



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 18, 2009

Eleven o'clock

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE GATHERING

The service of worship begins with the prelude; quiet is requested as you enter the sanctuary and prepare for worship. In the spirit of Christian fellowship, we invite you to wear a name tag which is available from the greeters. As a community that prays with and for one another, we invite you to share your joys and concerns by using the blue cards available from the ushers and in the welcome pad folders. Those parts of the Service of Worship in which the congregation participates in word or song are noted in bold type.

**Stand as you are able.*

PRELUDE Recit de Tierce en Taille *du Mage*

* HYMN 481 Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show *Llanfair*

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The first shall be last.

People: We come to worship as we are.

Leader: The last shall be first.

People: We come to worship with confidence.

Leader: The first shall be last.

People: The last shall be first, and a little child shall lead them.

INTROIT Laudate nomen Domini *Christopher Tye*

O come, ye servants of the Lord, and praise his holy name;

From early morn to setting sun his might on earth proclaim.

His laws are just, and glad the heart; He makes his mercies known;

Ye princes come, ye people too, and bow before his throne.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please use the welcome pad in the blue folder at the end of the pew. Record your presence. Pass it back, noticing who is worshiping with you. When the pad has been returned, please tear off the sheet and place it in the offering plate.)

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Sandy Bishop

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, perhaps our most perplexing confession is that we are an enigma to ourselves. We do not know ourselves well enough to disentangle the good from the bad. Our good deeds stem from love but also from a disguised selfishness. Our felt guilt is sometimes a healthy thing, and sometimes it is unhealthy self-pity. We don't realize that some of our weaknesses are really our strengths, and some of our supposed virtues are really our weaknesses. Sometimes our high principles emanate from a closed mind, and sometimes our humility comes from an inverted pride. Gracious God, we are grateful that you search us and know us! You can see past the contradictions of our souls, yet you willingly accept us and forgive us. Restore the image of yourself within us, and let its beauty transfigure our thoughts, feelings, words and deeds. Make us new. Make us your own. We pray in the name of Christ Jesus our Savior.

PRAYERS OF SILENT AND INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Friends, believe and proclaim the Good News: in Jesus Christ, love breaks through hatred, hope breaks through despair, life breaks through death.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, loved, and set free.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Hymnal No. 579

Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.*

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

* WORDS OF INSTITUTION

* THE APOSTLES' CREED *(in unison)*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

QUESTIONS OF INTENT

PRAYER

THE BAPTISM OF LILLIAN GREY HAMILTON

PRAYER

Pastor: Eternal God, we praise you for calling us to be a servant people ... Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom we give honor and glory forever.

People: Remind us of the promises given in our own baptism, and renew our trust in you. Make us strong to obey your will, and to serve you with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Mercedes Zuluaga

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

* EXCHANGE OF PEACE

Leader: Let us open our hearts to one another as Christ has opened his heart to us, and God will be glorified.

People: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

(Exchange Signs of Reconciliation and the Peace of Christ with your neighbor - e.g., *“The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.”*

Response - *“And also with you.”*)

+ *Children leave for their Bible Study Classes. Youth remain for Worship.* +

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 53:4-12

* HYMN 366 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me St. Catherine

SECOND LESSON Mark 10:35-45

SERMON “Reflected Humility” Rev. Richard S. Hong

OFFERTORY The Lamb John Tavener

*Little lamb, who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee,
Gave thee life, and bade thee feed By the stream and o'er the mead;
Gave thee clothing of delight, Softest clothing, woolly, bright;
Gave thee such a tender voice, Making all the vales rejoice?
Little lamb, who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee?*

*Little lamb, I'll tell thee; Little lamb, I'll tell thee:
He is called by thy name, For He calls Himself a lamb,
He is meek, and He is mild, He became a little child;
I a child, and Thee a Lamb, We are called by His Name.
Little lamb, God bless thee! Little lamb, God bless thee!*

WILLIAM BLAKE

* THE DOXOLOGY Old Hundredth

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Creator, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE SENDING OUT

* HYMN 343 Called as Partners in Christ's Service *Beecher*

* BENEDECTION

CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE Dialogue Sur les Grandes Jeux *du Mage*

(Our worship ends with the conclusion of the Postlude. It is the custom of our church to remain seated. Those who wish to leave may do so.)

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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 53:4-12 (NRSV)

Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. ⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. ⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. ⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. ⁸By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. ⁹They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the Lord shall prosper. ¹¹Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. ¹²Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was

numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Mark 10:35-45 (NRSV)

³⁵James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.”
³⁶And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” ³⁷And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” ³⁸But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” ³⁹They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

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