

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

8:30 & 11:00 AM

November 15, 2009

**GATHERING BEFORE GOD**

PRELUDE "Sovereign God, Great King of Kings" Graebel, arr. Allured  
"Processional" Donald Allured  
(At 11:00 these two pieces will be played by the Carillon Choir.)

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

SECOND FOR STEWARDSHIP

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

#CHORAL INTROIT "Praise!" Norman Johnson  
Praise to the God who so graciously sought us! Praise to the Son who so wondrously bought us! Praise to the Spirit who tenderly leads us! Praise to the Word that abundantly feeds us! Come we now to worship and adore and praise!

CALL TO WORSHIP Isaiah 57:15  
LEADER: For thus says the high and lofty one who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy:  
ALL: **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.**

\*HYMN #482 "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" *Lobe Den Herren*

\*CONFESSION OF SIN (unison)  
**Holy and eternal God, through the life, death and resurrection of Christ you have called us to share in new life in the new age. But on this Stewardship Sunday we confess that our stewardship of money rarely reflects the values of this new age. We confess that we believe the values of the old age around us, and so seek life in getting more. We confess we try to secure and control life through our use of money, and so fail to trust you. We confess we are too familiar with the "short-lived" joy of more, and miss the deep joy of generosity.** (Silent Confession)

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**God of all good and perfect gifts, you give us all things, and call us to be good stewards. Forgive us for our bad stewardship, and by the power of your Holy Spirit transform our lives. May we bear witness to new life in this new age; giving, caring, and sharing in ways that reflect the joy and generosity of your kingdom. And may our joyful generosity as a congregation bear witness to the new age breaking into this old world. These things we pray in the name of the One who came so that we might live in this new age; Jesus Christ. Amen.**

#\*CONFESSION RESPONSE "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" *Hamburg*  
The words may be found in verse 1 of Hymn #101.

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*ASSURANCE RESPONSE "Now Thank We All Our God" *Nun Danket*  
**All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given, The Son, and Him who reigns with Them in highest heaven, The one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore; For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.**

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION David Gill

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 113 (see insert);  
Luke 14:12-14 (p. 71)

#PIANO DUET "Mountain Dance" Jon George  
Clark McQuiston and Carey Shaffer

#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 Acts 2:37-47 (p. 110)

THE GOOD NEWS FOR THE OLDER DISCIPLES Dr. Hink  
"Community of Dreams" (or "Living in the New Age")

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**November 15<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 & 11:00 AM Services

Dr. Hink preaching

8:30 AM	Worship	Chapel
9:30 AM	Sunday School K-Adult	
10:00 AM	Coffee Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
10:30 AM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Room #303
10:30 AM	Children’s Choir Practice	3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
11:00 AM	Worship	Sanctuary
12:10-1:30 PM	Youth Musical practice	Youth Coffee House
5:30 PM	Jr Hi Small Groups/Sr Hi Big Group	
7:00 PM	“Presbybop” Concert	Fellowship Hall

**Monday, Nov. 16**

7:00 PM	Boy Scouts	Scout Room
7:00 PM	Shenango Valley Chorale “Messiah” Rehearsal	Sanctuary

**Tuesday, Nov. 17**

10:00 AM	PW Coordinating Team	Room #206
6:30 PM	Presbytery Meeting	New Bedford Church

**Wednesday, Nov. 18**

6:30 – 8:00 PM	“The Big Picture”	Room #206
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**Thursday, Nov. 19**

10:30 AM	Staff Meeting	Conference Room
2:30-6:00 PM	<a href="#">AfterSchool@First</a> Program	F. Hall & Gym
6:00 PM	Carillon Choir Rehearsal	Room #206
7:30 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Room #303

**November 22<sup>nd</sup>**

8:30 & 11:00 AM Services

Dr. Hink preaching & Baptism

“St. Andrew’s Sunday”

8:30 AM	Worship	Chapel
9:30 AM	Sunday School K-Adult	
10:00 AM	Coffee Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
10:30 AM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Room #303
10:30 AM	Children’s Choir Practice	3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
11:00 AM	Worship	Sanctuary
12:10-1:30 PM	Youth Musical practice	Youth Coffee House
12:10 PM	Children’s Ministry Meeting	Room #206
2:30 PM	Shenango Valley Chorale “Messiah”	Sanctuary
5:30 PM	Jr. High Big Group “Turkey Bowl”/Sr. High Small Group	
7:00 PM	Session Meeting	Room #206

\*POSTLUDE

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

*Lobe Den Herren*

8:30 – arr. Hal H. Hopson; 11:00 – Piano Duet, arr. Phillip Keveren

*The conclusion of worship, and the beginning of service.*

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

The flowers are given in memory of

**Mary E. & Robert C. Feick**

WELCOME! We’re glad you’ve joined us to worship God. Sing, pray and enjoy the Word of God when it is read and preached. Then go forth under the Holy Spirit’s leadership.

