

## 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:

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*, like John Newton's more famous *Amazing Grace*, is a hymn about divine grace and providence. The life of its author, Robert Robinson, had much in common with that of the Prodigal Son. In the midst of living a dissolute youth, Robinson was converted by evangelist George Whitefield and eventually entered the ministry. The hymn makes direct reference to this experience.

*Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God...  
Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy grace, Lord, like a fetter bind my wandering heart to thee.*

The second stanza's verse, "Here I raise my Ebenezer" is a reference to 1 Samuel 7:12 when Samuel gives thanks and acknowledges his reliance on God.

*O God, Our Faithful God* was written by 17<sup>th</sup> century Lutheran pastor Johann Heermann who entitled it *Daily Prayer*. The hymn was written during the time of Heermann's greatest suffering. During the Thirty Years' War he lost all his possessions, narrowly escaped death, his town was plundered and devastated by fire and plague. His hymn faces all this with three fundamental principles: holy living, patience in tribulation and the seeking of God's will. The text alludes to understanding such as found in 2 Corinthians 12:8-10.

Three times I appealed to the Lord about his,  
that it would leave me, but he said to me,  
"My grace is sufficient for you,  
for power is made perfect in weakness."  
So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses,  
so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.  
Therefore I am content with weaknesses,  
insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ;  
For whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* is a 19<sup>th</sup> century hymn which likens our pilgrimage through life to the wandering of the Israelites through the wilderness. This comparison is effected through imagery: "Bread of Heaven" (holy manna), "crystal fountain" (water from the rock), fire and cloudy pillar" (God's guide to the Israelites), "verge of Jordan" (the Israelites crossing through the River Jordan on dry ground – a death metaphor) and "Canaan's side" (the promised reward). These exodus images are paired with New Testament ones: Jesus is the "bread of life," our "strength and shield." The risen Christ is the "death of death and hell's destruction."

### This Morning's Anthem

#### Give Ear, O Ye Heavens

Text: Deuteronomy 32:1-4

Music: Dale Wood

Give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak;  
And hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.  
My doctrine shall drop as the rain,  
My speech shall distill as the dew,  
As the small rain upon the tender herb,  
And as the showers upon the grass:  
Because I will publish the Name of the Lord:  
Ascribe ye greatness unto our God.  
He is the Rock, His work is perfect:  
For all His ways are judgment:  
A God of truth and without iniquity,  
Just and right is He.

## This Week at First Presbyterian

### Today

8:00 a.m. Neighborhood Breakfast	11:00 a.m. Adult Education
9:00 a.m. Child Care	12:15 p.m. Concert Handbell Rehearsal
9:30 a.m. Worship Service	5:30 p.m. Genesee Valley Youth Chorale
10:45 a.m. Children and Youth Education	7:00 p.m. Sunday Night Pipe

### Monday, March 8

8:30 a.m. Jane Faner Sweets Team Meeting	5:00 p.m. Computer Technology Team
11:30 a.m. Narcotics Anonymous	7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

### Tuesday, March 9

7:00 a.m. Renovare	6:00 p.m. Health Council
8:30 a.m. Staff Devotional Meeting	6:30 p.m. Deacon's Meeting
9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting	6:30 p.m. Carolyn Mawby Chorale Rehearsal
4:00 p.m. Congregational Care Team Meeting	6:30 p.m. College Ministry Concert in the Pipe

### Wednesday, March 10

7:00 a.m. Marriage Enrichment Training	5:30 p.m. Jr. High Pipe Praise Band Practice
8:30 a.m. Renovare	5:45 p.m. Dinner
10:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study	6:00 p.m. Contemplative Singers Rehearsal
11:30 a.m. Narcotics Anonymous	6:15 p.m. Program Childcare
4:00 p.m. Grief Support	6:15 p.m. Bee Helpful (K-6)
4:45 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal	6:30 p.m. Jr. High Girls Bible Study
4:45 p.m. Carol Choir	6:30 p.m. Lenten Contemplative Service
4:45 p.m. Cantus Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m. Sr. High Pipe Praise Band Practice

#### WEDNESDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP AND WORSHIP

A light supper will be served in the Parish Hall beginning at 5:45pm. The suggested donation is \$6 for adults and \$4 for children, maximum of \$20 per family. All are welcome to gather in the Chapel at 6:30pm for a Contemplative service. This week will center in on Meditation. Children's classes will begin at 6:15pm for those not attending service.

