

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

8:30 & 11:00 AM

April 25, 2010

GATHERING BEFORE GOD

PRELUDE "It Is Well with My Soul" arr. Philip Keveren

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH
(Please sign the Welcome Pads at the end of each pew)

WELCOME AND RECOGNITION OF FPC SENIOR SENIORS

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP (8:30 AM only)
(A brief moment of prayer and reflection in preparation for worship.)

#CHORAL INTROIT "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus" *Stories of Jesus*
Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear; Things I would ask Him to tell me If He were here: Scenes by the wayside, Tales of the sea, Stories of Jesus, Tell them to me.

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 34:1-3
LEADER: I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
PEOPLE: **My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.**
LEADER: O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.

*HYMN (insert)
"Bringing in the Sheaves"; "Church in the Wildwood"; "Old Rugged Cross";
"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"; "Onward, Christian Soldiers"

*CONFESSION OF SIN (unison)
Holy God, you are love, and you love us. But we confess this morning we have not loved you. We have not loved you with our hearts, minds, souls and strength. We confess we have loved other powers, hopes, and people more than you. We confess we often love most that which serves us best. And so we confess our lives are often a mess; grasping more than giving, taking more than serving, complaining more than thanksgiving. (Silent Confession)

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Merciful God, in Jesus Christ you have forgiven us. Free us from the burden of guilt and doubt. And now by the power of your Holy Spirit we pray that you would also transform our lives, so that we come to know the fullness of life when we love you, and love one another. May we live with gratitude, simplicity and joy. This we pray in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

#*CONFESSION RESPONSE "Rock of Ages" *Toplady*
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee; Let the water and the blood, From Thy wounded side which flowed, Be of sin the double cure, Cleanse me from its guilt and power.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS
LEADER: Hear and believe the Good News! "The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." (1 Tim. 1:15)
ALL: **"He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin and be alive to all that is good." (1 Peter 2:24)**
LEADER: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
ALL: **Glory to God. Alleluia. Amen.**

*ASSURANCE RESPONSE #485 Refrain *To God Be the Glory*
"To God Be the Glory"
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice! O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, And give Him the glory: great things He hath done!

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Gayle Cranford

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING 1 John 4:7-12 (p. 220)

#ANTHEM "It Is Well with My Soul" arr. Eric Nelson
When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, When sorrows like sea billows roll – Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say, It is well with my soul. Though Satan should buffet, Though trials should cease, Let this blest assurance control, That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate, And hath shed His own blood for my soul. My sin – O the joy of this glorious thought – My sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more; Praise the Lord, O my soul. And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll: The trumpet shall resound, and the Lord shall descend; "Even so" – it is well with my soul. (3)

#THE GOOD NEWS FOR THE YOUNGER DISCIPLES

(Children 0-4 years return to the nursery, and
children grades K-5 are dismissed to “Children in Worship.”)

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 25:14-30 (p. 26)

THE GOOD NEWS FOR THE OLDER DISCIPLES

Dr. Hink

“Active Waiting”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Heidelberg Catechism – Question #86 (1563)
Since we are redeemed from our sin and its wretched consequences by grace through
Christ without any merit of our own, why must we do good works?

**Because just as Christ has redeemed us with his blood he also renews us through his
Holy Spirit according to his own image, so that with our whole life we may show
ourselves grateful to God for his goodness and that he may be glorified through us;
and further, so that we ourselves may be assured of our faith by its fruits and by our
reverent behavior may win our neighbors to Christ.**

*HYMN #415

“Come, Labor On”

Ora Labora

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer/Silent Prayer/Congregational Prayer

(No Sung Prayer Response. Soft music will be played during the prayer.)

OFFERING

Offertory

“Swing Down, Chariot”

Spiritual

Quartet

Swing low sweet chariot, Comin’ for to carry me home. Why don’t you swing down chariot,
stop and let me ride, Rock me, Lord, Calm and easy, I got a home on the other side. Now,
Ezekiel went down to the middle of the field, He just saw an angel workin’ on a chariot wheel.
What’s so partic’lar ‘bout that chariot wheel? He just wants to see how the chariot feel. Well,
Ezekiel went down and he got on board, The chariot went a-bumpin’ on down the road.
What’s so partic’lar ‘bout that bump on the road? He just wants to lay down his heavy load.

