

Morning Worship
October 4, 2009
Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
World Communion Sunday

Coming Together in Christ

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

11:00 AM CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE *Kyrie* J. S. Bach

INTROIT *Jesu, Tawa Pano* Zimbabwe melody
Jesu, we are here for you.

Entering God's Presence

THE CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 26:1, 2-3

Leader: Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the Lord without wavering.

People: Prove me, O Lord, and try me; test my heart and mind. For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in faithfulness with you.

* HYMN OF PRAISE #439 *In Christ There Is No East or West* "St. Peter"

THE PRAYER OF APPROACH

SILENCE

AMEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Lord, forgive us when we cherish our divisions in preference to your command to love...when we do not seek reconciliation and are unwilling to sacrifice our prejudices for the sake of unity for all. Lord forgive us when we stifle initiative by bureaucracy and ecclesiastical politics, when we treat the church as our possession and not a sharing in your communion of love. Lord, forgive us when we pride ourselves on our accomplishments and do not recognize your grace, when we exist for ourselves alone, and forget our neighbors and the world you love. Have mercy on your people, Lord.

KYRIE ELEISON (Congregation & Choir)

#61, Lift Up Your Hearts

**Change my heart, O God, make it ever true. Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.
You are the potter, I am the clay, Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.
Change my heart, O God, make it ever true. Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.**

THE DECLARATION OF PARDON

John Dillon

* THE RESPONSE IN PRAISE

#28, Lift Up Your Hearts

**Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah, hallelujah!** (repeat)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Peacemaking Offering

Hearing God's Word

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Cents-Ability Offering

* SONG

Among Us and Before Us

#122, Lift Up Your Hearts

Words & Music by the Iona Community

THE LESSON

Hebrews 10:4-7, 11-18

Pew Bible p. 210

THE ANTHEM

The Peace of the Earth

Guatemalan traditional tune

arr. John Bell

The peace of the earth be with you, the peace of the heavens too;
the peace of the rivers be with you, the peace of the oceans too.
Deep peace falling over you; God's peace growing in you.

THE SERMON

"Christianity Is Not A Religion!"

Rev. John Dillon

Our Response to God's Love

* THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

My only comfort, in and in death is that I belong—body and soul, in life and in death—not to myself but to my faithful savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil. That he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him. —Section 4.001, *The Heidelberg Catechism, 1563-1963*

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

(Please partake of the communion elements as you receive them.)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S SUPPER

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.

CHORAL AMEN

Notre Pere (Our Father)

Maurice Durufle

WORSHIPPING THE LORD THROUGH OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY SOLO

Kyrie

J.S. Bach

* 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

This is My Song

"Finlandia"



**This is my song, O God of all nations,
A song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
Here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
But other hearts in other lands are beating
With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.**

**My country's skies are bluer than the ocean
And sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;
But other lands have sunlight, too, and clover,
And skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
O hear my song, O God of all nations,
A song of peace for their land and for mine.**

* 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
(We will not be holding hands during flu season)

"Randolph"

**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 October we will be using the *Heidelberg Catechism*.

The *Heidelberg Catechism* is both ecumenical and deeply personal. It became the doctrinal standard for Reformed churches in Holland, Germany and Hungary. Dutch explorers brought it with them to Manhattan Island in 1609, thus making it the first Reformed confession in the North American colonies. Its continuing influence can be seen in the opening line of *A Brief Statement of Faith*, adopted by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in 1991 after the reunion of 1983: "In life and in death we belong to God."

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, 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

MONDAY, OCTOBER (5)

9:00 AM	Church Office Open
9:00 AM	Learning Tree Preschool
10:00 AM	Pastoral Care/IRT Team Meeting in Parlor
4:00 PM	Finance/Admin Meeting in Parlor
7:00 PM	Anniversary Comm. Meeting in Parlor
7:00 PM	Cumberland Choral Society Rehearsal

TUESDAY, OCTOBER (6)

9:00 AM	Church Office Open
9:00 AM	Learning Tree Preschool
7:30 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER (7)

9:00 AM	Church Office Open
9:00 AM	Learning Tree Preschool
6:00 PM	Local Mission Meeting in Library
6:15 PM	JoyBells Rehearsal

THURSDAY, OCTOBER (8)

9:00 AM	Church Office Open
9:00 AM	Learning Tree Preschool
7:00 PM	Session Meeting in Library

FRIDAY, OCTOBER (9)

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER (10)

9:00 AM	PW Fall Gathering at FPC of Westminster
7:00 PM	World Artist Concert in FPC Sanctuary

SUNDAY, OCTOBER (11) 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, 28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Massanetta Youth Service, Special Music Moment for Mission, On the Air WCBC
2:00 PM	Crop Walk on the C&O Canal