

Celebrating 200 Years!

Morning Worship January 24, 2010 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Welcoming New Members

Coming Together in Christ

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

11:00 AM CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

*Ukrainian Bell Carol
Joy to the World*

The JoyBells

Entering God's Presence

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 19: 1, 2

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

People: Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

* HYMN OF PRAISE #265

Great God, We Sing That Mighty Hand

"Wareham"

THE PRAYER OF APPROACH

SILENCE

AMEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (together)

Look on us, O Father, as we confess our shortcomings and sins: how prone we are to evil, how slow to do good; how easily deceived by the values of the world, and how blind to the things that belong to our peace. How easily we are led astray by self-indulgence, and how slow to practice self-discipline; how glibly we blame others, and how slow we are to blame ourselves. Father, forgive us for Jesus' sake.

KYRIE ELEISON (Congregation & Choir)

#572, The Hymnal

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

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

Hearing God's Word

TIME FOR CHILDREN

A SERVICE OF WELCOME

Elder: Pastor and Members of the Congregation, the Session has accepted these new members and we are pleased to introduce them to you to be welcomed.

Pastor: The God of heaven has made a home on earth. Let us welcome our new sisters and brothers.

Congregation: Welcome. You come in God's name.

New Members: God's Blessing on this place and this congregation.

Congregation: You bring us new insights and energy. You open up to us a wider world. For this we give thanks to God.

New Members: You offer Christian fellowship and love.

ALL: Together we journey on the road of faith. Together we face the challenges of life. Together we experience the Grace of God. By offering and receiving welcome, we become Christ to one another. Christ dwells among us and is one with us.

Pastor: Friends, I now ask you if you will re-affirm your faith. Do you accept Jesus as your Christ and Lord?

New Members: I do.

Pastor: Is it your wish to join this congregation and share your time and talents, fears and certainties, loan us your strengths and lean on us in your weakness?

New Members: I do.

Pastor: The highest in all creation lives among us.

ALL: Christ calls us to journey together in faith.

Pastor: Come now all who thirst,

ALL: And drink the water of life.

Pastor: Come now all who hunger,

ALL: And be filled with good things.

Pastor: Come now all who seek,

ALL: And be warmed by the fire of love.

**Blest be the tie that binds, our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above
From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;
And perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.**

* HYMN OF PREPARATION #335	<i>Though I May Speak</i>	“O Waly Waly”
FIRST LESSON	Exodus 20:7-17	pew Bible p. 64
SECOND LESSON	Luke 4:16-21	pew Bible p. 57
ANTHEM	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	arr. By John Coates, Jr.
Amazing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed! Thro' many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come; 'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun. Amazing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.		
THE SERMON	“Thou Shalt Not”...Really?”	Rev. John Dillon

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 *Air on G String* 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 #369

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

"I'm Gonna Live"

* 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

I'm Gonna Live

* 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 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



PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

Situation Report: January 18, 2010

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is coordinating its efforts with our ecumenical and international partners in the relief work in Haiti. Carlos Cardenas is on the ground in Port-au-Prince as part of the initial response team. The past few days' priorities have focused on search and rescue, medical attention for those injured by the earthquake, along with food distribution for the survivors.

Food and fuel supplies are limited and there is urgent need to bring in these most essential resources at this time. Fifteen sites have been identified for distribution of relief items. Distribution of food and clean water are a top priority. It is estimated that 200,000 families, nearly one million people, are without homes and living out in the open air. Temporary shelter is a focus for this next week. PDA and its partners are seeking to bring in 20,000 tents to Port-au-Prince in this next week. There are three to four thousand tents currently on site.

The greatest need from the church, along with prayer, is [financial support](#) in order to gather and strategically mobilize these most urgent relief supplies in the critical days that lie ahead.

In the midst of this great human tragedy and the challenge that lies ahead, we are inspired by the hope of the people of Haiti and the many faithful people who join with them in response to the overwhelming need. [Read these words](#) from PC(USA) mission co-worker to Haiti, Mark Hare: "Port au Prince has been deeply wounded. The whole country will be deeply affected. Jenny and I have no answers for any of these problems. Just the reminder, that I felt, again, this morning while reading the Yearbook of Prayer, that our God is a God of hope, that despair has already been defeated, and now is the time to face what has happened and to act, act out of that hope and not out of despair. I don't have any idea what that will mean. But our God is up to the task. Pray for us, that we will also be up to the task."

As God's people, we are called to stand in the "GAP" – Give, Act, Pray.

Give – [Financial support for relief efforts can be designated to DR000064](#). Gifts can be made online, by phone at (800) 872-3283, or by check. Gifts by check may be given through your local Presbyterian congregation by making your check payable to: **"First Presbyterian Church"** and mark on the memo line: **PDA-Haiti. You can put this in the offering or mail it to the church office.**

Act – Make Gift of the Heart kits. Congregations and individuals can assemble hygiene kits and baby kits. [Instructions are on the PDA Web site](#). Advocate for Temporary Protected Status for Haitians. Information can be found on the [Presbyterian Washington Office Web site](#). Stay informed. Visit the PDA Web site for answers to [frequently asked questions](#) and for [resources](#) to aid in discussions.

Pray – You can join with others in lifting up the people of Haiti and those seeking to provide aid in this critical time.

What's Happening This Week:



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
JoyBells Playing, Welcoming New Members,
On the Air WCBC
12:00 PM Annual Meeting of the Congregation/Corporation
6:00 PM GAFOSAC Meeting & Potluck Dinner

MONDAY, JANUARY (25)

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY (26)

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY (27)

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
7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, JANUARY (28)

9:00 AM Church Office Open
9:00 AM Learning Tree Preschool
1:00 PM Presbytery Mtg. at Havenwood PC

FRIDAY, JANUARY (29)

9:00 AM Church Office Open
9:00 AM Learning Tree Preschool
5:30 PM Pizza & Game Night in Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, JANUARY (31)

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, 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
On the Air WCBC
6:00 PM GAFOSAC Dinner and Meeting