

# The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 a.m.

October 18, 2009

## Gathering of God's People

Chiming of the Hour

Greetings and Concerns of the Church

The Lord be with you. / **And also with you.**

Opening Prayer

Prelude *Concerto in G Major:Presto*

J.S. Bach

Introit *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart* Robert E. Kreutz

**All: You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat; Come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.**

*Choir: With joyful lips we sing to you our praise and gratitude that you should find us worthy, Lord to share this heavenly food.*

**All: You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat; Come, give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.**

\*Call to Worship

**Leader:** Let us hold fast to what is good,

**People: Rejoice in hope,**

**Leader:** Persevere in prayer,

**People: Give joyfully in love,**

**Leader:** Stand firm in one spirit,

**People: Strive side by side with one mind,**

Leader: And worship God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength.

\*Hymn of Praise: 482 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

### **Celebrating God's Grace**

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Gracious God, whose love is even more forgiving than it is demanding, pardon us for failing to savor your good gifts while we are experiencing them;  
for resisting life's transitions as though there were no grace in them;  
for the acts of unkindness that we have done before we thought twice;  
for the acts of caring that we have left undone until the opportunity was gone;  
for allowing our vision to be foreshortened to now and ours;  
for inability both to laugh at politics and to take it seriously;  
for reticence about expressing faith, hope, and love;  
for readiness to give sway and voice to mistrust, despair, and apathy;  
for avoiding the silence faced in solitude;  
for avoiding the commitments required in community;  
for ever acting as though we are ultimately alone.**

**We pray not only for pardon because of what we are and are not and because of what we do and do not; we pray for power—the power of your Spirit— so that**

**we shall be enabled to be different and so that  
tomorrow need not be a repetition of yesterday;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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 Forgiveness

\*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.***

\*Passing the Peace

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

### **Proclaiming God's Word**

Prayer for Illumination

Psalm 91: 1-2; 9-16 Page 518  
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 32: 1-15 Page 692  
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon    *Grounded*            Rev. Sarah F. Erickson

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

\*Hymn of Response 332

TRURO

*Live Into Hope*

Affirmation of Faith (adapted from *The Confession of 1967, 9.53-56*)

One: It is God's will that the purpose for human life shall be fulfilled under the rule of Christ and all evil be banished from creation. Biblical vision and images – fields to be bought, new heaven and new earth, refuges and fortresses – challenge us to imagine the kingdom of God.

**MANY: The kingdom is God's triumph over all that disrupts creation and leads to despair. God's reign is already present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption.**

One: With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not despair in the face of disappointment and defeat.

**MANY: In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond partial achievement to the final triumph of God. Now to the one who by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think, to**

**God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.**

Minute for Stewardship

Linda McElroy

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem *We Say Yes* Marty Haugen  
*For the gift of families dear, tender hearts that hold and guide us; ever constant year to year, living or dead they walk beside us.*

*Refrain: For all that has been, for your blessings without number, we offer thanks to you, O God. And for all that shall be, and for all that is to come, we say yes, we say yes.*

*For the gift of faithful friends, one with us through joy and sorrow, bonds of love that weave and blend, joining our hearts to face tomorrow. Refrain.*

*For creation, gift from you, all reflects your heart and features; life you nurture and renew, teach us to cherish all your creatures. Refrain.*

\*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**

**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**

**Sarah Griffith** (mother of Nardina Turner); **Melissa Barbee** (daughter of Tim & Corina Barbee); **Becky Diaz** (cousin of Raymond Baggarly); **Kenny Langford** (husband of Wendy Taylor's office manager); **Taylor Hulse** (12 year old critically ill cancer patient); **Byrdie Bevel** (Aunt of Pat Woods); **Seth Fowler** (great-grandson of Bob & Joanne Foster); **Inez Rutledge** (mother of Wendy Taylor's office manager); **Kathy Westervelt** (sister-in-law of John & Vicki Westervelt); **Winnie Goldston** (friend of Susan Baggarly); **Good Shepherd Clinic** (needs an additional physician to handle increased load); **Nathan Podraza** (nephew of Corina & Tim Barbee); **Daniela Macias** (student of Michelle Fidalgo); **Dick & Barbara Fox** (Pat Fox's brother and sister-in-law); **Richard Sandifer** (brother-in-law of Walter & Gwen Taylor); **Dianne Campbell** (friend of Ruby White); **Steve & Cheryl Lewis** (son-in-law of Dr. Charles & Margaret Carter, friends of Carolyn Fox); **Debora Bryson & family** (friends of Elaine & Ronnie Piper); **Mel Griffith** (father of Deanie Turner); **Christopher Brewer** (Betty Bush's grandson); **Jack Silvernail** (uncle of Corina Barbee); **Michael Foster** (Bob & Joanne Foster's son); **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; Morgan Nickerson, Ryan Tewell; Philip Ham, John Ham, Chris Lankford, and Spencer Hardy.**

## **The Celebration of Holy Communion**

Communion Song

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.**

For mysteries to which only you know answers....thanks and praise for the answer of your Son .

