

Music in This Morning's Worship Service
I will sing with the spirit and I will sing with the understanding also.
(1 Corinthians 14:15)

This Morning's Hymns:

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken is a great hymn on the Church and the city of God. It is based on Psalm 87:3 and Isaiah 33:20-21.

"Glorious things are spoken of you, O city of God.
Look on Zion, the city of our appointed festivals!
Your eyes will see Jerusalem,
a quiet habitation, an immovable tent,
whose stakes will never be pulled up,
and none of whose ropes will be broken.
But there the Lord in majesty will be for us..."

The hymn was written by John Newton, best known as the author of *Amazing Grace*. Once a slave trader, Newton came under the influence of the famous preacher George Whitefield and the Wesleys. Converted, he became a pastor and leader in the evangelical movement in the Church of England and was also very active in the anti-slavery movement.

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord, provides a reminder and encouragement to us in our commitment to follow Christ. Like those in this morning's gospel lesson, we sometimes flee the faith when confronted with difficult challenges. Even the apostles were confused and of shaken resolve when faced with the challenges of Christ's teachings.

The first stanza of this hymn reminds us of God's speaking in our hearts. Whether our calling occurs gently as in the case of Samuel or jarringly as in the case of Paul, Christ has spoken to us and called us into discipleship. Our proper response is to entrust our lives to God's care and guidance. The second stanza reminds us of the many distractions of daily life, the noise of the mundane which tends to distort the voice of God. We are assisted in stanza three by those who have walked before us in the faith. Finally, we pray that, like those saints, we may keep our ears open for God's voice and eyes fixed upon Jesus, the Son.

Lead On, O King Eternal was written for the 1888 commencement ceremonies at Andover Theological Seminary. Its author is Ernest Shurtleff. The late 19th century saw the rise of intense nationalism. Hence many of the hymns of that day employed military language. Interestingly, our text begins with just such war imagery. But Shurtleff quickly rejects the language of battle and "Christian nationalism," turning instead toward another influence of the late 19th century – the "social gospel movement."

For not with swords' loud clashing,
nor roll of stirring drums;
[but] with deeds of love and mercy
the heavenly kingdom comes.

This Morning's Anthem:

Fight the Good Fight

Text: 1 Timothy 6:12 Music: Paul Leddington Wright

The text of this morning's anthem may be followed by turning to Hymn 307

This Week at First Presbyterian

Today

8:00 a.m. Neighborhood Breakfast	9:30 a.m. Worship Service
8:30 a.m. Summer Choir Rehearsal	6:00 p.m. Pipe
8:45 a.m. Child Care	7:30 p.m. Post Pipe Party at the Gatlin's

Monday, August 24

11:30 a.m. Narcotics Anonymous	7:00 p.m. Pipe Small Group
4:00 p.m. Communications Task Force Meeting	7:00 p.m. College & Career Discussion Group

Tuesday, August 25

7:00 a.m. Renovare	9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
8:30 a.m. Devotional Staff Meeting	6:00 p.m. Session Meeting

Wednesday, August 26

7:00 a.m. Renovare	7:00 p.m. Children's Event with C. Cool-Offsite
11:30 a.m. Narcotics Anonymous	

Thursday, August 27

11:00 a.m. Greek Bible Study	7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
11:30 a.m. Downtown Kiwanis Club	7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous
1:00 p.m. Kitchen Task Force Team	

Friday, August 28

11:30 a.m. Narcotics Anonymous	6:30 p.m. Children's Bonfire and Hayride-Offsite
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Saturday, August 29

11:00 a.m. Church of God Women's Brunch

We Welcome All Who Are Visiting First Presbyterian Today!

We invite you to join us in the ministries of worship, nurture, and service. Please do not leave today without greeting the members of the congregation and the pastors. Please sign one of the guest forms located in each pew with your address and telephone number and stop by the Welcome Desk to receive a gift.

Ministers,
Members of First Presbyterian Church
Senior Pastor,
John L. Musgrave
Associate Pastor,
Paul Ytterrock
Commissioned Lay Pastor,
Steve Baillie
Director of Business Administration,
James B. Hagan
Director of Children's Ministry,
Jaime Powell
Director of Gerholz Counseling Center,
Andy Armstrong
Director of Music and Fine Arts,
Mark Riddles

Director of Women's Ministry,
Kim Skaff
Director of Youth Ministry,
Jim Pope
Building/Kitchen Manager,
Greg Kelly
Community Ministry,
Lisa Horne
Congregational Care Specialist,
Lee Doll
Gerholz Staff Counselor,
Jerry Walden
Organist,
Brenda Portman
Parish Nurse,
Frankie Bonner



The world is a dangerous place,
not because of those who do evil,
but because of those who look on and do nothing.

