

This Week at First Presbyterian

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:

I Sing the Mighty Power of God is a paraphrase of the creation story by Isaac Watts. Its simple text of vivid pictures was written for Watts' *Divine Songs Attempted in Easy Language, for the Use of Children* in 1715. The hymn celebrates the creative power of God and proclaims God's continued presence in creation. Expressing God's power, wisdom, and goodness, the hymn also gives a succinct theological statement about the nature of God.

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets was written by Presbyterian hymnist Jane Parker Huber. She writes, "*In the Image of God* was the announced theme of the 1979 National Meeting of United Presbyterian Women. The story of creation, especially Genesis 1:26-27, was to be the biblical focus, and I was told that the planning committee was looking at various ways in which we use the concept of 'image' and what that says about human beings being made 'in the image of God.' The three stanzas of this hymn pick up several facets of the idea of image: reflection, focus, distortion, and polishing to make the image clearer."

God of the Sparrow contains a profound theological statement in disarmingly simple words and tune. The hymn presents images drawn from well known Biblical events, prophecies and parables. Each verse ends by asking a question meant to provoke answers from the singing congregation. Originally subtitled "Thankful to Serve", the hymn asks why and how God's creatures and children are to serve their creator.

This Morning's Anthem:

The Majesty and Glory of Your Name

Text: Linda Lee Johnson

Music: Tom Fettke

Based on Psalm 8

When I gaze into the night skies
and see the work of Your fingers;
the moon and stars suspended in space.
O what is man that You are mindful of him?

You have given us a crown of glory and honor,
and have made us a little lower than the angels.
You have put us in charge of all creation:
The beasts of the field,
the birds of the air,
the fish of the sea.

O Lord, our God,
the majesty and glory of Your name
transcends the earth and fills the heavens.
O Lord, our God,
little children praise You perfectly,
and so would we. Alleluia!

Today

8:00 a.m. Neighborhood Breakfast
8:30 a.m. Summer Choir Rehearsal
8:45 a.m. Child Care
9:30 a.m. Worship Service

11:00 a.m. MFA Team Focus Meeting for Parents
6:00 p.m. Sunday Night Pipe
7:30 p.m. Pipe Post Party

Monday, July 20

11:30 a.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, July 21

7:00 a.m. Renovare
8:30 a.m. Devotional Staff Meeting

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
12:00 p.m. Administration Team Annual Reviews

Wednesday, July 22

7:00 a.m. Renovare
10:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study

11:30 a.m. Narcotics Anonymous
2:00 p.m. Children's Ministry Zoo Trip

Thursday, July 23

9:30 a.m. Kitchen Task Force
11:30 a.m. Downtown Kiwanis Club of Flint
5:30 p.m. CANUSA Dinner

6:00 p.m. Parish/Wagner Wedding Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, July 24

11:30 a.m. Narcotics Anonymous

3:30 p.m. Parish/Wagner Wedding

Saturday, July 25

10:00 a.m. Youth Mission Team Returns

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 Ytterock
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 Home
Congregational Care Specialist,
Lee Doll
Gerholz Staff Counselor,
Jerry Walden
Organist,
Brenda Portman
Parish Nurse,
Frankie Bonner

First Presbyterian Church of Flint

*Engaged by Christ's love to invite,
worship, nurture and serve.*



You can't see the boundaries over which we fight wars, and in a very real way, the inhabitants of this Earth are stuck on a very beautiful, lovely little planet in an incredibly hostile space, and everybody in in the same boat.

~ Former shuttle astronaut Don L. Lind

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, July 19, 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

Prélude sur l'Introit de l'Épiphanie
Brenda Portman, organist

Maurice Duruflé

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

Announcements

*Call to Worship

God embraces us with mercy and love, calling us to life and faith.

We are new people in God's love.

God invites us out of sin and darkness, and into the light.

We are new people in God's love.

God tears down the old divisions between us and joins us together in faith.

We are new people in God's love.

God is our peace—we have nothing to fear.

We are new people in God's love.

God welcomes our trust and blesses us with grace.

We are new people in God's love.

*Processional Hymn 288

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

Acolyte: Olivia VanDuyne, 5th Grade

Call to Confession and Corporate Prayer of Confession

Steve Baillie

God our Creator, your faithfulness is great.

The seasons of the earth praise you in their turn.

The sun, the moon, and the stars shout,

“God is great!”

But we fail you:

We turn away from your presence.

We change with the prevailing wind.

Our compassion for others is fleeting.

Faithful God, pardon our sin and give us your peace.

Bless us with new mercies morning by morning.

That we may share our steadfast love. (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

The Service of the Word

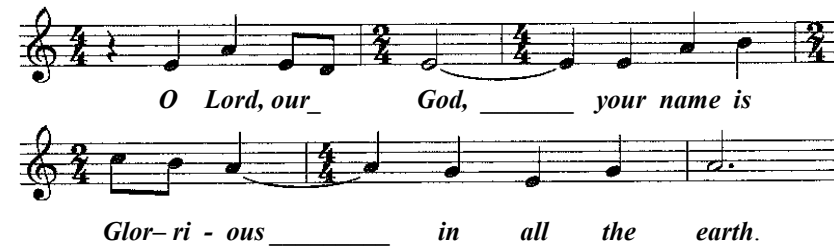
Prayer for Illumination

Ann Batchelor

Old Testament Reading

2 Samuel 7:1-14a (Pew Bibles pg. 268-269 O.T.)

Psalm 8



Epistle Reading

Ephesians 2:11-22 (Pew Bibles pg. 181 N.T.)

Congregational Response:



(The children may come forward)

Children's Message

*Hymn 285

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets
(The children may go with Mrs. Powell to Room 312)

AUSTRIAN HYMN

Gospel Reading

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 (Pew Bibles pg. 38-39, N.T.)

Paul Ytterrock

Sermon

Divine Majesty and Human Dignity

John L. Musgrave

*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 Anthem

The Majesty and Glory of Your Name

Fetkke

Summer Choir

Invitation

Concerns of the Week

The family of Dorothy Whisner (mother of Mac, Steve, and David) deceased on July 10, 2009.

The family of Constance Henry (mother of Suzanne Jakeway and D. Craig) deceased on July 13, 2009.

Those hospitalized this past week were: Kelly Beardslee, Phyllis Brand, Robert Carter and Sally Werdel.

Those in the military, world and national leaders, the church, and those distressed by natural and human disasters.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise....

Sanctus (Hymn 568):

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest....

The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Table and Agnus Dei

Bread of Life

(Please partake of bread

Cup of Salvation

and cup when served.)

The Sending

*Closing Hymn 272

God of the Sparrow

ROEDER

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Toccata

Eugène Gigout

PERSONAL PRAYER

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

~ * 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.

You may place an order for a CD of the whole service at the Welcome Desk for \$3.00 or Visit our website to hear the radio sermon podcast.