

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:

Blessing and Honor was originally published by Horatius Bonar as an eight stanza hymn entitled "The Song of the Lamb." To fully appreciate the spirit and message of the hymn, it is necessary to read the superb description of the music of heaven contained in the fourth and fifth chapters of Revelation.

[and the creatures and beings in heaven sang]
Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing...to the one
seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing
and honor and glory and might forever and ever!
Revelation 5:12-13

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross by Isaac Watts is based on Gal. 6:14.

"May I never boast of anything except
the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
By which the world has been crucified to me,
and I to the world."

The hymn's third stanza is a measure of the heart of God in Jesus Christ:

"See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down."

The sorrow is God's for our sin; the love is God's for the sinner. The unimaginable depth and reach of God's love and devotion puts to shame the religious carefulness that sometimes leads to boastful self-righteousness. Watts' hymnic summation describes our more appropriate response:

"Love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all."

Be Thou My Vision is an eighth century Irish hymn. The author's profound reverence for God is evident through the use of various ascriptions. God is our Vision, Lord, Best Thought, Inheritance, Great God, Wisdom, True Word, Heart and Ruler. The second stanza is of particular interest in light of this morning's gospel lesson in which Jesus teaches a rich young man about wealth and sacrifice.

This Morning's Anthem:

Out of the Deep

Text: Psalm 130 Music: John Rutter

Out of the deep have I called unto thee O Lord:
Lord, Hear my voice.
O let thine ears consider well the voice of my complaint.
If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss:
O Lord, who may abide it?
For there is mercy with thee:
therefore shalt thou be feared.
I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for him:
in his word is my trust.
My soul fleeth unto the Lord;
before the morning watch, I say,
before the morning watch.
O Israel, trust in the Lord,
for with the Lord there is mercy:
and with him is plenteous redemption.
And he shall redeem Israel from all his sins.

This Week at First Presbyterian

Today

8:00 a.m. Neighborhood Breakfast
9:00 a.m. Child Care
9:30 a.m. Worship Service
10:45 a.m. Children and Youth Education

Monday, October 12

10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study- Carriage Town
10:30 a.m. Adult Education
11:30 a.m. Narcotics Anonymous
4:00 p.m. Communications Task Force
5:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Council Team Meeting

Tuesday, October 13

7:00 a.m. Renovare
8:30 a.m. Devotional Staff Meeting
9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
12:00 p.m. Spiritual Formation Team
1:30 p.m. Grief Support
4:00 p.m. Congregational Care Team Meeting

Wednesday, October 14

8:00 a.m. Renovare
10:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
11:30 a.m. Narcotics Anonymous
4:45 p.m. Cantus Choir Rehearsal
4:45 p.m. Carol Choir Rehearsal
4:45 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal

11:00 a.m. Adult Education
12:15 p.m. Concert Handbell Rehearsal
5:30 p.m. Genesee Valley Youth Chorale Rehearsal

5:00 p.m. Computer Technology Team
6:00 p.m. Women's Ministry Retreat Team
7:00 p.m. College and Career Discussion Group
7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

4:30 p.m. MFA Team Meeting
5:00 p.m. Stewardship Team
6:00 p.m. Deacons Set Up for Spaghetti Dinner
6:15 p.m. Sr. High Pipe Praise Band Practice
6:30 p.m. Carolyn Mawby Chorale Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. Deacon's Meeting

5:00 p.m. Deacon's Spaghetti Dinner
5:30 p.m. Jr. High Pipe Praise Band Practice
6:15 p.m. Bee Helpful Service Squad K-6
6:30 p.m. Contemplative Service
6:30 p.m. Jr. High Girls Bible Study

WEDNESDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP AND STUDY

Our annual spaghetti dinner will be served in the Parish Hall beginning at 5:00pm. The cost is \$8.50 for adults and \$6.00 for children under 12. All are welcome to gather in the Chapel at 6:30pm for a Contemplative service. Children's classes will begin at 6:15pm for those not attending service.

