

The Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 a.m.

November 15, 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

Carl Klein

Lo He Comes with Clouds Descending

Introit

Henry Smith

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

Choir: Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, and give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, His Son.

All: Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, and give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.

Choir; 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."

All: 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.

***Call to Worship**

Our hearts are glad, our spirits rejoice!

**God, the foundation of our lives,
Is worthy of our thanks and praise.**

Our hearts are glad, our spirits rejoice!

**God, the cornerstone of our lives,
Brings order to our chaos.**

Our hearts are glad, our spirits rejoice!

**God, the rock and redeemer of our lives,
Calls us to faith and honor.**

Our hearts are glad, our spirits rejoice!

**God, the enduring good news of our lives,
gives us strength and peace.**

Let us worship the God who is not shaken, but endures forever.

***Hymn of Praise 341 *Blessed Assurance* Assurance**

Celebrating God's Grace

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of our lives, we struggle to be hopeful people. Our lives seem filled with pains that weaken us, and we do not hope. Our lives seem filled with problems that tax our spirits, and we do not hope. We take refuge in working or

eating or drinking or medicating. We take refuge in acquiring more things. We take refuge in mindless computer games and chat sites. We do not hope in your promise to be with us at all times.

Love us still, O God, and forgive us. Shake the false foundations we build. Remind us our hope is in you and no other. Teach us to encourage one another with love and good deeds.

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.***

*Greeting One Another in Christ's Name

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

Children's Sermon

Anthem arr. Ralph Vaughan-Williams
Jesus Comes with Clouds Descending

*Jesus comes with clouds descending; see the Lamb
for sinners slain! Thousand, thousand saints
attending join to sing the glad refrain. Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ the Lord returns to reign.
Every eye shall then behold you robed in awesome
majesty; those who jeered and mocked and sold
you, pierced and nailed you to the tree, shamed and
grieving, shamed and grieving, shamed and
grieving, shall their true Messiah see. Yes, Amen!
Let all adore you, high on your eternal throne;
crowns and empires fall before you, claim the
kingdom for your own: Come, Lord Jesus, come,
Lord Jesus, come, Lord Jesus, everlasting Christ,
come down!*

Proclaiming God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson 1 Samuel 1:4-20 Page 236
This is the word of the Lord./ **Thanks be to God.**

Second Lesson Mark 13:1-8 Page 47
This is the word of the Lord./ **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

The Rev. Sue A. Riggle

Stay With It; You Won't be Sorry!

Responding to God's Word

*Hymn of Response 379

Solid Rock

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

*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.

Invitation to Discipleship

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem

Joan Fogg

Christ Will Come Again

Christ will come again, God's justice to complete, to reap the fields of time and sift the weeds from wheat: then let us passionately care for peace and justice here on earth, and evil's rage restrain with love, till Christ will come again. Christ will come again and life shall be complete. The waters from the throne shall wash the nations' feet: Then let us passionately care for health and wholeness here on earth, and ease our neighbor's pain with love, till Christ shall come again. Christ will come again, and joy shall be complete as flames of lightning love bedeck the judgment seat: then let us passionately share the whole great Gospel here on earth, until all things attain their end, when Christ shall come again.

*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

Pat Fox; Archie Fountain; Penny Fort; Virginia Suty; Florence Landers; Pat Cooper; Bob & Joanne Foster; Pete Garcia; Beauford Roberts; Nancy Harris.

Family & Friends of Church Members

Ruth Anne (friend of Linda McElroy); **Dorothy and Fred Kobus** (sister & brother-in-law of Ruby White); **Rufus Thompson** (brother of Ruby White & Chris Lizama); **Jeannie & James Lassiter, Melvin & Lorraine Saunders** (cousins of Ruby White); **Dr. Frank Chevres** (friend of Wendy Taylor); **Ruth Hays Smith** (friend of Susan Baggarly); **Vivian Rice** (friend of Carol Hatfield); **Sarah Griffith** (mother of Nardina Turner); **Melissa Sylvester** (daughter of Tim & Corina Barbee); **Becky Diaz** (cousin of Raymond Baggarly); **Taylor Hulsey** (12 year old critically ill cancer patient); **Byrdie Bevel** (Aunt of Pat Woods); **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).

