

Morning Worship
September 27, 2009
Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Evangelism Sunday

Coming Together in Christ

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

11:00 AM CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE *Minuet* G.F. Handel

INTROIT *In the Day of Need*
Come down, O Love divine, seek out this soul of mine and visit it with Your own ardor glowing; O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear and kindle it, Your holy flame bestowing.

Entering God's Presence

THE CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 31: 1, 2

Leader: In you, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me.

People: Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.

* HYMN OF PRAISE #460

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

THE PRAYER OF APPROACH

SILENCE

AMEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

O God, our Father, we are helpless without your help. Unless you help us, we can see the ideal, but we cannot reach it; we can know the right, but we cannot do it; we can recognize our duty, but we cannot perform it; we can seek the truth, but we can never wholly find it. All of our lives we are haunted by the difference between what we ought to do and what in fact we can do. By your Holy Spirit, enlighten our minds that we may reach beyond guessing to knowing, and beyond doubting to certainty. Purify our hearts that the wrong desires may not only be kept under control, but may be completely taken away.

—Prof. William Barclay (1907-1978)

KYRIE ELEISON (Congregation & Choir) #565, The Hymnal
Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy

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

MOMENT FOR MISSION Family Crisis Resource Center

Hearing God's Word

TIME FOR CHILDREN

* SONG *Gentle Shepherd, Come and Lead Us* #102, Lift Up Your Hearts

FIRST LESSON Psalm 124 Pew Bible p. 540

SECOND LESSON: Mark 9:30-37 Pew Bible p. 42

THE ANTHEM *God So Loved the World* John Stainer
God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoso believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His son into the world to condemn the world; that that the world through Him might be saved.

THE SERMON "Vacancy: Perfect People Need Not Apply" Rev. John Dillon

Our Response to God's Love

* THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
To be reconciled with God is to be sent into the world as his reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares his labor of healing the enmities which separate men from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to his call.

—9.31, *The Confession of 1967*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL AMEN

Seven-fold Amen

Peter Lutkin

WORSHIPPING THE LORD THROUGH OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

A Touching Place

Dream Angus

Arr. John Bell

Christ's is the world in which we move, Christ's are the folk we're summoned to love, Christ's is the voice which calls us to care, and Christ is the one who meets us here.

REFRAIN: To the lost Christ shows his face, To the unloved he gives his embrace; To those who cry in pain or disgrace, Christ makes, with his friends, a touching place.

Feel for the people we most avoid, Strange or bereaved or never employed; Feel for the women, and feel for the men who fear that their living is all in vain. (Refrain)

Feel for the parents who've lost their child, Feel for the women whom men have defiled, Feel for the baby for whom there's no breast, and feel for the weary who find no rest. (Refrain)

Feel for the lives by life confused, riddled with doubt, in loving abused; Feel for the lonely heart, conscious of sin, which longs to be pure but fears to begin. (Refrain)

* 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 #401

When Will People Cease Their Fighting?

"Rustington"

* SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

Leader: The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

* SUNG BENEDICTION

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

"Randolph"

(We will not be holding hands during flu season)

**God be with you till we meet again;
Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
With a shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.**

Going Forth in God's Love

* THE POSTLUDE

"Rustington"

* 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 September we will be using the *Confession of 1967*.

The Book of Confessions Study Edition prefaces “The Confession of 1967” with the following explanation:

“The church confesses its faith when it bears a present witness to God’s grace in Jesus Christ. In every age, the church has expressed its witness in words and deeds as the need of the time required. Confessions and declarations are subordinate standards... No one type of confession is exclusively valid, no one statement is irrefutable. Obedience to Jesus Christ alone identifies the one universal church and supplies the continuity of its tradition...”

“The purpose of the Confession of 1967 is to call the church to that unity in confession and mission which is required of disciples today. This Confession is not a “system of doctrine”, nor does it include all the traditional topics of theology. For example, the Trinity and the Person of Christ are not redefined, but are recognized and reaffirmed as forming the basis and determining the structure of the Christian faith.”

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.

2010 Stewardship Campaign

“Renewing the Vision”

Sunday, October 11, 18 & 25: Stewardship Moments for Mission

Sunday, November 1: Consecration Sunday

Please give prayerful consideration to your pledge for 2010

What's Happening This Week:



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER (27)

7:30 AM	Camp Service at Rocky Gap
9:15 AM	Children's Choir Rehearsal
9:45 AM	Sunday School for All Ages
9:45 AM	Confirmation Class in Pastor's Office
10:15 AM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
11:00 AM	Worship Service, 26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Moment for Mission, On the Air WCBC
6:00 PM	GAFOSAC Youth Meeting & Prayer Walk

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER (28)

9:00 AM	Church Office Open
9:00 AM	Learning Tree Preschool
7:00 PM	Cumberland Choral Society Rehearsal

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER (29)

9:00 AM	Church Office Open
9:00 AM	Learning Tree Preschool

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER (30)

9:00 AM	Church Office Open
9:00 AM	Learning Tree Preschool
10:00 AM	Staff Meeting
6:15 PM	JoyBells Rehearsal
7:30 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, OCTOBER (1)

9:00 AM	Church Office Open NO Learning Tree Preschool
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FRIDAY, OCTOBER (2)

9:00 AM	Church Office Open
9:00 AM	Learning Tree Preschool

SUNDAY, OCTOBER (4)

Directory Pictures Taken Today

9:15 AM	Children's Choir Rehearsal
9:45 AM	Sunday School for All Ages
9:45 AM	Confirmation Class in Pastor's Office
10:15 AM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
11:00 AM	Worship Service, World Communion Sunday Moment for Mission, On the Air WCBC
3:00 PM	Western MD Hymn Sing at Barton Presbyterian
6:00 PM	GAFOSAC Youth Meeting



A new church directory will be compiled using a computer program purchased by our church. Unlike previous directories, a digital photo will be taken of families or individuals, with no packages or extra prints to purchase.

For those who would prefer to submit a photo for the directory, it can be sent to the church office (minimum size of 4 x 6, maximum size 8 x 10). It will be scanned and sent back to you.

If you wish to submit your photo online, please attach a jpeg or tiff image file to the body of your email and send it to the church email address: first@pennswoods.net.

We will begin taking photos on the **first three Sundays in October. (Oct 4th, 11th, & 18th)** The photos will be taken in the parlor from 9:30-10:30 am and from 12:30-1:30 pm. The appointments will be scheduled 5 minutes apart.

Sign-up sheets will be available at the side entrance hallway. They will be available for three weeks. Extra appointments may be added later to accommodate more members if needed. You may also call the church office to sign up for your appointment.

Any questions—please contact Nancy Hodges.