~ Albert Einstein

I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional
love will have the final word in reality.
This is why right, temporarily defeated, is stronger
than evil triumphant.

~ Martin Luther King, Jr.

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, August 23, 2009 9:30 a.m.

The Worship of Our Lord Jesus Christ

The Gathering of the People of God

We gather, knowing God is with us.

We bring the Bible, Chalice, and Water as visible evidence of God's self-giving.

Call to Meditation and Preparation John L. Musgrave

*Prelude Mendelssohn
Prelude in G Major
Brenda Portman, organist

Silently prepare your hearts for worship at the first note of the prelude.


Announcements

*Call to Worship
Come into my house and worship, says our God.
Happy are those who feel at home in God's house.
Come into my presence and be at peace, says our God.
Happy are those who enjoy God's gift of serenity.
Come and let your life be joined to mine, says our God.
Happy are those who abide in God's love.
Come and be God's honored guest, for all are welcome in God's house.
Happy are we, the dearly loved of a faithful God.

*Processional Hymn 446 AUSTRIAN HYMN
Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken
Acolyte: Vance Powell, 7th Grade

Call to Confession and Corporate Prayer of Confession Steve Baillie
Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Holy One of God.
Even as we confess you are Lord,
we admit that we struggle to follow you.
Your teachings demand commitment,
but we lack energy and imagination.
Sometimes we wish we could just go away from you.
But to whom would we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Risen Christ, have mercy on us.
Choose us yet again.
Send your Spirit to empower our witness and work. (Silent Confession)

Kyrie (Congregation and Choir)



Lord, have mercy up-on us. Christ, have mercy up-on us. Lord have mer-cy upon us.

Assurance of God's Grace:
Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*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.*

†Late arrivals may be seated

Prayer for Illumination Dennis Younger
The Service of the Word

Old Testament Reading 1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43 (Pew Bibles pg. 297-298 O.T.)

Psalm 84

Lord, how love-ly is your dwell-ing place.

Epistle Reading Ephesians 6:10-20 (Pew Bibles pg. 184 N.T.)

Congregational Response:

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Al -

le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

(The children may come forward)
Children's Message

*Hymn 419 REPTON
How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord
(The children may go with Mrs. Powell to Room 312)

Gospel Reading John 6:56-69 (Pew Bibles pg. 93 N.T.)

Anthem Wright
Fight the Good Fight
Summer Choir

Sermon John L. Musgrave
Taking a Stand Against Evil

*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles Creed
**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.**

*Passing of the Peace of God
(you may extend the hand of peace or cross your chest as a sign of blessing)

Offertory Sentence

*Doxology
*Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen*

*Offertory Prayer

Offertory arr. Hayes
Lord of the Dance
Dr. Theodore Fellenbaum, baritone

Prayers of the People, Thanksgiving, and the Lord's Prayer
To the family of Gordon Atwell (nephew of Marjorie Shepherd and
cousin of Suzanne Lamb) deceased on August 15, 2009.
Those hospitalized this past week were: Ruth Gage Burns, Cris Heil,
Mary Jane Hitchings, Clay Johns, Nelda Rawlings, and Kelsie Schadle.
Those in the military, world and national leaders, the church, and
those distressed by natural and human disasters.

The Sending

*Closing Hymn 447 LANCASHIRE
Lead On, O King Eternal

*Benediction and Response

Postlude Handel
Allegro Maestoso

PERSONAL PRAYER

Personal prayer is available in the Prayer Room on the first floor after the
service of worship. Elder John Hyre will assist after the service.

THE FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

*Donations to the Flower Memorial Fund are used to maintain fresh ar-
rangements for the urns in the Sanctuary and for the fresh-cut arrange-
ments used on the Fellowship Tables in the Narthex. The fresh-cut ar-
rangements are delivered each week by the Deacons to shut-ins and
church members celebrating their birthday.*

In loving memory of Vera K. Stoneburner and her son Victor J. Stone-
burner by the Stoneburner family.

~ * Indicates where those who are able may stand.

~ Child care for infants through preschool is available on the second floor.

~ Hearing aids are available, please see an usher.

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