Thursday, October 15

9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study
9:45 a.m. Women's Bible Study
11:30 a.m. Downtown Kiwanis Club of Flint
1:00 p.m. Kitchen Task Force Team Meeting
2:00 p.m. Greek Bible Study
5:00 p.m. Young Life

6:00 p.m. Bagpipe Band Practice
6:15 p.m. Choir Dinner
7:00 p.m. Women's Chorus Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous
7:00 p.m. Men's Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, October 16

11:30 a.m. Narcotics Anonymous

6:00 p.m. Pina/Flint Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, October 17

8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study

3:00 p.m. Pina/Flint Wedding

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 Horne
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.



*Inheriting eternal life, entering the kingdom,
and being saved are impossible for any
human being, but not for God, who is good
and desires the salvation of all. Therefore,
all must depend entirely upon God. Such
absolute trust in God makes possible a life
of faithful discipleship.*

~ Brooks

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, October 11, 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

Prayer

Saint-Saëns

Judith Vander Weg, cello

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

Announcements

*Call to Worship

When work lays claim to us, and busy-ness seduces,
Jesus says to put first things first.
When we put pressure on ourselves to be more, better, faster,
Jesus says to put first things first.
When decisions loom and choices multiply,
Jesus says to put first things first.
When worries wake us up at night,
Jesus says to put first things first.
When faith makes its claim upon our time, ourselves, our lives,
Jesus says to put first things first.

*Processional Hymn 147

Blessing and Honor

O QUANTA QUALIA

Acolyte: Olivia VanDuyne, 5th Grade

Call to Confession and Corporate Prayer of Confession

Steve Baillie

God of abundance, through your grace we are blessed.
We try to live in obedience to your commandments,
but we cling to our goods, and want even more.
When called upon to give sacrificially, we go away grieving,
for we have many possessions.
We are afraid to give them up.
Are we cast out of your kingdom?
O God, forgive our selfish fears.
Nothing is impossible for you!
Turn our stinginess into generosity, for the sake
of our Lord Jesus Christ. (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

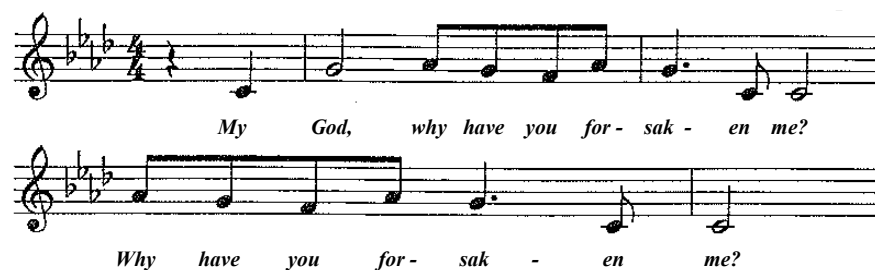
The Service of the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Doris Knoblock

Old Testament Reading Job 23:1-9, 16-17 (Pew Bibles pg. 446-447 O.T.)

Psalm 22



Epistle Reading Hebrews 4:12-16 (Pew Bibles pg. 206-207 N.T.)

Congregational Response:



(The children may come forward)

Children's Message

Paul Ytterrock

*Hymn 101

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

HAMBURG

(The children may return to their seats)

Gospel Reading

Mark 10:17-31 (Pew Bibles pg. 43-44 N.T.)

Anthem

Out of the Deep
The Chancel Choir

Rutter

Sermon

Choose Life

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 con-
ceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suf-
fered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and bur-
ied. 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 res-
urrection 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

Prayer

Bloch

Prayers of the People, Thanksgiving, and the Lord's Prayer

To the family of Eileen Nichols (mother of Bob Nichols) deceased on Sep-
tember 28, 2009.

Those hospitalized this past week were: Jim Greve, Harriet Mestrezat and
Roy Prince.

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

The Sending

*Closing Hymn 339

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

Benediction and Response

Postlude

Nocturne

Paray

PERSONAL PRAYER

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