

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:

From All That Dwell Below the Skies is Isaac Watts' paraphrase of Psalm 117. Watts reads the psalm with the eye of a Christian and so equates *the Lord* of the Hebrew Bible and *the redeemer* of the Gospel. The hymn text proclaims God as the creator of all life and celebrates the redemption, through Jesus Christ, of all people. In response to God's eternal mercies, we are called away from what separates us and are united in gratitude and praise.

*In cheerful sound all voices raise,
and fill the world with joyful praise.
Alleluia!*

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us is a prayer for divine guidance and obedience to God's will. Conceived as a children's hymn, its image is simple and familiar. It references Psalm 23, "the Lord is my Shepherd," and the tenth chapter of John in which Jesus explains his messiahship through the metaphor of "the good shepherd." Of particular interest this morning is the second stanza. As in this morning's gospel lesson, we come as children and will be received into the presence of God:

Thou hast promised to receive us,
Poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us,
Grace to cleanse, and power to free
Blessed Jesus,
Early let us turn to Thee.

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling was written by the great hymnist Charles Wesley. Its theme is the great thread of divine love, which runs through all of Wesley's hymns. After a prayer addressed to Christ to dwell within our lives, the hymn turns to the theme of sanctification – God's "great salvation" is sufficient to deliver a Christian from the power as well as the guilt of sin. Thus, we are being perfected. In divine love, we are changing "from glory into glory." Sought out and found by divine grace, we enter God's presence lost "in wonder, love and praise."

This Morning's Offertory:

How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place

Text: from Psalm 84

Music: Johannes Brahms

How lovely is Thy dwelling place,
O Lord of hosts!
For my soul, it longeth,
Yea faitheth
For the courts of the Lord.
My soul and body crieth out,
Yea, for the living God.
Blest are they that dwell within Thy house;
They praise Thy name evermore.

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
11:00 a.m. Adult Education
7:00 p.m. Sunday Night Pipe

Monday, September 21

10:30 a.m. Adult Education
11:30 a.m. Narcotics Anonymous
5:00 p.m. Administration Team Meeting

7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study
7:00 p.m. College and Career Discussion Group

Tuesday, September 22

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

6:00 p.m. Session Meeting
6:15 p.m. Sr. High Pipe Praise Band Practice
6:30 p.m. Carolyn Mawby Chorale Rehearsal

Wednesday, September 23

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

5:30 p.m. Jr. High Pipe Praise Band Practice
5:45 p.m. Dinner
6:00 p.m. Gerholz Team Meeting
6:15 p.m. Program Childcare
6:15 p.m. Bee Helpful K-6
6:30 p.m. Contemplative Service

WEDNESDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP AND STUDY

A light supper will be served in the Parish Hall beginning at 5:45 p.m. The suggested donation is \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children, maximum of \$20.00 per family. All are welcome to gather in the Chapel at 6:30 p.m. for a Contemplative service. Children's classes will begin at 6:15 p.m. for those not attending service.

Thursday, September 24

9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study
9:45 a.m. Women's Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Book Discussion Group

6:00 p.m. West/Kirk Wedding Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, September 25

11:30 a.m. Narcotics Anonymous

6:00 p.m. Bikes on the Bricks-Saginaw St. Closed

Saturday, September 26

8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Retreat at FIM

10:00 a.m. Bikes on the Bricks-Saginaw St. Closed
3:30 p.m. West/Kirk Wedding

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



The fisherman's nephew is drawing our attention ...not in the child's attitude but in the attitude of others toward the child. The meaning rests on the word welcome, whoever welcomes the child; whoever serves the child; whoever takes care of the child, takes care of Jesus.

~ Thomas Long

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, September 20th, 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

Theme: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

John A. Behnke

Brenda Portman, organist

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

Announcements

*Call to Worship

Draw near to God, as God comes near to us.

We will say "yes" to God's presence.

Hear the wisdom of the Spirit, and live in peace.

We will say "yes" to the working of the Spirit.

Live with gentleness, full of mercy.

We will say "yes" to one another, living together in grace.

Let God work in you! Let us worship God together.

*Processional Hymn 229

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Acolyte: David Burkhardt, 6th Grade

Call to Confession and Corporate Prayer of Confession

Steve Baillie

God of all people,

we confess that we crave recognition and praise.

We are competitive in our work, at school,

at church, even at home.

We strive to achieve so that we may be congratulated.

We want to win. We want to be the greatest.

Jesus said, "Whoever wants to be first must be last

and servant of all."

God of radical love, help us to hear our Lord's voice.

Forgive our selfish desires.

Help us to encourage others and give you the glory.

(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.

†Late arrivals may be seated

*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.

The Service of the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Vi Maynard

Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 31:10-31 (Pew Bibles pg. 579 O.T.)

Psalm 1

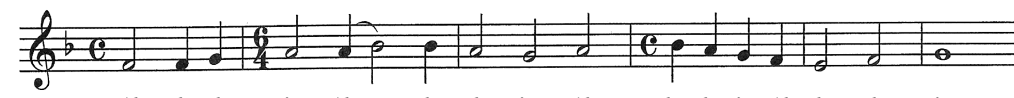


Hap-py are they who de-light, who de- light in the law of God.

Epistle Reading

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a (Pew Bibles pg. 216 N.T.)

Congregational Response:



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



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(The children may come forward.)

Children's Message

*Hymn 387

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

BRADBURY

(The children may return to their seats.)

Gospel Reading

Mark 9:30-37 (Pew Bibles pg. 42 N.T.)

Anthem

How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place

Brahms

The Chancel Choir

Sermon

Winning by Being Last

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

Cantabile: I Want to Walk

John A. Behnke

as a Child of the Light

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

To the family of Kelsoe Schadle (husband of Diane) deceased on September 14, 2009.

To the family of Norm Hardenburg (husband of Barbara) deceased on September 18, 2009.

Those hospitalized this past week were: James Applegate, Jim Greve,

Esther Jacobs, Joel Liggett, Roy Prince, Nelda Rawlings, Jack Rushton,

and Barbara Walters.

Those in the military, world and national leaders, the church, and

those distressed by natural and human disasters.

The Sending

*Closing Hymn 376

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Fantasia: I Want to Walk

John A. Behnke

as a Child of Light

PERSONAL PRAYER

Personal prayer is available in the Prayer Room on the first floor after the

service of worship. Elder Barbara Horcha will assist after the service.

THE FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In loving memory of Leola Gage Ackerman by Ruth Gage Burns and

grandsons Philip and Paul and their families.

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

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.

~ * 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.