

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

8:30 & 11:00 AM

January 24, 2010

GATHERING BEFORE GOD

PRELUDE

“Sortie on *Duke Street*”

Lani Smith

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

(Please sign the Welcome Pads at the end of each pew)

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP (8:30 AM only)

(A brief moment of prayer and reflection in preparation for worship.)

#CHORAL INTROIT

“Jesus, Stand Among Us”

F. Filitz

Jesus, stand among us in Thy risen power; Let this time of worship be a hallowed hour.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 57:15, 19

LEADER: For thus says the high and lofty one who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy:

PEOPLE: I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with those who are contrite and humble in spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite.

LEADER: Peace, peace, to the far and the near, says the Lord; and I will heal them.

*HYMN #423

“Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun”

Duke Street

*CONFESSION OF SIN (unison)

Holy God, through Jesus Christ we have become part of the people of God; the Church. As the Church we are to bear witness to the coming new creation. But today we confess that our life together too often bears witness to the fading old world. We confess that we are quick to judge, and slow to welcome. We confess that we often selfishly seek our own way, rather than the better way of Christ for the whole Church. We confess that we cling to old differences, rather than grasp the new unity among followers of Jesus Christ. (Silent Confession)

Merciful God, forgive us again, and awaken us to the dawning new day of new life together. By the transforming power of the Holy Spirit change our life together, so that the light of the new age shines forth from the First Presbyterian Church of Sharon. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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#*CONFESSION RESPONSE

“Breathe the Holy Spirit”

F. Filitz

Breathe the Holy Spirit into every heart; Bid the fears and sorrows from each soul depart.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*ASSURANCE RESPONSE #579

“Gloria Patri”

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Jim Elder

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 11:1-9 (p. 607)

#ANTHEM

“Glad Sounds of Christians”

Robert Leaf

This is the day of the Lord, Now is the time to rejoice. Let the sound of our voices ring to the glory of God. Glad sounds of Christians shall ring thru the air on this day. Bells in their towers will ring, Cymbals and trumpets will sound. Joyful hymns of thanksgiving rise to the Almighty King. The glory of God shall be praised. Let alleluias ring!

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 28:16-20 (p. 31)

#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

Ephesians 2:11-22 (p. 178)

THE GOOD NEWS FOR THE OLDER DISCIPLES

Dr. Hink

“Before and After: Far Off and Near By”

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Confession of 1967 (selected lines)

God's reconciling work in Jesus Christ and the mission of reconciliation to which God has called the church are the heart of the gospel in any age. Our generation stands in peculiar need of reconciliation.

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message for reconciliation and shares Christ's labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to Christ's call. (9.06, 9.31)

*HYMN (insert) **“We All Are Now One People”** *Cherry Tree Carol*

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer/Silent Prayer/Congregational Prayer

#404 v. 1 **“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”** *Precious Lord*

OFFERING

Offertory *“Fughetta on Duke Street”* Richard Wienhorst

*Response #592 **“Doxology”** *Old Hundredth*

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

*HYMN #442 **“The Church’s One Foundation”** *Aurelia*

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

#*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *“Thus with Quickened Footsteps”* F. Filitz

Thus with quickened footsteps we pursue our way, Watching for the dawning of eternal day.

*POSTLUDE *“Postlude on Aurelia”* Lani Smith

The conclusion of worship, and the beginning of service.

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

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Mr. & Mrs. Norman K. Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Wm. C. (Edna L. Roberts) Hickman

WELCOME! A wonderful hymn begins: “I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together!” Welcome church!

IN THE NURSERY this morning our caregivers, Brenda Hall and her helpers, will care for our youngest believers.

CHILDREN IN GRADES K-5th, under the direction of Debbie Derrenbacher, Debbie Snyder and Janis Benedict 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.



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

January 24th

8:30 & 11:00 AM Services

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
12:10 PM	Boar's Head Committee	Room #206
5:30 PM	Jr Hi Small Groups	
5:30 PM	Sr. Hi Big Group	FPC

Monday, January 25

9:30 AM	OAMT Meeting	Room #106
7:00 PM	Boy Scout Troop #3	Scout Room

Thursday, January 28

7:30 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Room #303
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Friday, January 29

4:30 PM	Youth leaving for Winter Jam 2010 Concert	
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Saturday, January 30

11:00 AM	Harold Sargent Memorial Service	Sanctuary
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January 31st

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YEAR OF THE BIBLE Jacob loses Rachel as she bears which of his twelve sons? (Gen. 35:18) What are the names of Jesus' brothers? (Matt. 13:55-56) Shortly after being sold as a slave in Egypt, Joseph's position goes from bad to worse. Why? (Gen 39:20) These questions are from the readings for January 17 & 19.

