

**Trinity Sunday  
Holy Communion**

**10:30 a.m.**

**June 7, 2009**

**Gathering of God's People**

Chiming of the Hour

Greetings and Concerns of the Church

Leader: The Lord be with you,

**People: and also with you.**

Opening Prayer

Prelude

David Gell

*Variations on 'Old Hundredth': Finale*

Introit            *O Sing to the Lord*            Brazilian Folk Melody  
*Choir: O sing to the Lord, O sing God a new song. O sing to the Lord, O sing God a new song. O sing to the Lord, O sing God a new song. O sing to our God, O sing to our God. By His holy power, our God has done wonders. By His holy power, our God has done wonders. By His holy power, our God has done wonders. O sing to our God, O sing to our God.*

***All: So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets. So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets. So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets. And sing to our God, and sing to our God.***

\*Call to Worship

Waiting for the touch of the wind,

**we find the Spirit.**

Blowing in our lives, disturbing and rearranging,

**the Spirit finds us.**

Awed by the colors of sunrise and sunset,  
**we meet the Creator.**

Seeing our fellow creatures of land, sea and sky,  
**the Creator meets us.**

In breaking of bread and the pouring of water,  
**we meet the Redeemer.**

In our work to seek the lost and heal the hurt,  
**the Redeemer meets us.**

As one people, let us worship God,  
**creator, Redeemer and Spirit.**

\*Hymn of Praise 138

Nicaea

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

## **Celebrating God's Grace**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Triune God, you dance among us in joy, inviting us into the mystery that you are. Yet we want understanding; we want answers. Forgive our thickness. Encircle us in your oneness, and teach us to trust you with abandon, as we invite others to join the dance.**

Silent Prayer of Confession

Kyrie Eleison 572    *Lord Have Mercy*    Merbecke

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

Assurance of Pardon

\*Gloria Patri 579

***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.***

\*Greeting One Another in Christ's name

The Peace of Christ be with you; **and also with you!**

Anthem *Praise ye the Lord (Psalm 150)* J. Jefferson Cleveland  
Rick Riggle, Cantor

*Refrain: Praise ye the Lord, Hallelujah! Everybody praise the  
Lord.*

***All: Praise ye the Lord, Hallelujah! Everybody praise the  
Lord.***

*Cantor: Praise God with the sound of the trumpet, praise God  
with the lute and the harp; Praise God with timbrel and dancing,  
praise God wherever you are.*

***All: Praise ye the Lord, Hallelujah! Everybody praise the  
Lord. Praise ye the Lord, Hallelujah! Everybody praise the  
Lord.***

*Cantor: Praise God with holy cymbals, praise God with strings  
and with pipes; praise God with clashing cymbals, praise God  
with all of your might.*

***All: Praise ye the Lord, Hallelujah! Everybody praise the  
Lord. Praise ye the Lord, Hallelujah! Everybody praise the  
Lord.***

*Cantor: Praise God in the holy temple, praise God for  
almighty deeds; praise God for those bountiful mercies, for God  
fulfills our needs.*

***All: Praise ye the Lord, Hallelujah! Everybody praise the  
Lord. Praise ye the Lord, Hallelujah! Everybody praise the  
Lord.***

*Cantor; Praise God on top of the mountains, praise God both day and night; praise God down in the low valleys, praise God because it's alright.*

***All: Praise ye the Lord, hallelujah! Everybody praise the Lord. Praise ye the lord, Hallelujah! Everybody praise the Lord.***

## **Proclaiming God's Word**

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson      Isaiah 6:1-8      Page 597

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Second Lesson    John 3:1-17      Page 88

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Sermon

The Rev. Sue A. Riggle

## **Responding to God's Word**

Hymn of Response    *Daring, Dancing Trinity*      Beecher  
*Lord, your love has called to being all that fills the earth below,  
myriad stars beyond our seeing, tiniest creatures that we know;  
earth and air and fire and water woven in the grand design,  
witness to the final meaning of your love for humankind.*

*Human lives are made for sharing; joined in trust and truth we  
grow, speech or silence opening pathways to the hearts we seek  
to know. Welcome love, by your renewal will our ways turn  
upside down; weak is strong, success is failure, and the wise  
becomes the clown.*

*From yourself we take our nature, Maker, Parent, Love Divine.  
Bound into your life we flourish, leaves and branches of the vine.*

*Through the Christ we see your pattern, life surrendered, life restored: Echoing through all creation sounds the Spirit's deep accord.*

*Love releases us for taking one more risk than we might dare; glory breaks through dark and danger, shows the Lord transfigured there. God, who planted our affections, help your gifts to grow more free, fan in us the fires of loving, daring, dancing Trinity.*

*\*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Commissioning of Youth and Leaders to Montreat

As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. (Gal. 3:27-28)

**There is no longer Jew or Greek,  
there is no longer slave or free,  
there is no longer male and female; for all of you are  
one in Christ Jesus.** (Eph. 4:1-6)

Questions of Those Being Commissioned

Who is your Lord and Savior?

**Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

**I will, with God's help.**

Do you welcome the responsibility of representing First Presbyterian Church of Jonesboro, and will you seek to follow Christ in all that you do and say at Montreat?

**I will, with God's help.**

Questions of the Congregation

Do you, the members of First Presbyterian Church of Jonesboro confirm the call of God to our sisters and brothers to grow in faith, learning, and fellowship by participating in the Montreat Youth Conference?

**We do.**

Will you support them with your prayers while they're away, welcome them warmly when they return, and pester them enthusiastically for stories about their experience?

**We will!**

Commissioning Prayer

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Hymn

V. Earl Copes

*For the Bread Which You Have Broken*

*Choir: For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured, for the words which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord. By this promise that your love us, by your gift of peace restored. By your call to heaven above us, hallow all our lives, O Lord.*

***All: With the saints who now adore your seated at the heavenly board, may the church still waiting for you keep love's tie unbroken, Lord. In your service, Lord, defend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward; in the world to which you send us let your kingdom come, O Lord.***

\*Doxology

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him all creatures here below;  
alleluia, alleluia.  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

\*Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

### **FPCJ Weekly Prayer Concerns**

O Lord, hear our prayers for:

#### **Church Members**

**Dave Hockett; Anna Harland; Mark McElroy; Archie Fountain; Penny Fort; Virginia Suty; Etoleu Stowers; Florence Landers; Pat Cooper; Bob & Joanne Foster; Pete & Myong Garcia; Beauford Roberts**

#### **Family & Friends of Church Members**

**Dr. Hector Lopez** (friend of Albert Wallace); **Luis Barrera** (friend of Albert Wallace); **Nathan Podraza** (nephew of Corina & Tim Barbee); **Daniela Macias** (student of Michelle Fidalgo); **Teresa Hughes** (daughter of Eloise Belle Isle); **Dick & Barbara Fox** (Pat Fox's brother and sister-in-law); **Melissa Sylvester** (daughter of Corina & Tim Barbee); **Richard Sandifer** (brother-in-law of Walter & Gwen Taylor); **Dianne Campbell** (friend of Ruby White); **Bo Bolander** (friend of Gene Hatfield); **Gwen Stanford** (friend of Anna Harland); **Hunter Suggs** (grandson of Raymond & Susan Baggarly); **Bonnie Wilson** (surgery for a malignancy); **Steve & Cheryl Lewis**, (son-in-law of Dr. Charles & Margaret Carter, friends of Carolyn Fox); **Sam & Christie Henson** (Inchu Henson's son & daughter-in-law); **Colin & Connor Byrnes** (grand-nephews of Sunny Stevens); **Debora Bryson & family** (friends of Elaine &

Ronnie Piper); **Stephanie Lozel** (friend of Betty Bush); **Mel Griffith**(father of Deanie Turner); **Bonnie Gibson** (friend of Pat & Carolyn Fox); **Rick Winstel** (friend of James White); **Christopher Brewer** (Betty Bush's grandson); **Jack Silvernail** (uncle of Corina Barbee); **Juasina Hill** (friend of Rhineharts and McElroys); **Michael Foster** (Bob & Joann Foster's son); **Kristen Allen** (niece of Gwen & Walt Taylor); **Jasper Hartz**; **Sherry Hamilton** (friend of Susan Baggarly); **Justin Elliott** (friend of Laura Parkhouse); **L. M. York** (friend of Luetkemeyers).

### **Military**

**Josh Hamby; Jason Ali-Talha; William R. Robinson; Alan & Regina Simpson Gulke; Daniel Hudalla; Kyle Hudalla; Barbara Baker; Matthew Lassiter, Morgan Nickerson, Ryan Tewell; Philip Ham, Chris Lankford and John Ham.**

## **The Celebration of Holy Communion**

Communion Song    *Taste and See*    James E. Moore  
***Congregation: Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord. O taste and see, taste and see, the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.***

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy...

Therefore, we praise you,

joining our voices with choirs of angels

and with all the faithful of every time and place,  
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, holy,  
holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth  
are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna  
in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.***

You are holy, O God of majesty,  
and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord . . .  
With thanksgiving we offer our very selves to you  
to be a living and holy sacrifice,  
dedicated to your service.

Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

Gracious God,  
pour out your Holy Spirit upon us  
and upon these your gifts of bread and wine . . .