### Thursday, March 11

9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study	1:00 p.m. Kitchen Task Force Team
9:45 a.m. Women's Bible Study	4:00 p.m. Collaborative Lay Counseling Training
10:30 a.m. Sewing Team Meeting	7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
11:00 a.m. Organist Search Team Meeting	7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous
11:30 a.m. Downtown Kiwanis Club	

### Friday, March 12

11:30 a.m. Narcotics Anonymous

### Saturday, March 13

8:00 a.m. Men's Ministry Class	8:30 a.m. Salem Housing
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*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  
*Parish Nurse,*  
Frankie Bonner  
*Interim Organist,*  
Robert Ruddy

# First Presbyterian Church of Flint



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

*Terrible things happen, and you are not always to blame.  
But don't let that stop you from doing  
what you are doing.  
That torn place your fear has opened up  
inside of you is a holy place.  
Look around while you are there.  
Pay attention to what you feel.  
It may hurt you to stay there and it may hurt you to see,  
but it is not the kind of hurt that leads to death.  
It is the kind that leads to life.*

~ Barbara Brown Taylor

**3rd Sunday in Lent**  
Sunday, March 7, 2010 9:30 a.m.

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# 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.

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Call to Meditation and Preparation

John L. Musgrave

Prelude

He Never Said a Mumbalin' Word  
Bob Ruddy, interim organist

arr. Paul Taylor

Acolyte: Daniel Burkhardt, 4th Grade

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

Announcements

\*Call to Worship

O God, you are our God;  
eagerly we seek you.  
Our souls thirst for you,  
our flesh faints for you,  
as in a dry and weary land,  
where there is no water.

\*Processional Hymn 356

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

Call to Confession and Corporate Prayer of Confession

Paul Ytterrock

Patient God,  
how trying we must be.  
You have told us, you have shown us, you have come among us.  
Still, we look away, ignoring, forgetting, rejecting your purposes for us.  
Have mercy on us.  
Forgive us for what we have done, and for what we have not done.  
Tell us again. Show us again. Come among us again.  
With grace anew, come among us again, so that we might start fresh,  
and receive the life you have given us in Jesus Christ. Amen. (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*

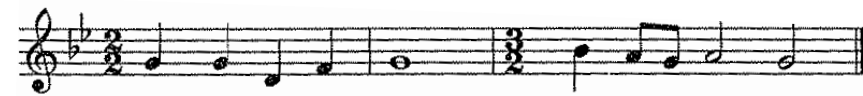
Prayer for Illumination

Joy Briggs

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 55:1-9 (Pew Bibles pg. 644-645 O.T.)

Psalm 63



*Lord, you are my strength; has-ten to help me.*

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 10:1-13 (Pew Bibles pg. 161 N.T.)

Anthem

Walk an Extra Mile

Jayne Southwick Cool

Cherub Choir

Lisa Koegel, director; DeeAnn Galbreath, accompanist

Congregational Response:



*Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho-ly name.*



*Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in-to life.*

(The children may come forward)

Children's Message

\*Hymn 277

O God, Our Faithful God

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(The children may return to their seats)

Gospel Reading

Luke 13:1-9 (Pew Bibles pg. 71 N.T.)

Anthem

Give Ear, O Ye Heavens

Wood

The Chancel Choir

David Hoover, guest director

Sermon

Not Turning But Returning

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 cruci-  
fied, 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

Sonate in A Minor

C.P.E. Bach

Colton Sayre, flute

Invitation

Concerns of the Week

To the family of Katharine "Katy" Krznarich (mother of Terry  
Krznarich and sister of Jack Kallander and Ruth Gage Burns de-  
ceased on February 25, 2010.

Those hospitalized this past week were: Joe Albrant, Alice Bernard,  
Arlene Cannon, and Jennifer Jennings.

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 281

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

Extinguishing of Lenten Candles

\*Benediction and Response

Postlude

God of Grace (Cwm Rhondda)

Paul Manz

## PERSONAL PRAYER

Personal prayer is available in the Prayer Room on the first floor after the  
service of worship. Elder Joy Briggs 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.*