BOAR'S HEAD COMMITTEE CRITIQUE – Today after the 11:00 AM worship service in Room #206.

THE MEMORIAL SERVICE for Harold Sargent will be next Saturday, January 30th, 11:00 AM, at First Presbyterian Church.

MISSION TRIP TO WEST VIRGINIA MAY 6-8, 2010. We will do light construction work through Word Servants, and share in this mission with 1st Presbyterian Church, Greenville. Sign up now. See Tim Jones for more information.

REV. MALONEY will be gone this Wednesday through Sunday at the Calvin Conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan. (Only "hardy" followers of John Calvin would have a conference in Michigan in January.)

PLAN TO ATTEND NOW: "A Big Picture of the Prophets." Dr. Hink will be leading an overview of the Old Testament prophets during Lent (2/24, 3/3, 3/17 and 3/24), 6:30-8:00 PM. All church members and friends are welcome. The class is college seminar in style.

OAMT MEETING will be January 25th at 9:30 AM. We will be preparing for the spring progressive luncheon. Hostesses are needed to welcome approximately 8 persons for lunch in their homes. Following lunch, we will return to Fellowship Hall for dessert. Please contact Carole Barker, Dottie Bieber or Connie McGinnis if you would like to volunteer as a hostess.

CONSTRUCTION ZONE AHEAD!!! Attn. Parents, Youth, Children and Sunday School Teachers: Beginning **Sunday, February 7th** our children and youth Sunday school program will undergo some necessary, but minor construction. Following the rotational workshop curriculum, we will combine all ages at the beginning to introduce a Bible lesson and then separate into 2 age groups for the workshops & application. Both groups will come back together for the closing. Contact Debbie Derrenbacher or Aaron Christy with questions.

SENIOR HIGH COMMUNICANT'S CLASS: If you are in 9th – 12th grade and you are interested in becoming a member of First Presbyterian Church, please contact Aaron Christy by Sunday, February 7th, 2010. The class is an Action/Reflection learning model done with an adult mentor and is acclimated for busy teens. The class will start in February and run through early May.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING: At the conclusion of the 11 AM worship on **Sunday, February 7th**, members of the youth group will be standing at the main exits of the Sanctuary with soup pots to collect money for the Community Food Warehouse in honor of the Souper Bowl of Caring. This program started with youth in a PC(USA) Church in Columbia SC in 1990 and has nationally grown since, raising \$10.3 million in 2009 to battle local hunger.

WHO MAKES THE BEST CHILI & SOUP? 4th Annual Chili Cook-Off is Sunday, March 7th at 4:45 PM in Fellowship Hall. Please call the church office to register your chili and/or soup. In addition to our "Chili Champion," this year we will also be crowning the first ever "Soup Champion." Save this date and plan on taking part in this fun event for all ages.

TODAY'S MUSIC: In Ephesians 2 we read that we are one in Christ who has reconciled us to God. The hymns today speak of the joy we have in Jesus Christ, and of our unity in Christ and our reconciliation to God and with one another. The Prelude and offeratory are based on the tune of the 1st hymn, and the Postlude is based on the tune of the last hymn. The words of the middle hymn are from Ephesians 2:14-19.

SWEETS FOR THE SWEET SENIORS will be Wednesday, February 10th at 10:30 AM in the Parlor. Entertainment will be provided by Jim Elder.

ON ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBURARY 17TH, we will begin the day with the Presbyterian Women's Coffee at 10:00 AM. A Pancake and sausage dinner will be served at 6:00 PM followed by the worship service at 7:00 PM. Mark your calendars and plan to join us as we begin the Lenten season.

VBS ROAD TRIP planned to Grand Book & Bible on February 2nd at 7 PM. Come have fun with us! RSVP to Debbie Derrenbacher by February 1.

"IN DARKNESS THERE IS NO CHOICE. It is light that enables us to see the differences between things; and it is Christ who gives us light."

- Augustus Hare