

## 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:

*Praise Ye The Lord, the Almighty* was written by Joachim Neander, a German, Calvinist pastor and hymnist. It draws imagery from the opening six verses of Psalm 103 and Psalm 150. The final stanza also alludes to the image found in *the Song of Moses* (Deuteronomy 32).

As an eagle stirs up its nest,  
and hovers over its young;  
as it spreads its wings,  
takes them up and bears them aloft on its pinion,  
The Lord alone guided him.

Neander's hymn is an unbroken outpouring of praise to Almighty God as the creator and sovereign of all people. God shelters and sustains us, defends and befriends us. God is worthy of our highest adoration. *All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him.*

*Take Up your Cross, the Savior Said* was written by Charles Everest, a nineteenth-century Episcopal priest. Everest begins his text by quoting this morning's gospel lesson in which Jesus says,

If any want to become my followers,  
let them deny themselves and  
take up their cross and follow me.

Mark 8:34

The poet elaborates upon the scripture by stating that though the cross will be heavy, God will provide strength for its bearing. We are not to be ashamed of the cross but should think of the suffering and shame that Jesus bore on our behalf. The cross is to be carried until death when it will be exchanged for a glorious crown.

*Lift High the Cross* exhorts Christians to lift up the cross as a symbol of the love of Jesus. The cross represents Christ's faithfulness to his redemptive role, even to his death. Stanley L. Osborne observes, the text's "images are biblical, its moods expectant, its promises courageous, and its demands costly." The cross challenges every believer to live a Christ-like life, a life of grace, reconciliation, healing and peace

### This Morning's Offertory:

O God, Eternal Father, Lord  
Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda Music Setting by Philip M. Young

O God, eternal Father, Lord,  
Creator by your mighty Word,  
Be now by us and all adored.  
Alleluia!

O Son, still God today as then,  
In flesh like ours true God and man,  
You served and died and rose again.  
Alleluia!

O Spirit, God, Iconoclast,  
By blood and water cleanse our past,  
The life you seed, make grow and last.  
Alleluia!

## This Week at First Presbyterian

### Today

8:00 a.m. Neighborhood Breakfast  
8:45 a.m. Child Care  
9:30 a.m. Festival Worship Service  
11:00 a.m. Homecoming Parade and Picnic

### Monday, September 14

8:00 a.m. XYZ Trip Leaving  
8:30 a.m. Devotional Staff Meeting  
9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting  
10:00 a.m. Neighborhood Food Give Away  
10:00 a.m. Library Committee Meeting

### Tuesday, September 15

7:00 a.m. Renovare  
5:00 p.m. Trustee Board Meeting  
5:30 p.m. Trustee Finance Meeting

### Wednesday, September 16

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

### Thursday, September 17

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

### Friday, September 18

11:30 a.m. Narcotics Anonymous

### Saturday, September 19

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

5:00 p.m. Orientation for GVYC  
5:00 p.m. Parent Information Meeting for Choir  
7:00 p.m. Sunday Night Pipe

11:30 a.m. Narcotics Anonymous  
4:00 p.m. Communications Task Force  
5:00 p.m. Computer Technology Team  
7:00 p.m. College & Career Discussion Group  
7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

5:30 p.m. Trustee Building & Grounds Meeting  
6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry Team Meeting  
6:30 p.m. Women's Ministry Team Meeting

4:45 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal  
5:45 p.m. Dinner  
6:15 p.m. Program Childcare  
6:15 p.m. Bee Helpful K-6  
6:30 p.m. Contemplative Service

6:00 p.m. Bagpipe Band Practice  
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

4:00 p.m. XYZ Trip 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.



Jesus tapped me on the shoulder and said,  
"Bob, why are you resisting me?"  
I said, "I'm not resisting you!"  
He said, "You gonna follow me?"  
I said, "I've never thought about that before!"  
He said, "When you're not following me, you're  
resisting me."

~ Bob Dylan

Christianity without discipleship is always  
Christianity without Christ.

~ Dietrich Bonhoeffer

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Sunday, September 13th, 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 Excerpt from Suite on American Hymn Tunes Robert Powell

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

Announcements

**Introit** Enter His Sanctuary Singing Hopson  
The Chancel Choir, First Brass and Organ

\*Processional Hymn 482 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty LOBE DEN HERREN

Acolyte: Vance Powell, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Call to Confession and Corporate Prayer of Confession Steve Baillie

Lord Jesus, you asked your disciples, "Who do you say that I am?"

We would like to be like Peter and answer, "You are the Messiah."

More often we speak of you as a teacher, a prophet,  
an example of how we should live.

Like Peter, we do not want to hear of your suffering.

We do not want to answer your invitation to  
deny ourselves and follow you.

Lord Jesus, in your mercy, correct us.

Remind us that when we give ourselves to others  
we give ourselves to you. (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

Lindsey Younger

Old Testament Reading Proverbs 1:20-33 (Pew Bibles pg. 552 O.T.)

Epistle Reading James 3:1-12 (Pew Bibles pg. 216 N.T.)

Congregational Response:



(The children may come forward)

Children's Message

\*Hymn 393 Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said BOURBON

(The children may go with Mrs. Powell to Room 312.)

Gospel Reading Mark 8:27-38 (Pew Bibles pg. 41, N.T.)

Anthem Hymn to the World's Creator (Psalm 150) White  
The Chancel Choir

Sermon Jesus Asks, "Who do you say I am?" 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***

Invitation

Concerns of the Week

**To the family of Ray Whiting**

To the family of Ray Whiting (grandfather of Jennifer Williams) de-  
ceased on August 24, 2009.

Those hospitalized this past week were: Dori Mignault, Roy Prince, Scott  
Surnick and Maxine Taylor.

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

Cup of Salvation

(Please partake of bread

and cup when served.)

\*Offertory Prayer

Offertory O God, Eternal Father, Lord

Vulpious/Young

*The Sending*

\*Closing Hymn 371

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

**\*Benediction**

**\*Response**

**Hallelujah, Amen**

**Handel**

Postlude

Excerpt from Suite  
on American Hymn Tunes

Robert Powell

## PERSONAL PRAYER

Personal prayer is available in the Prayer Room on the first floor after the  
service of worship. **Elder Sally Werdel will assist after the service.**

~ 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.**