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is the one who comes in the name  
of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna  
in the highest.***

For a star over a manger... from us, in waiting, this simple loaf, this single cup, the merest and the most our thankful praise...

**Christ has died.**

**Christ has risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Holy Spirit... show us how to praise you and pray to you, until you come again.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

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

Communion Music

Voluntary: *Gather Us In* Malcolm Kogut

Anthem *Now the Silence* Jaroslav Vajda

## Going in God's Name

\*Hymn of Commitment 432

Argentina

Song of Hope

\*Benediction

Postlude

*Doxology*

Johann Pachelbel

### *Biography – The Rev. Sarah F. Erickson*

The Rev. Sarah F. Erickson began a new call as Director of Lifelong Learning at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA in July 2009. Among her other responsibilities, she serves as project coordinator for the S3 (Sabbath, Study and Service) program, and is co-developer of the Youth Leadership Ministry Initiative, a partnership between the seminary and the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta. As a member of the Presbytery of South Alabama, she serves on the Committee for Preparation for Ministry; as a clergy affiliate member at N. Decatur Presbyterian, she serves as team leader for the Confirmation Class. Sarah is a student in the inaugural cohort of Columbia's Doctor of Educational Ministry program and is looking forward to graduation in May 2010. Particular areas of interest include practical application of Gardner's theory of multiple intelligences and the role of worship and music in religious education. She is committed to nurturing children of God of all ages and through all stages of the journey of faith, and rejoices in the process of discovering and discerning our God-gifted talents and how we are called to witness to a true and lively faith. A native of Cleveland, OH, she has spent most of her adult life in

the southern US. Sarah's family includes sons Adam and Peter and Peter's wife, Martha; both sons are in the U.S. Army.

**Areas of Service – October 11, 2009**

**Fellowship** – Stewardship & Finance

**Ushers** – Pat Cooper, Clyde Cooper, Beth Trebendis,  
Albert Wallace

**Greeter** – Gwen & Walter Taylor

**Worship Assistant** – Brian Turner

**Communion Servers** – Carolyn Fox, Paul Blair, Katie  
Trebendis, Bailey Wallace, Gene Hatfield

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

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**Minute for Mission:** Domestic Violence Awareness  
“For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope” (Jer. 29:11)

Victims of domestic violence long to hear words of life and hope coming from their church. Sometime ago a church I was serving planned to direct its portion of the Presbyterian Peacemaking Offering to a shelter for victims of domestic violence. An employee of the shelter, a church member, spoke to the congregation of the need for local faith communities to openly address domestic violence. That afternoon she had five members of the church who were victims in need of

help. I was stunned that this level of need existed in a middle class, well educated Presbyterian congregation and saddened that none of these women felt comfortable sharing their need for help with me, the pastor. I understood that by failing to address this issue in our worship, I had participated in a code of silence that needed to be broken.

From this incident the church developed a policy on domestic violence and a congregational education program involving everyone from kindergarten through all ages of adulthood. Since then, victims and families have known the pastor's office was where they could share their stories and get help, but more important they knew that it was not God's will that anyone should suffer in silence.

The PC(USA) is widely recognized as a church leader in responding to domestic violence and the Presbyterians Against Domestic Violence Network provides training and resources in the United States and in Guatemala to educate church professionals, congregations, victims, families and perpetrators to break the cycle of violence and to discover God's will for healthy families.

Resources are available on many issues related to family violence at [www.pcusa.org/phewa/padvn](http://www.pcusa.org/phewa/padvn).

Rev. Kevin E. Fredrick, Pastor Waldensian Presbyterian Church, Valdese, North Carolina,  
Chairperson for Presbyterians Against Domestic Violence Network.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>*** the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta's Committee to Combat Racism is hosting a meeting on *Politics, Faith and Race*. The event will be held at Hillside Presbyterian Church, in Decatur from 10:00AM to 1:00PM. Lunch will be available at a cost of \$5.00. Please RSVP to Rev. Nibs Stroupe, 404-378-6284.

***The month of October is "Santa Claus Express!"*** The Presbyterian Women are collecting items throughout October to benefit the Presbyterian Village. A complete list of items needed is available on the table in the entry-way. Please be sure to pick up a copy. For additional information contact Jane Luetkemeyer.

***The Book Club*** will be reading "*Songs of the Humpback Whale*" by Jodi Picoult. The next meeting will be Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the church parlor. Please join us.

***Evening Bible Study*** has resumed on the first, third, fourth and fifth **Tuesdays at 6:00 PM** in the church parlor. Bring your Bible and a friend!

***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 Presbyterian Women's*** study of Joshua began September 14<sup>th</sup>. Meetings are held the second Monday of each month at 7:00 PM. Please join us!

***The Juanita Hambrick Circle*** meets at 10:00 AM the second Tuesday of each month. All are invited to attend the October 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

***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 as soon as possible.

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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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