

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

8:30 & 11:00 AM

October 11, 2009

GATHERING BEFORE GOD

PRELUDE "Holy Manna" Sam B. Owens

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 "Break Thou the Bread of Life" *Bread of Life*
The words may be found in verse 1 of Hymn #329.

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 33:1-5
(As we join in our responsive Call to Worship, those with birthdays within the span of months identified are to join in the printed response.)

LEADER: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! For praise from the upright is beautiful.

JAN/JUN: Praise the Lord with the harp; make melody to him with an instrument of ten strings.

JUL/DEC: Sing to Him a new song; play skillfully with a shout of joy.

LEADER: For the word of the Lord is right, and all his work is done in faithfulness.

ALL: He loves righteousness and justice; The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

*HYMN #281 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" *Cwm Rhondda*

*CONFESSION OF SIN (unison)

Lord and Father of us all, we are like sheep that stray off the path you have set before us. Even though we know better, we blindly follow our own wills as did Adam and Eve. We seek new ways to fill our bellies with food and our lives with excitement when all along you have promised us all that we need – still waters and green pastures and an overflowing table under the comfort and protection of your rod and your staff. Yet, you continue to love and uphold us as your children. Forgive us, Merciful God, for those things we have done that we should not have done, and for the things we have left undone that we should have done to give glory,

honor and praise to your name. Open us and anoint us so that we will know your presence in our lives and that we may become your true and faithful servants.
(Silent confession)

As a congregation, O Lord, gather us together in the name of your Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, so that we may become salt and light to a world that has lost its taste and lives in darkness, and lead us to a time when we will fear no evil where we will live in the sure goodness of your mercy and love all the days of our lives. Amen.

#*CONFESSION RESPONSE *Bread of Life*

"Bless Thou the Truth, Dear Lord"
The words may be found in verse 2 of Hymn #329.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*ASSURANCE RESPONSE "Glory Be to God the Father" *Cwm Rhondda*
Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son, Glory be to God the Spirit – Great Jehovah, Three in One! Glory, glory, glory, glory, While eternal ages run, While eternal ages run!

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Park Lenhart

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 16:1-16 (p. 61)

#ANTHEM (see insert) "Rain Down" Jaime Cortez; arr. John Carter
Sanctuary Choir

Please sing the refrain with the Choir.

#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 John 6:1-12 (p. 90)

THE GOOD NEWS FOR THE OLDER DISCIPLES Dr. Loch
"Feeding Those You Love!"

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RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

2 Corinthians 4:1-7

Therefore, since God in his mercy has given us this new way, we never give up. We reject all shameful deeds and underhanded methods. We don't try to trick anyone or distort the Word of God. We tell the truth before God, and all who are honest know this.

If the Good News we preach is hidden behind a veil, it is hidden only from people who are perishing. Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don't understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God. You see, we don't go about preaching about ourselves. We preach that Jesus Christ is the Lord, and we ourselves are your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let there be light in the darkness," has made this light shine in our hearts so we could know the glory of God that is seen in the face of Jesus Christ. We now have this light shining in our hearts, but we ourselves are like fragile clay jars containing this great treasure. This makes it clear that our great power is from God and not from ourselves.

*HYMN (insert)

"Bread of Heaven"

Robin Mann

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer/Silent Prayer/Congregational Prayer

#404 v.1

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Precious Lord

OFFERING

#Offertory

"Follow the Glean"

Miller & Douglas

*Response #592

"Doxology"

Old Hundredth

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

"...sins, as we forgive those who sin against us..."

