

Morning Worship
January 17, 2010
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Race Relations Sunday

Coming Together in Christ

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

11:00 AM CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE *Variations on "Kum Ba Yah"* arr. John Behnke

Entering God's Presence

THE CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 36: 5, 6

Leader: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

People: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgments are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.

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

THE PRAYER OF APPROACH

SILENCE

AMEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (together)

Dear God, You are close to us—closer than our hands or feet, closer than our breathing. You are the God who has promised to stay with us in covenants that cannot be broken. We thank you for Jesus Christ, our Lord, and for his institution of the New Covenant. Stand by us in our times of bewilderment, in our times of despondency, in our times of panic. Place our feet on solid ground and help us to believe that you will lead us each day. Amen.
—Robert D. Young

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! Hallelujah, hallelujah! (repeat)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hearing God's Word

TIME FOR CHILDREN

* HYMN OF PREPARATION #180

The God of Heaven

"Glory"

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 6: 5-11, 12:1-3

pew Bible p. 5, 9

SECOND LESSON

Colossians 3: 8-14

pew Bible p. 190

ANTHEM

Peace Like a River

Spiritual

I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river in my soul.

I've got love like a river, I've got love like a river in-a my soul.

I've got joy like a river, I've got joy like a river in-a my soul.

I've got peace, love and joy in-a my soul.

THE SERMON

Rev. John Dillon

"In the Beginning: Noah and Abraham-Justice or Punishment?"

Our Response to God's Love

* THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Christian faith is not an opinion or human conviction, but a most firm trust and a clear and steadfast assent of the mind, and then a most certain apprehension of the truth of God presented in the Scriptures and in the Apostle's Creed, and thus also of God himself, the greatest good, and especially of God's promise and of Christ who is the fulfillment of all promises.

But this faith is a pure gift of God which God alone of his grace gives by the Holy Spirit by means of the preaching of the Gospel and steadfast prayer.

—from Chapter 10, 5.112-5.113 of the Second Helvetic Confession)

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

Deep River

Spiritual

Deep River, my home is over Jordan. Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground. Oh, don't you want to go to that gospel feast, that promised land where all is peace? Oh deep river, Lord I want to cross over into campground.

* 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 #563

Lift Every Voice and Sing

"Lift Every Voice"

* 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

(We will not be holding hands during flu season)

**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

Lift Every Voice

* Those who wish to do so are invited to stand

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION-CORPORATION of The First Presbyterian Church of Cumberland, Maryland is called by the Session for **Sunday, January 24, 2010 after worship**. The snow date is Sunday, January 31, 2010. 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
- To elect the Officers of the Corporation, and
- To conduct any other business properly coming before the Congregation-Corporation.

—By Order of the Session
Deborah J. Hendrickson, Clerk of Session

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 January we will be using extracts from the Second Helvetic Confession of 1566.

The word “Helvetic” is Latin for “Swiss.” The setting of the Second Helvetic Confession is Swiss-German Reformed Protestantism.

In 1561, renowned Minister of the Church of Zurich, Heinrich Bullinger, composed the document that later became known as the Second Helvetic Confession. He intended to attach it to his last will and testament to the Zurich church, but events in Germany soon brought it into the public arena. In 1566, the churches of Switzerland adopted Bullinger’s confession as their new confession of faith. Soon finding wide acceptance throughout Europe and beyond, it was translated into French, English, Dutch, Polish, Hungarian, Italian, Arabic and Turkish.

From the opening paragraphs the Second Helvetic Confession emphasizes the church and its life and affirms the authority of the Scriptures for the church’s government and reformation. The Confession asks the church to trust in God’s free and gracious election of its membership in Jesus Christ and at the same time, addresses the practical life of the gathered community, detailing matters of worship, church order and conflict, ministry, the sacraments and marriage.

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.

What's Happening This Week:



SUNDAY, JANUARY (17)

9:00 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal
9:45 AM Sunday School for All Ages
10:15 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
11:00 AM Worship Service, 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
On the Air WCBC
6:00 PM GAFOSAC Meeting and Dinner

MONDAY, JANUARY (18)

Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday

Church Office Closed
NO Learning Tree Preschool
5:30 PM Congregational Care Mtg. in Parlor

TUESDAY, JANUARY (19)

9:00 AM Church Office Open
9:00 AM Learning Tree Preschool
6:30 PM Pee Wee Basketball Practice at Westside School

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY (20)

9:00 AM Church Office Open
9:00 AM Learning Tree Preschool
6:15 PM JoyBells Rehearsal
6:30 PM Pee Wee Basketball Practice at Cresaptown
7:30 PM Jr. High Basketball Practice at Cresaptown

THURSDAY, JANUARY (21)

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY (22)

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY (23)

2:00 PM NA Dinner in Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, JANUARY (24)

9:00 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal
9:45 AM Sunday School for All Ages
10:15 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
11:00 AM Worship Service, 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Welcoming New Members, On the Air WCBC
12:15 PM Annual Meeting of the Congregation/Corporation
6:00 PM GAFOSAC Meeting & Dinner