

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:

God of Grace and God of Glory was written in 1930 by Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick for the dedication of the Riverside Church in New York City, where he was pastor. As a mission hymn, its text addresses issues which are still with us: evil, fearfulness, pride, war, and selfishness. Each challenge is answered by an urgent yet confident prayer for the wisdom and courage to be guided by God and remain faithful to God's calling.

In his autobiography, Fosdick remembers, "That was more than a hymn to me when we sang it that day; it was a very urgent personal prayer. For with all my hopeful enthusiasm about the new venture, there was inevitably much humble and sometimes fearful apprehension." Though Fosdick did, indeed, continue to face many challenges, the Riverside Church became one of the great missional congregations in America.

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord is a hymn about calling, remembrance and faithfulness. The first stanza reminds us of God's speaking in our hearts. Whether our calling occurs gently, as in the case of Samuel, or jarringly, as in the case of Paul, God speaks to us all. Our proper response is to entrust our lives to God's care and guidance. The second stanza reminds us of the many distractions of daily life; the noise of the mundane which tends to distort the voice of God. We are assisted in stanza three by those who have walked before us in the faith. Finally, we pray that, like those saints, we may keep our ears open for God's voice and eyes fixed upon Jesus, the Son.

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens reminds us that God is infinitely creative. Made in the image of God, we inherit the ability to create and invent. These qualities are a gift from God and are to be used as agents of God's grace and love in this world.

But as much potential for good as our gifts offer, their unwise use leads to acts of self-deception and self-destruction:

"We, Your children in Your likeness,
share inventive powers with You...
Facing us with life's destruction
or our most triumphant hour."

A modern text by Catherine Cameron, the hymn warns us against being so impressed with our own technological achievement that we forget that it is in serving others that we truly honor the God of creation.

This Morning's Anthem

Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing
Text: from the Psalms Music: Gordon Young

Now let us all praise God and sing
our great Redeemer's praise;
that we may all with one accord
our joyful voices raise.
Sing Alleluia!
All ye servants of the Lord,
praise Him forever,
sing Jehovah's mighty power,
praise Him forever.
Sing Alleluia!

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, September 28

10:30 a.m. Adult Education
11:30 a.m. Narcotics Anonymous
4:00 p.m. Communications Task Force

Tuesday, September 29

7:00 a.m. Renovare
8:30 a.m. Devotional Staff Meeting
9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
6:00 p.m. Missionary Speaker

Wednesday, September 30

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- Offsite
7:00 p.m. Sunday Night Pipe

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

6:15 p.m. Sr. High Pipe Praise Band Practice
6:30 p.m. Carolyn Mawby Chorale
7:00 p.m. Noye's Flood Team Planning Meeting

5:30 p.m. Jr. High Pipe Praise Band Practice
5:45 p.m. Dinner
6:00 p.m. Bee Helpful Service Squad K-6
6:15 p.m. Program Childcare
6:30 p.m. Contemplative Service
6:30 p.m. Jr. High Girls Bible Study

WEDNESDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP AND STUDY

A light supper will be served in the Parish Hall beginning at 5:45pm. 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 6:30pm for a Contemplative service. Children's classes will begin at 6:15pm for those not attending service.

Thursday, October 1

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
12:00 p.m. Sarah Circle at Helen Robison's Home

1:00 p.m. Kitchen Task Force Team
6:00 p.m. Bagpipe Band Practice
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, October 2

11:30 a.m. Narcotics Anonymous
6:00 p.m. Perez/French Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, October 3

8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Brass/Organ Rehearsal
3:00 p.m. Perez/French 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. Hugan
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



*Peace is not the product of terror or fear.
Peace is not the silence of cemeteries.
Peace is not the silent result of violent repression.
Peace is the generous, tranquil contribution
of all to the good of all.
Peace is dynamism. Peace is generosity.
It is right and it is duty.*

~ Oscar Romero

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, September 27th, 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

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens
Brenda Portman, organist

David Cherwien

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

Announcements

Minute for Mission

Brenda Finkbeiner

*Call to Worship

Our help is in the strength of God, who created all that is.

Who are we, that God remembers us?

Our blessings come from God, giver of all good gifts.

Who are we, to be graced by God's bounty?

Our salvation comes from God, light in our darkness.

Who are we, to be redeemed by God's love?

Our calling as servants and friends comes from God, whose image we reflect.

Who are we, that God's Spirit shines out from us?

All praise to the living God!

*Processional Hymn 420

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

Acolyte: Hannah Horcha, 5th Grade

Call to Confession and Corporate Prayer of Confession

Paul Ytterrock

God of grace and God of glory, we live in difficult times.

We confess that we do not ask for the help of

others—to pray for us.

We do not seek the wisdom of older people—to advise us.

Worst of all, we do not seek your power—to uphold us.

In your great mercy, forgive us.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days.

(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

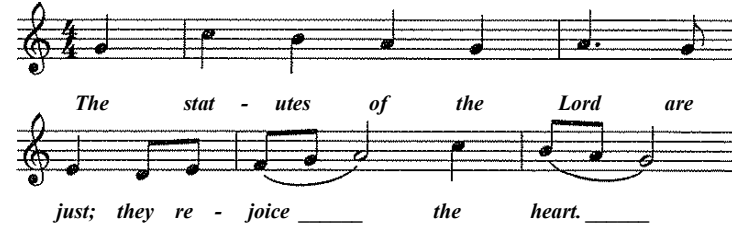
The Service of the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Jack McCarthy

Old Testament Reading Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22 (Pew Bibles pg. 427-428 O.T.)

Psalm 19



The stat - utes of the Lord are

just; they re - joice _____ the heart. _____

Epistle Reading

James 5:13-20 (Pew Bibles pg. 217-218 N.T.)

Congregational Response:



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

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

(The children may come forward)

Children's Message

*Hymn 419

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

REPTON

(The children may return to their seats)

Gospel Reading

Mark 9:38-50 (Pew Bibles pg. 42-43, N.T.)

Anthem

Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing
The Chancel Choir

Young

Sermon

Be At Peace With One Another

John L. Musgrave

Sacrament of Baptism

Liam Ross Trouten, son of Ross David and Jennifer Patrice (Lange) Trouten

*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***

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

To the family of Marleea Gerfen (granddaughter of Bruce and Connie Gillespie) deceased on September 13, 2009.

To the family of Nelda Rawlings (sister of Shar Rawlings) deceased on September 23, 2009.

Those hospitalized this past week were: Margaret Bruce, Jim Greve, Harriet Mestrezat, Roy Prince, Marilyn Smith and Ruth Zetterberg.

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

*Offertory Prayer

Offertory

Cwm Rhondda

John A. Behnke

The Sending

*Closing Hymn 268

God, Who Stretched
the Spangled Heavens

HOLY MANNA

Benediction and Response

Postlude

God of Grace

Paul Manz

PERSONAL PRAYER

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

THE FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In loving memory of their son, Randy Eastman, by Dick and Doris Eastman.

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.