

Celebrating 200 Years!

Morning Worship June 13, 2010 Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Coming Together in Christ

9:55 AM MEDITATION (Please pause in quiet preparation.)

10:00 AM CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE *Shenandoah* arr. Hal Hopson
I've Got Peace Like a River arr. Tammy Waldrop

Entering God's Presence

THE CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 5:1, 2-3*

Leader: Give ear to my words, O Lord; give heed to my sighing.

People: **Listen to the sound of my cry, my King and my God, for to you I pray. O Lord, in the morning you hear my voice; in the morning I plead my case to you, and watch.**

* HYMN OF PRAISE #476 *O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!* "Lyons"

THE PRAYER OF APPROACH

SILENCE

AMEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (together)

Mysterious God, you rustle the trees and rattle my soul and put paid to my feelings of aloneness. You tap a march up the spine of my being, crash into doubt and cast fear down where fear belongs. The shadow of death is but a shadow, for life's spark is lit by your Spirit of love. —Alma Fritchley

KYRIE ELEISON (Congregation & Choir) #574, 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

* SONG OF PREPARATION #88, **Lift Up Your Hearts**
In the Bulb There Is a Flower Natalie Sleeth

THE LESSON Luke 7:36—8:3 Pew Bible p. 62

THE ANTHEM *Joyful Reflections* Cynthia Dobrinski
The JoyBells

(Commissioned for First Presbyterian Church JoyBells in 2008.)

THE SERMON "Creative Re-Purposing. Born Again" Rev. John Dillon

Our Response to God's Love

* THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
God in infinite and perfect love, having provided in the covenant of grace, through the meditation and sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ, a way of life and salvation, sufficient for and adapted to the whole lost race of humankind doth freely offer this salvation to all in the gospel.

In the gospel God declares his love for the world and his desire that all should be saved; reveals fully and clearly the only way of salvation; promises eternal life to all who truly repent and believe in Christ; invites and commands all to embrace the offered mercy; and by his Spirit accompanying the Word pleads with each of us to accept his gracious invitation.

Chapter 10, 6.055-6, the Westminster Confession of Faith

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

Thanks Be to Thee
Nancy Hodges

Handel

* 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

* HYMN OF PARTING #555 *Now Thank We All Our God* "Nun Danket Alle Gott"

* 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

Faith

Mendelssohn

* 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 June we will be using extracts from the Westminster Confession of Faith (1643-1649).

Parliament had appealed to Scotland asking for military aid. The price for Scottish cooperation was a Solemn League and Covenant to bind together England, Scotland and Ireland with a common Confession of Faith, Directory for Worship, Form of Church Government, and Catechism. Despite some initial reluctance by the English Parliamentary representatives, and its denunciation by the king, the Covenant was subscribed, not only by official representatives but widely by the British people.

The Divines met initially on Saturday, July 1 1643 in Westminster Abbey. By 1647 the assembly had delivered to Parliament the Westminster Confession of Faith as its guide in doctrine, a Shorter Catechism for teaching the faith to children, a Larger Catechism to aid ministers in their preaching, a Directory of Public Worship, a form for Presbyterian church government, and a Psalter to provide biblical psalms to be sung in public worship. The last numbered sitting of the Westminster Assembly was February 22, 1649. It had sat for five and one-half years, meeting on average about four times a week.

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, JUNE (13)

- 10:00 AM Worship Service, 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Time for Children, JoyBells Playing
Nancy Hodges, Guest Organist
On the Air WCBC
- 11: 00 AM Heritage Days Festival

MONDAY, JUNE (14)

- 9:00 AM Church Office Open

TUESDAY, JUNE (15)

- 9:00 AM Church Office Open

WEDNESDAY, JUNE (16)

- 9:00 AM Church Office Open
- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting in Pastor's Study

THURSDAY, JUNE (17)

- 9:00 AM Church Office Open
- 1:00 PM Baltimore Presbytery Meeting
Hosted by FPC of Cumberland

FRIDAY, JUNE (18)

- 9:00 AM Church Office Open

SUNDAY, JUNE (20)

Father's Day

- 10:00 AM Worship Service, 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Time for Children, On the Air WCBC

SUNDAY, JUNE (27)

- 10:00 AM Worship Service, 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Rev. Cynthia Zirlott, Guest Preacher
Time for Children, On the Air WCBC