*HYMN (insert)

"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"

Message

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*#BENEDICTION RESPONSE

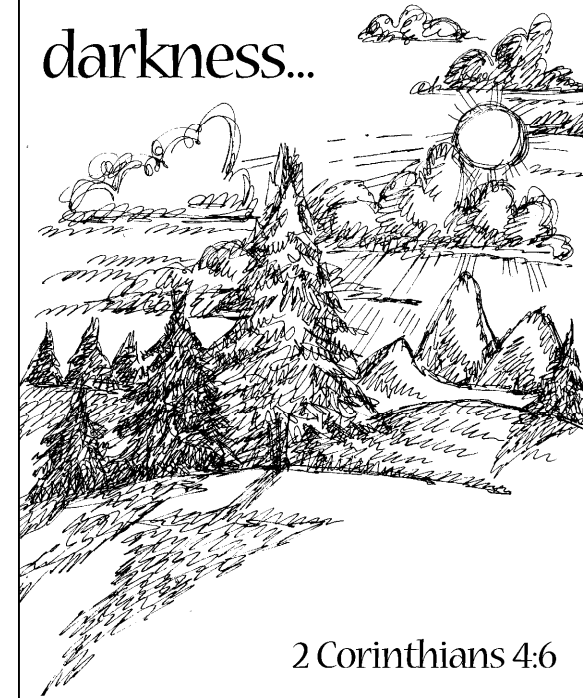
"Go Now in Peace"

Besig & Price

Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen.

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Let light
shine out of
darkness...



2 Corinthians 4:6

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October 11th

8:30 & 11:00 AM Services

Dr. Loch preaching

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| 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 |
| 11:00 AM | Worship | Sanctuary |
| 12:10-1:30 PM | Youth Musical practice | Youth Coffee House |
| 5:30 PM | Jr Hi Big Group | FPC |
| 5:30 PM | Sr Hi Small Groups | |
| 7:00 PM | Prayer Covenant Service | Chapel |

Monday, October 12

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| 12:00 Noon | Mary/Martha Circle | Fellowship Hall |
| 5:00-9:00 PM | Troop #3 Eagle Scout Ceremony | Fellowship Hall |

Wednesday, October 14

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| 7:00 AM | Men's Fellowship Breakfast | Panera |
| 10:00 AM | PW Crafters | Fellowship Hall |
| 6:30 PM | Session Teams | |

Thursday, October 15

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| 10:30 AM | Staff Meeting | Conference Room |
| 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 |

Saturday, October 17

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| 9:00AM-3:00 PM | PW of Shenango Presbytery Fall Gathering | Clen-Moore Church |
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| 12:10 PM | Deacons Meeting | Room #206 |
| 12:10-1:30 PM | Youth Musical practice | Youth Coffee House |
| 1:00-4:00 PM | Family Event to Coolspring Corn Maze | |
| 5:30 PM | Jr Hi Small Groups | |
| 5:30 PM | Sr Hi Big Group | FPC |
| 7:00 PM | Session Meeting | Room #206 |

POSTLUDE

“Cwm Rhondda”

Hal H. Hopson

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

Mr. William E. McIntyre, Marcia McIntyre Firestone, Richard J. Black, Jr.

WELCOME! It's a genuine joy to have every worshiper here to glorify God and to share in fellowship with one another. Welcome to God's house!

SPECIAL WELCOME to Dr. Bob Loch, who will be leading worship and preaching today. Bob is a member of our congregation, and a Commissioned Lay Preacher in Shenango Presbytery.

IN THE NURSERY this morning our caregivers, Brenda Hall & Stacy & Josh Cilas will care for our youngest believers.

CHILDREN IN GRADES K-5th, under the direction of Brian Weigle, Cassie Nespor, & Tracy Plyler, 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: Much of the music today revolves around the theme of the two Scripture passages – manna from heaven in Exodus 16, and Jesus multiplying the loaves of bread in John 6. The anthem “Rain Down” continues our emphasis this fall on the Psalms: it is based on Psalm 33. The wonderful Welsh hymn tune *Cwm Rhondda* is used three times in the service. October is traditionally the month for the Welsh “Gamanfa Ganu” or hymn festival. The Welsh hymn tunes are some of the greatest tunes in Christian music. The Offertory and the last hymn were special requests by Dr. Loch.

