

Celebrating 200 Years!

Morning Worship July 25, 2010 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Coming Together in Christ

9:55 AM MEDITATION (We pause in quiet preparation.)
Please fill the center pews first as you enter the sanctuary.

10:00 AM CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE *Come, Holy Spirit* G. Lachenauer

Entering God's Presence

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (together) Psalm 17:1-2

Leader: Hear a just cause, O Lord; attend to my cry; give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit.

People: From you let my vindication come; let your eyes see the right.

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

THE PRAYER OF APPROACH

SILENCE

AMEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (together)

Eternal God, forgive us for failing to go and proclaim the gospel to all your children. Like the disciples, we are afraid of being rejected; we are busy; we are scared. You know all our excuses. You call us to travel lightly yet we allow ourselves to become burdened by so much. You call us to proclaim the good news, cure the sick, offer new life to those who are lost. Forgive us our failure to be obedient to your call. Forgive us and send us on your way. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON (Congregation & Choir) #62, **Lift Up Your Hearts**
Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

THE DECLARATION OF PARDON

- * 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 Ken Witmer
- * SONG OF PREPARATION #61, **Lift Up Your Hearts**
Change My Heart, O God Gordon Light
- FIRST LESSON Isaiah 42: 1-4 Pew Bible p. 630
- SECOND LESSON Matthew 5:3-10 Pew Bible p. 4
- THE DUET *A Time for Peace* Peter Graham
Philip Klickman and Judith Brown
- THE SERMON "It's Great to Be Thirsty" Dr. Ken Witmer

Our Response to God's Love

- * THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH **The Apostles' 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.**

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

Romance
Philip Klickman, French Horn

Claude Debussy

* 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 #339

Be Thou Vision

"Slane"

* 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

"Aurelia"

* Those who wish to do so are invited to stand

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.

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 July 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.

What's Happening This Week:



SUNDAY, JULY (25)
10:00 AM Worship Service, 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Dr. Ken Witmer, Guest Preacher
Time for Children, On the Air WCBC

MONDAY, JULY (26)
9:00 AM Church Office Open

TUESDAY, JULY (27)
9:00 AM Church Office Open

WEDNESDAY, JULY (28)
9:00 AM Church Office Open

THURSDAY, JULY (29)
9:00 AM Church Office Open

FRIDAY, JULY (30)
9:00 AM Church Office Open
9:30 AM Summer Lunch Box Program

SATURDAY, JULY (31)
11:00 AM Ruth Koegel Celebration of Life
Followed by a reception in the
Fellowship Hall

200 Minutes of Prayer

with our

Source, Creator, Provider, Teacher, Deliverer, Comforter, Sustainer, Redeemer, Strong Tower, Sanctifier, Shepherd, Banner, Healer, Ever-Present, All-Seeing, All-Knowing, Alpha and Omega, Commander, Counselor, Foundation, Great High Priest, Almighty, Holy One, Immanuel, King, Lawgiver, Leader, Life, Love, Messiah, Master, the Potter, Savior, Shield, Seed, Truth, Wisdom, Word, Vine...

If your understanding of God does not completely encompass these amazing names, (and we are all just beginning our understanding of God and opening ourselves to relationship with God) would you join in prayer with the **Christian Education Committee** as we begin a new journey to share the Good News on Sunday mornings with all who come to Sunday School?

In this year of celebrating 200 years of history and looking toward the future, we are asking our church family to join with us in 200 minutes of prayer **starting August 1 for the next ten weeks.** On Sunday mornings or during each week, would you dedicate yourself to 20 minutes of prayer for Christian Education in our church? Each week there will be a theme to pray for during the week.

By signing your name and email on the 3x5 card in the pew and placing it in the offering plate, you will share your desire and commitment to join us in the 200 minutes of Timely and Holy Communication for **Christian Education** at First Presbyterian.

Remember:

200 Minutes of Prayer = 20 minutes for the next 10 weeks starting August 1!