors Team II Basketball Practice
8:00 PM Seniors Team I Basketball Practice

THURSDAY, JANUARY (22)

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY (23)

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY (25)

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, 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time,
On the Air WCBC
12:00 PM Annual Meeting of First Presbyterian Church