SPECIAL THANKS to the Deacons for a wonderful Rally Day picnic last Sunday. Indeed the joy of World Communion Sunday was extended as we shared lunch together. Thanks also to Nina Joyner and parent helpers for the special kids activities.

PRAYER MEETING – Tonight, 7:00-7:30 PM, in the Chapel. This is for participants in the Prayer Covenant, and for any other people interested in sharing in a quiet prayer service.

DEACONS MEETING has been rescheduled for **Sunday, October 18th** due to a conflict in schedule. Please note the change.

YOU ARE INVITED to an Open House at Joshua's Haven today, October 11th from 12 Noon – 3:00 PM. You can tour the house, have refreshments and meet the staff. The House is located at 205 Bank Place, Sharon.

FAMILY FUN EVENT to Coolspring Corn Maze, October 18th 1-4 PM, reservations are a must as well as pre-payment. Cost is \$7.50 per person, ages 2 yrs and under are FREE. There are scholarships available for children and a few parents. The price includes Corn Maze of a Pirate Ship, Hayride, and Pedal Tractors. More information is available on the church website and in Emphasis. Sign up through the Office or Nina Joyner. This event is open to ALL who want to come celebrate FALL. October 16th is the last day for reservations!

REMINDER – Session Teams (Worship, Membership and Discipleship, Mission, and Administration) meet this Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 PM. This is for all Elders, representatives from various groups, and other participants in these planning and leadership teams. Nursery care is available.

“THE BIG PICTURE” – Dr. Hink's seminar on an overview of the Old Testament began last Wednesday evening. However, it's not too late to join. **The seminar will resume on Wednesday, October 21, 6:30-8:00 PM**, due to Session Teams meeting this Wednesday, October 14th. Contact Dr. Hink with any questions.

NEW DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRY – The FPC Session is pleased to announce that Debra Derrenbacher has been called as the new Director of Children's Ministry. She will begin on October 19th. A “welcome and get to know you” event will be planned by the Personnel Team sometime in November. There will be a “Thank You Party” for our interim DCM, Nina Joyner, following worship on October 25th.

FALL BALL, BINGO AND BUFFET- On Saturday, October 24 at 4 PM the Pairs and Spares will meet at Buhl Park. We'll play pick up games of non-competitive ball and then Stephanie Longstreet will lead us in a round of her patented new Bingo Board Game! Bring a dish to pass...and try to make it a fall harvest theme! We'll provide the paper products and drinks. We will meet at the picnic tables by the amphitheater in Buhl Park. Rain Location: First Presby Fellowship Hall and gym. This should be a great time, so get a sitter if you need one and join us for some “big kid” fun!!!

RAY OCOCK & LOIS HOPKINS will present an Organ & Piano Concert at the New Wilmington Presbyterian Church on Sunday, October 18th at 3:00 PM. The concert is part of the church's 200th anniversary celebration.

ANNUAL PEACE LUNCHEON, sponsored by the Shenango Valley Women's Interfaith Council and the League of Women Voters of Mercer County, will be Wednesday, October 28th at Avalon at Buhl. Registration is at 11:30 AM with lunch at 12 Noon. Cost is \$15. Michael Dillon, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Print Journalism and Mass Media at Duquesne University, will speak on “Peace and the Media: G-20.” Reservations are required by October 20th to Shirley Miller (724-981-5763) or Sally Winland (724-962-5555).

“JAZZ AT FIRST” – The professional jazz quartet Presbybop will be performing here on Sunday evening, November 15, 7:00 PM. The quartet is led by Rev. Bill Carter, a Presbyterian pastor, who has been featured in a number of magazine articles. Presbybop has been performing for 20 years, and has numerous CDs. Plan now to attend, and bring friends. To find out more visit the Presbybop website at www.presbybop.com.

“MEALS ON WHEELS.” Help is needed in the kitchen and in delivering meals, once a week or once a month. If you can help, contact Meals on Wheels, Monday to Friday, 9:00 AM – 12 Noon (724-342-2042) or Tom Barker (724-962-1947).

SERMON NOTES