

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

8:30 & 11:00 AM

November 8, 2009

GATHERING BEFORE GOD

PRELUDE "Rest in Heaven" arr. Gilbert M. Martin
(This is an early American White Spiritual. The words reflect many verses of Scripture, including Psalm 49:5.)

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 "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 (Psalm 107:1-3, 43)
LEADER: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.
PEOPLE: **Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.**
LEADER: Let those who are wise give heed to these things, and consider the steadfast love of the Lord.

*HYMN #485 "To God Be the Glory" *To God Be the Glory*

*CONFESSION OF SIN (unison)
Holy God, you give each of us much. As we enter this season of stewardship today we pause to reflect on the time and gifts we have from you. We confess that sin often corrupts our use of each. We confess we often spend the time we are given on the values of this passing age, and not on your coming kingdom. We confess we often deny the gifts you have given each of us, or we use them to serve our own self interests. Standing before you we confess we fall into foolish stewardship. (Silent confession)
Merciful God, we thank you for your grace in Christ that forgives, and the gift of your Spirit that brings change and new life. We pray that your Spirit would transform our use of time and gifts, so that in the use of both we might bear witness

to the coming new age of your kingdom. May we be wise and faithful stewards of your good gifts. We pray this in the name of the One who shows us the way to life, 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
LEADER: Friends, hear the "good news;" by the power and grace of God in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
PEOPLE: **Friends, believe the "good news;" we are freed from the power and guilt of sin to live new lives.**
ALL: **Friends, live the "good news;" love God and neighbor, and so share in the coming kingdom of God today.**

*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 Betty Knauff

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Luke 12:13-21 (p. 70)

#ANTHEM "Go Not Far From Me, O God" Zigarelli
Go not far from me, O God. Cast me not away in the time of age. Forsake me not when my strength faileth me. O let my mouth be filled with thy praise, that I may sing Thy glory and honour all the day long.

#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 Psalm 49 (See insert sung by choir)

THE GOOD NEWS FOR THE OLDER DISCIPLES Dr. Hink
"A Song of Life"

November 8th

8:30 & 11:00 AM Services

Dr. Hink preaching

8:30 AM	Worship	Chapel
9:30 AM	Sunday School – K-Adult	
10:30 AM	Children’s Choir Practice	3 rd Floor
11:00 AM	Worship	Sanctuary
12:10-1:30 PM	Youth Musical practice	Youth Coffee House
12:10 PM	Deacons Meeting	Room #206
5:30 PM	Jr Hi Big Group/Sr. Hi Small Groups	
6:30 PM	Prayer Covenant Group	Chapel
7:00 PM	Leaders Stewardship Dessert	Fellowship Hall
<u>Monday, Nov. 9</u>		
12:00 PM	Mary/Martha Circle	Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM	Personnel Team	Conference Room
<u>Tuesday, Nov. 10</u>		
7:00 PM	Library Committee	Library
<u>Wednesday, Nov. 11</u>		
7:00 AM	Men’s Fellowship Group	Panera Bread
10:00 AM	PW Crafters	Fellowship Hall
4:45 PM	OAMT Event - “Ten Tenors”	Westminster College
6:30 PM	Session Teams	Fellowship Hall
<u>Thursday, Nov. 12</u>		
2:30-6:00 PM	AfterSchool@First Program	F. Hall & Gym
6:00 PM	Carillon Choir Rehearsal	Room #206
7:30 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Room #303
<u>Saturday, Nov. 14</u>		
9:30 AM	College Club	Fellowship Hall

November 15th

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 rd 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

The flowers are given in memory of
John W. Harrell & Janis Lynn Harrell

WELCOME! A joyous greeting to one and all! We especially welcome all veterans, as our nation honors them this week.

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

CHILDREN IN GRADES K-5th, under the direction of Debbie Derrenbacher, Anna Messina and Stacie Cilas, 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: The anthems are from several Psalms, expressing praise to God; the 1st and 3rd hymns, the Introit and the Benediction response are hymns of hope and praise; the 2nd verse of the 2nd hymn reflects Psalm 49. The last hymn will be sung to a more familiar tune, *Diademata* (“Crown Him With Many Crowns”). The Postlude is based on that tune.

YEP...THE SEASON OF ADVENT IS COMING. We need Advent Wreath candle lighters for the 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM worship services. Friends, couples and families can help out by reading a brief liturgy and lighting the candles. If you can help out on either November 29, December 6, 13, or 20, please contact the Church Office.

THE SEASON OF STEWARDSHIP – For the next two Sundays we will be reflecting on our use of time, gifts and money as Christian stewards.

Today – Review the “Gift and Interest Survey” included in the bulletin and consider a few ways you might use your gifts and time to share in the ministry at FPC.

Next Sunday – Please bring your Pledge Cards to worship, as they will be collected during worship.

“THE AMAZING JOHN CALVIN” – Dr. Hink begins his adult Sunday School on John Calvin today, 9:30-10:30 AM, in Fellowship Hall. This class includes viewing a new DVD on John Calvin produced by the PC (USA) and discussion on Calvin. The class will continue on November 15 and 22.

FPC LEADERS' STEWARDSHIP DESSERT – Tonight, 7-8 PM. All Elders, Deacons, program staff and their spouses are reminded to attend this leader event. It should be a fun evening with our speaker, Rev. Dr. Bill Crooks, some discussion, and various desserts. Nursery care will be available.

“JAZZ@FIRST” – We are pleased to host the professional jazz quartet “Presbybop” next Sunday evening, November 15, 7 PM. This is a wonderful event for all FPC members and our community. Come and bring friends. The evening will include an intermission and “after concert fellowship” with the musicians, and Starbucks coffee and desserts. Help promote this by attending, bringing friends, and posting the green “Jazz at First” flyers.

SESSION TEAM MEETING REMINDER – All FPC members serving on the Administration, Mission, Worship or Discipleship and Membership teams are reminded of the meeting this Wednesday, November 11, 6:30-8:00 PM. Nursery care is available.

THE ROSEBUD ON THE COMMUNION TABLE is to celebrate the birth of Joshua Henry Bell born on November 2. Parents are Derek and Charlotte Bell. Proud grandmother from the congregation is Carol Bell.

ATTENTION KIDS! Michalee Christy, Laura Ackley, and Anna Messina have begun rehearsals with our children so they can sing Christmas music in worship in December. It's not too late to join us: 10:30 AM in the Music Room on the 3rd floor. See you there!

A NURSERY COORDINATOR NEEDED! 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. We also need nursery helpers. Please contact Debra Derrenbacher at the church if you can help in either capacity.

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 K-5th grade. See Debra Derrenbacher if willing to help.

PW CRAFTERS SHOWCASE: Start your Christmas shopping now! We have new items for gifts and fall decorating. Cookbooks make a nice gift for showers and weddings too. See Nina Joyner or Sally Goodwin with questions or to make a purchase. All proceeds go to PW Missions. Thanks for your support!

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.

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. See Debra Derrenbacher if you can help teach our children in Sunday School.

IF YOU ARE A SENIOR who needs a ride to the Presbybop concert November 15th, please call the church office. We will then contact you to arrange a time for you to be picked up by Barnabus.

AN OLDE ENGLISH FEAST The OAM Team is sponsoring a night at Tara for “Ye Olde English Feast”: featuring the Madrigal Singers of the Shenango Valley Chorale. This feast will take place on **Friday, December 4th**. The cost for the evening is \$45 per person. Reservations are mandatory and must be in to the church office with the check made payable to FPC by **today**. Everyone is welcome to attend this feast. Come and bring your friends.

SERMON NOTES