Military

Marc Maketo; 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 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.

Going in God's Name

*Hymn of Commitment 210 St. Anne
Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

*Benediction

Postlude *Blessed Assurance* Bruce Greer

Areas of Service – November 15, 2009

Fellowship – Youth

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

Greeters – Walter and Gwen Taylor

Worship Assistant – Marvin Ham

WORSHIP AND MUSIC NOTES

Today is the last Sunday of "Ordinary Time". Next Sunday we celebrate Christ the King (and Thanksgiving), and then a new church year begins with Advent. Today's Gospel reading brings us full circle. Advent began with a reading from the same chapter (Mark 13) dealing with the return of Jesus and the "end of time." The church year is framed by teachings concerning how Christians live "between times", after the earthly life of Jesus, and before his return. Rather than fear, we live in hope because we believe that all things will be fulfilled in God's time. For now we live in joy and hope, as expressed in hymns like *Blessed Assurance* and *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*. Charles

Wesley's text, *Jesus Comes with Clouds Descending* is based on this chapter of the Gospel, as well as passages from Revelation. Brian Wren's text, *Christ Will Come Again* was written to share a contemporary vision of how we should live while waiting for Christ's coming. We should "passionately care" for peace and justice, health and wholeness, and having the Gospel in our time.

Global Christian Education Minute
Sponsored by the
FPCJ Christian Education Committee

Minute for Mission: Hamni Presbytery

Sylvia Choi is concerned about women and children who live without clean water in Tijuana, Mexico, on the border with the United States. About 3 years ago, she recognized the importance of clean water while she was participating in building ministry in Tijuana. Sylvia is the chair of Presbyterian Women of Hanmi Presbytery, where she encourages members of Presbyterian Women to act on their concerns about the welfare of women and children who live in poverty in South America, Nepal, India and Eastern Europe. She has a passion in her heart for living out the great ends of the church as expressed in the Book of Order, for those people who are unable to obtain pure water from a well because of inadequacies of their own local government.

Members of Presbyterian Women of Hanmi Presbytery inspired by Sylvia's ministry of doffing a well, made donations for doffing twenty wells in Nepal and one well

in India, and they also made donations for AIDS infected children in India.

Sylvia Choi's ministry continues to support restoring the health of women and children with clean water. She has a plan for digging more wells in Tijuana as more clean water is needed. Sylvia thanks the Lord who recognizes those children of God and leads her to invite more servants to achieve the great ends of the church together.

Hanmi Presbytery, a non-geographic, Korean language transitional presbytery in the Synod of Southern California and Hawaii, was established in 1984. The presbytery consists of 28 congregations and 5,066 members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A reminder – The Endowment Committee has arranged to have a guest speaker at the Wednesday Night dinner, November 18th. Rev. Jerry Dean Weber, PhD, Director of Planned Giving at the Presbyterian Homes of Georgia will be speaking on the importance of having a will.

The Presbyterian Women are sponsoring a Thanksgiving Food Drive. They will be collecting non-perishable food items November 8th through November 22nd. The items collected will be delivered to Samaritans Together the week of November 23rd. For additional information contact Jane Luetkemeyer or Eloise Belle Isle.

The Presbyterian Women are sponsoring a “Get a Grip” Program. Please bring your gently used luggage, carry-on bags, backpacks, etc., to be donated to Securus House. These

pieces of luggage will help women & children transport their belongings from one residence to another with dignity. Check your attic, basement or closet for luggage (*grips*) you are no longer using. This is a great opportunity to help others. If you would like additional information, contact Jane Luetkemeyer.

Evening Bible Study meets on the first, third, fourth and fifth **Tuesdays at 6:00 PM** in the church parlor. **Please Join us!** 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 14th. 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 13th 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.

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).

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