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy  
kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the  
power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Communion Music

*Holy, Holy, Holy* Anne Krentz

*All Glory be to God on High* J.S. Bach

Communion Prayer

## **Going in God's Name**

\*Hymn of Commitment 525      *Here I Am, Lord*

\*Benediction

Postlude      *Fanfare on 'Old Hundredth'* David A. Gell

## **Areas of Service – June 7, 2009**

**Fellowship** – Elders

**Ushers** – Eloise Belle Isle, Richard Landers, Walter Taylor,  
Ronnie Piper

**Worship Assistant** – Raymond Baggarly

**Communion Servers:** Linda McElroy, Nancy Parkhouse,  
Carolyn Fox, Richard Whitton, Paul Blair

## **Worship and Music Notes**

Isaiah 6:1-8, which tells the story of the prophet's call, has been central to Jewish and Christian understanding about worship and the nature of God. This brief account includes acts of worship, confession, proclamation, and sending, all parts of our own worship service. The song of the seraphs, "Holy, holy, holy..." is a part of the communion liturgy, and, along with Revelation 5, inspired the writer of the hymn *Holy, Holy, Holy*. Today's Hymn of Commitment, *Here I Am, Lord* also uses the call of Isaiah, as well as Samuel to provide a model for our own response to God's call.

**Global Christian Education Minute**  
**Sponsored by the**  
**FPCJ Christian Education Committee**

**The Lord's Day**  
**Minute for Mission: Trinity Sunday**

Each Wednesday we gather in our modest chapel as a community of seekers intent on sharing compassion with our fellow sojourners. It is without hesitation that we listen to the voices of religious communities outside our own, broadening our understandings of God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit. I relish this hour set apart from the depths of the library and the confines of a classroom, for in this hour I affirm why I attend Harvard Divinity School. Here I am nurtured by the presence of those outside our church; through their eyes I can behold the greatness and possibility that is the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Listening to the voices of my colleagues in common worship, I can hear the echoes of Isaiah's words: "Here am I!" when God asked "whom shall I send?" I hear how truly great thou art, how grand in scale and perfect in architecture God is when the whole of God's people gather.

Scattered across religious traditions, we convene in worship and to do the work of the Trinity in the ways we feel called. Despite our varied interpretations of the divine, we can carve out a separate place for our faith community so that the work of God can be done.

Walking humbly as servants, we reach out to each other and say, "here I am", opening our arms and our hearts to the breadth of God's people so that we might be more open to receive the mystery and power of the Spirit.

## **Announcements**

***They're coming! They're coming! Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>, 2009.*** Welcome Joseph Rodriguez; the new Family/Teachers at Virginia Cottage: Ashley & Danny Smith and Stephanie & Josh Gruber; their children, Stella, Jack, & Evan; and all the guys; Adam, Rayshean, Calvin & Shayme. This is our opportunity to enrich our relationship, to show our emotional and spiritual support for some very special children and the young couples dedicated to them.

We need your help: your time, your talents and your financial contributions. This is the only time each year we raise funds to maintain our commitment to Thornwell Home for Children. So please mark your calendar and give one of us a call.

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**STOP! PLEASE READ...** We need your help to meet our financial responsibility to sponsor Joseph at Thornwell – AND – to make their weekend visit with FPCJ special for everyone! Virginia Cottage and Joseph are part of our church family. Please consider what you can do to help. Checks (made out to FPCJ) and cash put in the pew envelopes should be marked "Virginia Cottage." Thank you for your generosity and God bless you for all you do. For additional information on how you can help, contact Susan Baggarly.

***Thursday night Bible Study*** will resume on Tuesdays, beginning September 1<sup>st</sup>. Enjoy your Summer. Keep studying your Bible!

***The Church at Prayer*** meets at 1:30 PM every Tuesday, in the parlor, to intercede on behalf of the church and community. Please join us. If you would like more information, contact Ruby White.

***The Breakfast Bunch*** meets the first Wednesday of every month at 9:00 AM at the Dwarf House on Tara Boulevard. *Everyone is welcome!* For additional information contact Eloise Belle Isle.

**Good Shepherd Clinic** prayer requests are located in the pink box in the narthex. Please be sure to check the box, and pray daily for the concerns listed.

**Please make your prayer requests** by using the card found in the friendship pad or you may call the church office (770-478-8118) during the week. All names will be printed in the bulletin and included in prayers during the week and the following Sunday. Please keep the prayer list current; advise the pastor or church office of changes asap.

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Items we save to benefit various organizations:

Campbell Soup UPC codes and cancelled postage stamps (with ¼ inch border) for the PCUSA's Duvall Home in Florida.

Presbyterian Women save brown money (pennies).

Used print cartridges benefit Clayton Family Care.

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