

Celebrating 200 Years!

Morning Worship March 7, 2010 Third Sunday in Lent Bicentennial Celebration Vocal Music (1850-1870)

Coming Together in Christ

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

11:00 AM CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)
O Welt, ich muss dich lassen (O World, I Now Must Leave Thee)

INTROIT *Adoramus Te, Domine (We adore you, O Lord)* Taize

Entering God's Presence

THE CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 55: 1, 2
Leader: Give ear to my prayer, O God; do not hide yourself from my supplication.
People: **Attend to me, and answer me; I am troubled in my complaint. I am distraught.**

* BICENTENNIEL HYMN OF PRAISE #417 "Regent Square"
Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation words 1851, music 1867

THE PRAYER OF APPROACH

SILENCE

AMEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (together)

Gracious and patient God—we hope! There are times when you must feel that we were sent to try you with our prejudice, our apathy, our intransigence, and our refusal to receive the grace that we are made whole by the cross of our Lord. Forgive all our ingratitude, our small-mindedness, our stiff necks and bind up our brokenness. We are without excuse, but bold to ask pardon from our Lord who lived his life and died his death and gave his flesh and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. Let us share silence and consider where we have gone wrong... *—David Coleman*

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

OUR 200TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Bob Courtney

ANTHEMS

The Children's Choir
G.F. Handel, arr. H. Hopson

Lord, Lead Us Day by Day

Lord, lead us day by day. Be Thou our friend and guide,
In darkness be our lights, In sadness be our joy,
In trial be our constant hope.
Lord, lead us, Be Thou our friend and guide,
Our light, our joy, In trial be our constant hope.
Lord, crown us with Thy love, Protect us by Thy grace,
And guide us in Thy truth,
O Lord, on Thee we call, we lift our voices high,
O hear our prayer to Thee.

Tunaomba Mungu Atawale (We Pray God to Reign)

African Chant
Arr. J Paradowski

Tunaomba Mungu Atawale (We pray God to reign) , Tunaomba Yesu Atawale (We pray Jesus to reign),
Tunaomba Roho Atawale (We pray the Spirit to reign)
A-yee, A-yee, a-ta-wa-le
We pray the our God may be praised here forever.
May we find strength in God's mercy and love.
We thank our Creator, Redeemer, sustainer;
Sing out our song to all people ev'rywhere.
Tunaomba, Tunaomba, Tunaomba , Tunaomba
Tunaomba Mungo Atawale, Tunaomba Yesu Atawale, Tunaomba Roho Atawale

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Cents-Ability

* BICENTENNIEL HYMN OF PREPARATION #304

Jesus Loves Me!

"Cheshire"
words 1859, music 1861

FIRST LESSON

1 Corinthians 11:27-32

pew Bible p. 163

SECOND LESSON

Luke 13:6-9

pew Bible p. 71

BICENTENNIEL ANTHEM

Make in Me, O Lord, A Pure Heart

Johannes Brahms

Make in me, O Lord, a pure heart, renew thy righteous spirit within my breast.

THE SERMON

"Deserving God"

Rev. John Dillon

Our Response to God's Love

* THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostle's 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.

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 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

BICENTENNIEL ANTHEM

O How Blessed

Anton Bruckner (1824-96)

O how blessed are they who serve the Lord, who serve Him. They shall mount upward with eagle's pinions, they shall walk and never be faint.

* 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

* BICENTENNIEL HYMN OF PARTING #403

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

"Converse"

words 1855, music 1868

* 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

**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

“Regent Square”

* 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 February 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.

What's Happening This Week:



SUNDAY, MARCH (7)

- 9:00 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 9:45 AM Sunday School for All Ages
- Book Study in Chapel
- 10:15 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 11:00 AM Worship Service, 3rd Sunday in Lent
- 200th Anniversary— Celebrating Vocal Music
- Communion, On the Air WCBC
- 1:00 PM W. MD Churches Lunch & Meeting
- In the Heritage Room
- 3:30 PM Youth Scoop Ice Cream at the Creamery
- 7:00 PM Slideshow at FSU

MONDAY, MARCH (8)

- 9:00 AM Church Office Open
- 9:00 AM Learning Tree Preschool
- 10:00 PM Book Study in Pastor's Office
- 5:30 PM Building & Grounds Meeting in Parlor

TUESDAY, MARCH (9)

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH (10)

- 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 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 PM Jr. High Basketball Practice at Cresaptown

THURSDAY, MARCH (11)

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

FRIDAY, MARCH (12)

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

SUNDAY, MARCH (14)

- 9:45 AM Sunday School for All Ages
- Book Study in Chapel
- 10:30 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 11:00 AM Worship Service, 4th Sunday in Lent
- JoyBells Playing, On the Air WCBC
- Rich Luger, Guest Preacher
- Matt Young, Guest Organist



“Souper” Sweet Spaghetti Luncheon

Sunday, March 21 at 12:15pm

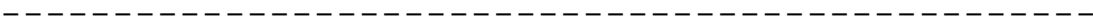
You are invited to a Spring luncheon followed by an auction of delectable desserts, and new this year: scrumptious homemade soups!

Join us for spaghetti, salad, roll and beverage for only \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for children 6th grade and younger with a family maximum of \$20.

If you would like to bring soup to be auctioned, please make sure it is in a non-returnable container.

If you have any questions or would like to help, please contact Jane Belt.

All proceeds benefit our youth summer conferences.



“Souper” Sweet Spaghetti Luncheon Sunday, March 21

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Number Attending: _____

I plan to bring:

I can help set up: _____

I can help clean up _____





Easter Flowers

Celebrate Easter by purchasing flowers that will be used to decorate the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Please indicate below whether you wish to take your plants home, or if you wish they be donated to one of our shut-ins. The florals are available in assorted colors. Please indicate your selection to the right, and total below.

	Price each	Quantity	Total Cost
Tulips, 6" potted	\$6.00	_____	\$ _____
Hyacinth, 6" potted	\$6.00	_____	\$ _____
Daffodil, 4" potted	\$4.00	_____	\$ _____
Mums, 6' potted	\$8.00	_____	\$ _____
Orange Star, 4' potted	\$10.00	_____	\$ _____
Hydrangea, 4 1/2" potted	\$9.00	_____	\$ _____
Hydrangea, 6' potted	\$17.00	_____	\$ _____
Total		_____	\$ _____

My floral gift is in honor/memory of: _____

Given to the Glory of God by: _____

Please indicate: I would like to take my flowers home _____
 I would like to donate the flowers _____



Easter Music

You can also celebrate Easter by contributing to the Special Music Fund. This fund is separate from the budget and is used to pay guest musicians including area college students and tri-state professionals who are with us on holidays and during special music times in worship.

Special Music Contribution \$ _____

My Special Music gift is in honor/memory of: _____

Given to the Glory of God by: _____

Checks should be made payable to First Presbyterian Church. Please submit this form and payment to the church office or place in the offering plate by Sunday, March 21, 2010.