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

CHILDREN IN GRADES K-5<sup>th</sup>, under the direction of Debbie Derrenbacher, Lindsay Buxton and Stephanie Longstreet, 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.

TODAY’S MUSIC has been chosen to reflect the theme of praise in Psalm 113. Hymn #225 is based on Psalm 113. The Postlude is based on the tune of the first Hymn – *Lobe Den Herren*.

TODAY IS STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY:

Pledge Cards will be received following the sermon. If you forgot your Pledge Card, extra Pledge Cards are available.

A ‘Gift and Interest Survey’ is again included in today’s bulletin. If you have not turned one in, please review the survey, and return it to the church office.

NEXT SUNDAY: St. Andrew’s Sunday. We will once again celebrate our Scots-Irish heritage with a bagpiper, dancer, procession and 16<sup>th</sup> C Scottish Protestant worship liturgy.

**TONIGHT IS THE NIGHT: JAZZ@FIRST.** The jazz concert at FPC by Presbybop will begin at 7 PM, and include an intermission and after concert fellowship with Starbucks coffee and desserts. Come, bring friends, and pass the word.

**THE 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT** is in two weeks. We still need groups of friends, couples or families to read a brief liturgy and light the Advent Wreath Candles. Please call the Church Office if you can help.

**“THE BIG PICTURE”** overview of the Old Testament by Dr. Hink will resume this Wednesday, November 18, 6:30-8:00 PM. The topic will be the prophets. Due to Thanksgiving the final class scheduled for November 25 has been rescheduled for December 2.

**DEACONS ARE IN NEED** of wide mouthed jars to put the flowers in that they deliver to shut-ins. Please your jars in Room 106.

**ATTENTION MEMBERS:** When purchasing items from the PW Showcase, PLEASE turn money into Sally Goodwin or Nina Joyner. If they are not available, turn it into the church office ASAP. Thank you!

**2010 MISSION YEARBOOKS OF PRAYER** are available in the church office for \$5.50. Get your copy early.

**“GRIEF AND THE HOLIDAYS: Grieving, Remembering and Celebrating”** will be held on Saturday, November 21 at 2:00 PM at the Shenango Valley Senior Center in Hermitage. This event is sponsored by the Mercer County Funeral Directors Association and is for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. If you have any questions, contact 724-347-7011.

**OPEN DATE FOR FLOWERS** – The office has an open date on November 29 for worship flowers. If you would like to honor your loved one’s memory on this date with flowers, please call the church office. Cost for the two bouquets if \$35.00. Thank you.

**LOST & FOUND ITEMS** – Please call the church office if any of the following items belongs to you: Black cap with “Heavenly Lake Tahoe” emblem, green lunch tote, blue lunch tote, brown bracelet, gold costume beads. Thanks.



## **CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS HELP NEEDED**

**A NURSERY COORDINATOR** is needed to sign people up in the Nursery for the 11:00 service each Sunday. This can be as simple as taking a couple of hours to make phone calls once or twice a year and then making a list for Brenda Hall in the Nursery.

**NURSERY HELPERS** are needed to work every week in the Nursery from 11:00-12:00. This involves being an extra set of eyes to insure the safety of the busy toddlers and preschoolers and an extra set of hands to play with the children. The Nursery is the number one reason that visiting families return to a church.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS:** Teach for a 4-week time period on Sunday mornings for one hour from 9:30-10:30. One hour of preparation is needed for each lesson. It is a proven fact that when a Sunday School is thriving, so is the church.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL HELPERS:** Be an extra pair of hands and eyes from 9:30-10:30 for 2-4 weeks. Two unrelated adults are needed to have a safe sanctuary environment for children.

**CHILDREN IN WORSHIP HELPERS** are needed on a weekly basis during the 11:00 worship service to serve as an extra set of eyes and hands with children ages 5 through fifth grades.

If you are interested in helping in any of these ways, please see Debbie Derrenbacher. Thank you.