

Morning Worship
August 30, 2009
Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Coming Together in Christ

9:55 AM MEDITATION (Please pause in quiet preparation for worship.)

10:00 AM CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE *Thanks Be to Thee, O Lord* Handel
Nancy Hodges

Entering God's Presence

THE CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 45: 1, 6-7

Leader: My heart overflows with goodly theme; I address my verses to the king.

People: Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever. Your royal scepter is a scepter of equity; you love righteousness and hate wickedness.

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

THE PRAYER OF APPROACH

SILENCE

AMEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (together)

We thank you, Lord God, for the dignity you have conferred on human beings, by making them in your image and giving them the help of your Son in their need. We thank you for the rights we prize for ourselves and accord to others:

the right to survive once we are born;
the right to be educated, The right to work for our living;
the right to marry and bring up a family;
the right to speak and think for ourselves;
the right to be protected by the law;
the right to take part in the government of our country;
the right to rest and the right to travel.

We thank you for all who in the past have struggled to win these rights for themselves and others. We confess, Lord, that not all possess these rights as fully as they should. Forgive us for honoring dead prophets and persecuting living ones. *—Caryl Micklem*

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

Rev. 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

* HYMN OF PREPARATION #344

Christ of the Upward Way

"Sursum Corda"

FIRST LESSON:

Proverbs 8:8-14

Pew Bible p. 557

SECOND LESSON:

James 1:17-27

Pew Bible p. 215

THE SOLO

Au Matin
Gwen Harris, piano

Godard

THE SERMON

"Believe It, or, Believe it Not"

Rev. John Dillon

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

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 SOLO

Duetto from "Songs Without Words"
Gwen Harris, piano

Mendelssohn

* 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 #404

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

"Precious Lord"

* 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

Faith
Nancy Hodges

Mendelssohn

* Those who wish to do so are invited to stand

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 Apostles' Creed.

Although not written by apostles, the Apostles' Creed reflects the theological formulations of the first century church. The creed's structure may be based on Jesus' command to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. In a time when most Christians were illiterate, oral repetition of the Apostles' Creed, along with the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments, helped preserve and further transmit the faith of the western churches.

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.

This Morning's Worship Leaders

Preacher..... Rev. John Dillon
Liturgist Carolyn Mathews
Organist..... Nancy Hodges
Special Music..... Gwen Harris, piano
Child Care..... Janie Schlottmann, Jessie Gates
Greeters Gary and Deb Hendrickson
Ushers Bob Salathe and Sue Scott

What's Happening This Week:



SUNDAY, AUGUST (30)

10:00 AM Worship Service, 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Nancy Hodges and Gwen Harris, Special Music
On the Air WCBC

MONDAY, AUGUST (31)

9:00 AM Church Office Open
5:30 PM Congregational Care Meeting in Parlor
7:00 PM Cumberland Choral Society Rehearsal

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER (1)

9:00 AM Church Office Open
4:30 PM Personnel Committee Meeting in Pastor's Office
6:00 PM Learning Tree Open House

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER (2)

9:00 AM Church Office Open
Learning Tree Parent Conferences
10:00 AM Staff Meeting in Pastor's Office
5:30 PM Buildings & Grounds Meeting in Parlor
6:00 PM GAFOSAC Youth Meeting

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER (3)

9:00 AM Church Office Open
6:00 PM Christian Ed. Meeting in Pastor's Office

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER (4)

9:00 AM Church Office Open

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER (6)

10:00 AM Worship Service, 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
On the Air WCBC

A MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION of The First Presbyterian Church of Cumberland, Maryland, is called by the Session for **Sunday, September 13, 2009**. The meeting will begin immediately after the morning worship service. The purpose of the meeting is:

- To vote on the proposed changes to the bylaws, and
- To conduct any other business properly coming before the congregation.

-By Order of the Session, David Stickler, Clerk of Session