*Response #276 Refrain “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Faithfulness

**Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by
morning new mercies I see; All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

*Prayer of Dedication and **The Lord’s Prayer**

“...sins, and those who sin against us...”

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The Parable of the Talents

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“Real people, committed to Christ, living the Great Commandment”

April 25th

8:30 & 11:00 AM Services
Special Recognition of Senior Seniors
Dr. Hink preaching

9:15 & 10:30 AM	Coffee Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
9:30 AM	Sunday School K-Adult	
10:30 AM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Room #303
11:00 AM	Worship	Sanctuary
5:30 PM	Jr Hi Small Groups	
5:30 PM	Sr Hi Big Group	FPC

Monday, April 26

9:30 AM	Rummage Sale Set Up	
7:00-8:30 PM	OAM Team Meeting	Room #106
7:00 PM	Marriage Tune-Up Seminar	Room #206
	Boy Scout Troop #3	Scout Room

Tuesday, April 27

6:30 PM	Rummage Sale Set Up	
	Presbytery Meeting	Wurtemberg Church

Wednesday, April 28

7:00 AM	Rummage Sale Set Up	
5:00 PM	Men's Fellowship Breakfast	Panera's
6:00 PM	Quartet Rehearsal	
	After School Program Meeting	Room #106

Thursday, April 29

6:00 PM	Rummage Sale Set Up	
7:30 PM	Carillon Choir Practice	Room #206
	Sanctuary Choir Practice	Room #303

Friday, April 30

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM Rummage Sale

Saturday, May 1

8:30 AM	Property Committee	Room #106
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Rummage Sale	

May 2nd

8:30 & 11:00 AM Services
Geneva Service

9:15 & 10:30 AM	Coffee Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
9:30 AM	Sunday School K-Adult	
9:30 AM	Combined Adult Sunday School	Fellowship Hall
10:30 AM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Room #303
11:00 AM	Worship	Sanctuary
5:30-8:00 PM	Youth Groups Dinner & Speaker	Fellowship Hall

*HYMN #467

“How Great Thou Art”

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*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

##*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

Lutkin

The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord lift His countenance upon you, and give you peace; The Lord make His face to shine upon you, And be gracious unto you. Amen.

*POSTLUDE

“Praise Him, Praise Him”

arr. Larry Shackley

The conclusion of worship, and the beginning of service.

*Please stand if you are able. #11:00 AM service only.

The flowers are in recognition of
Our Senior Seniors

SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR FPC SENIOR SENIORS TODAY – Following worship there will be a brief reception to greet our Senior Seniors. Thanks to the Deacons for organizing this special event.

WITH OPEN HEARTS AND MINDS, we reach out in friendship to all who have come to worship. Welcome! May God's presence uplift and sustain you as we lift up our hearts to the Parent of us all.

IN THE NURSERY this morning our caregivers, Brenda Hall, Norma Pugh and Tracy Plyler, will care for our youngest believers.

CHILDREN IN GRADES K-5th, under the direction of Debbie Derrenbacher and Brian Weigle, will be dismissed to the “Children in Worship” program following the “Good News for Children.” Children can be picked up in Room #315 following worship. Children 0-4 years old are invited to participate in the nursery program.

ANNUAL REPORT BOOKLETS can be picked up in the Church Office. One per household have been printed.

THANK YOU to Maggie Reel and the quartet for sharing their musical gifts with us today.

TODAY'S MUSIC: The music today has been chosen in honor of our "Senior Seniors." The Prelude and the Anthem are based on the same hymn. The hymn after the sermon is suggested for the Gospel lesson today.

WEST VIRGINIA MISSION – Now's the time to sign up for this mission trip with 1st Presbyterian Church – Greenville, May 6-8. This is a light construction mission, and is open to anyone (at least 12 years old). The cost is \$40. Contact Tim Jones.

WE ARE PLEASED TO WELCOME everyone to worship on Sunday mornings at FPC. Occasionally visitors to FPC will ask members for money. Please do not give money to anyone who is visiting the church. Instead, please direct the person to myself or Rev. Maloney.
- Dr. Hink

OLDER ADULT MINISTRY TEAM meeting is Monday, April 26th at 9:30 AM.

