

**The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Reception of New Members
Holy Communion**

10:30 a.m.

July 5, 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 *Marching to Zion* Gordon Young

*Call to Worship

In God's realm, weakness becomes strength;
emptiness is fulfilled to overflowing.

Fear grows into courage;
the foolish learn wisdom.

The wise learn God's foolishness;
the great are humbled, and the humble lifted up.

In God's steadfast love, all things are made whole.
Thanks be to the God of mercy!

*Hymn of Praise 482

Lobe den Herren

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Celebrating God's Grace

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of grace and God of glory, we want glory for ourselves. We want to be strong and independent. We daydream about doing great things. We forget that we depend on you for everything: for the very air we breathe; for your strength that holds us together; for life in the community you created in Christ; for the forgiveness that makes new life possible. In your mercy, bind us together and send us out to proclaim the good news of your kingdom.

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!

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.

Leader: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**All: 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.**

Questions of New Members

Congregational Questions

Will you, the members of First Presbyterian Church of Jonesboro welcome these confirmands with the same unconditional love that we have received from God, and will you support them on their journey of faith by your prayer, love and friendship, and will you commit to do all you can as a fellow disciple to celebrate and appreciate their gifts and talents, and nurture and uphold them as your sister and brother in Christ?

We will. It is with joy and thanksgiving that we welcome you to share with us in ministry and service to God.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem

T. W. Jefferson

Break Bread Together

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

FPCJ Weekly Prayer Concerns

O Lord, hear our prayers for:

Church Members

Corina Barbee; 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; Nancy Harris

Family & Friends of Church Members

Infant daughter of Pat Wood's cousin; Winnie Goldston (friend of Susan Baggarly); **Good Shepherd Clinic** (needs an additional physician to handle increased load); **Lisa Page** (Good Shepherd Clinic); **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); **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); **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); **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**; **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, with apostles and prophets,
with long standing members and new members,

with that great cloud of witnesses

who live for you beyond all time and space,

we lift our hearts in joyful praise, singing:

***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.***

We praise you, holy God,

for sending your only Son Jesus to live among us,

full of grace and truth . . .

Therefore, in remembrance of your mighty acts in Jesus

Christ, with thanksgiving we offer our 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

Prelude in E Minor

C. A. Bossi

Breathe on Me Breath of God

Iteke Perkins

Communion Prayer

Going in God's Name

*Hymn of Commitment 343

Beecher

Called As Partners in Christ's Service

*Benediction

Postlude

Fanfare

Gordon Young

Areas of Service – July 7, 2009

Fellowship – Congregational Care

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

Greeter – Jane Luetkemeyer

Worship Assistant – James White

Communion Servers – Brian Turner, Bob Stevens, Gene Hatfield, Bailey Wallace, Nancy Parkhouse

Worship and Music Notes

Today's hymns offer responses to Jesus' sending out the apostles on a mission. We too, are called to discipleship. *O Jesus, I Have Promised* was written for the children of John Ernest Bode on the occasion of their confirmation. The first and last verses offer faith in Jesus' promise to be present with us, while verses 2 and 3 offer prayers for feeling and hearing Jesus in our lives.

Called As Partners in Christ's Service is a recent text by Jane Huber. It looks both to Christ as an example and leader, and to our sisters and brothers in the church, recognizing that we live out our partnership with Christ in our partnerships with one another.

Global Christian Education Minute
Sponsored by the
FPCJ Christian Education Committee

The Lord's Day

Minute for Mission: Atlantic Korean-American Presbytery

If you are a member of any congregation, it is natural that you are expected to make some kind of contribution. There are many different kinds of offerings, but how many congregations have a “love Offering?”

Capital Presbyterian Church in the Greater Metropolitan area of Washington, DC is a faith community in which the members give a love offering on the last Sunday of every month. For the last ten years, the congregation has been contributing to this Love Offering for those who are in need. The recipients include prisoners, the poor, refugees, and disaster victims. The congregation is neither large nor wealthy. It is a small church whose few members rent a space in which to worship and try to live according to the teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ. They have been planning to build their own sanctuary – the blueprints have been prepared and slowly they are working on it. Their yearly budget hasn't yet met the annual goal required to start building, but the Love Offering is not spent for any other purpose than for those who are in need. Even though they are struggling financially, they continue to serve others. What a good spirit! Their goal from the beginning has been to serve, encourage and minister to those who are struggling.

Living as a Christian does not mean simply being churchgoers, enjoying the occasional sermon, or getting comfort from it, but to live the word of the gospel of Jesus Christ, to live by faith, humility and servitude. Through the actions of Capital Presbyterian Church, may Christ Jesus be exalted and church members be looked upon as servants, just as Christ was a servant.

The Atlantic Korean-American Presbytery, the Mid-Atlantic Korean Presbyterian Council, and the Asian American Ministry and Mission Center of Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education facilitate the continuing education of pastors serving churches within the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic on the Union PSCE campus. The Presbytery has 16 member churches and 1,588 members

Announcements

Join us for the Wednesday Night Dinner, July 8th at 6:00 PM –
The youth will be providing the meal and sharing information about their trip to Montreat. Please make your reservations by using the form included in the bulletin.

Sunday, July 19th is the final THROWDOWN! Immediately following Worship the 4th and final THROWDOWN will take place in the Family Life Center. The category will be desserts of all sorts. You won't want to miss this!

CONGREGATIONAL CARE NEEDS YOUR HELP! There are many open dates on the sign-up sheet for **Fellowship After Worship**. Please take advantage of this opportunity to serve. If you would like additional information, contact Linda McElroy.

Thursday night Bible Study will resume on Tuesdays, beginning September 1st. 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.

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.