VBS MEETING: April 28th @5:15 PM in Room #106. The Planning is underway. Some new developments: Two other churches are joining our adventure! This year our VBS will be sponsored by First, Covenant and Word Centered Fellowship. Come help us with our Egyptian Journey to explore the culture of Joseph's world. Contact Debbie Derrenbacher to be involved: text 724-8866-1588; email dcm@1stpcs.org or call the office 724-981-2211 ext. 3. It's not too late to sign up!

WEST VIRGINIA MISSION TRIP MEETING – All participants in this May 6-8 mission trip with 1st Presbyterian Church, Greenville are invited to a meeting next Sunday, May 2, 9:30-10:30 AM, in Room #106, to discuss the trip.

CAN YOU GIVE US A HAND? We will be setting up for the Rummage Sale Monday, April 26 through Thursday, April 29. We really need your help. Any time you can give us will be greatly appreciated. Thank you. See you there.

THE PW RUMMAGE SALE@FIRST will be Friday, April 30 and Saturday, May 1 from 9 AM – 2 PM. Your help is needed. If you have any items you wish to donate, please bring them to the church no later than noon on Thursday, April 29. Baked goods are also needed for the Bake Sale.

BIBLE SUNDAY IS MAY 9TH during the 11:00 service for 1st and 3rd graders to receive their Bibles. If you would like your child to receive a Bible, please call Debbie Derrenbacher at 724-981-2211 ext.3 by May 2.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS will meet together on May 2nd and 9th for an interesting two-week series "Bible 101 – with a twist of Science" led by Dr. Kang Na, Professor of Religion at Westminster College. Dr. Na is a popular speaker and a Biblical scholar, specializing in the Pauline letters. He is a Presbyterian pastor and is married to The Rev. Amy Na, pastor of the Shenango Presbyterian Church in New Castle. Kang and Amy have three children. Come at 9:30, enjoy a cup of coffee or tea, and bring your friends to enjoy this time with Dr. Na.

YEAR OF THE BIBLE: Some very special left-handers are mentioned in Judges. What is said about them? (Judges 20:16) Who is Ruth's great-grandson? (Ruth 4:17-22) On the Mount of Transfiguration, which two figures from the Old Testament appear with Jesus? (Mark 9:4) These questions are from the readings for April 19-23.

PLEASE JOIN THE SHENANGO VALLEY CHORALE for its Spring Concert, "Songs of Love & Life" at one of three locations:

April 30 – 7:30 PM – First United Methodist Church, 237 W Silver St, Sharon.

May 1 – 7:30 PM – Clen-Moore Presbyterian Church, New Castle

May 2 – 3 PM – St. Michael's, N High St, Greenville.

Tickets can be purchased at the door. The program also features a performance by the Shenango Area Youth Chorus.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED'S MAY FRIENDSHIP DAY will be Friday, May 7th from 1-3 PM at the Cedar Avenue Church of God. The theme is "Living the Vision."

LOOKING AHEAD

May 2 – Geneva Worship Service

May 12 – OAM Movie Review – "Prince Caspian"

May 15 – Church Clean Up Day

May 23 – Pentecost

"THANK SOMEONE FOR SOMETHING. Go out of your way today to acknowledge the generosity of a person you know."
- Alan Epstein

BRINGING IN THE SHEAVES

Sowing in the morning, sowing seeds of kindness,
Sowing in the noontide and the dewy eve;
Waiting for the harvest, and the time of reaping,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.
Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves;
Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

THE CHURCH IN THE WILDWOOD

There's a church in the valley by the wildwood,
No lovelier spot in the dale;
No place is so dear to my childhood,
As the little brown church in the vale.
Oh, come, come, come, come,
Come to the church in the wildwood,
Oh, come to the church in the vale,
No spot is so dear to my childhood
As the little brown church in the vale.

THE OLD RUGGED CROSS

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suff'ring and shame;
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.
So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown.

STAND UP, STAND UP FOR JESUS

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, Ye soldiers of the cross;
Lift high His royal banner, It must not suffer loss:
From victory unto victory His army shall He lead,
Till every foe is vanquished, And Christ is Lord indeed.

ONWARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS

Onward, then, ye people, Join our happy throng,
Blend with ours your voices In the triumph song;
Glory, laud, and honor Unto Christ the King;
This through countless ages Men and angels sing.
Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.