

## 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:

*Bless the Lord, My Soul and Being* is a paraphrase of Psalm 104 by Presbyterian Pastor Fred Anderson (a friend and colleague of John Musgrave!). In his commentaries, John Calvin notes that this psalm "*presents to us a lively image of God's wisdom, power, and goodness in the creation of the world, and in the order of nature. It encourages us to praise God for the manifestation he has made of himself as our creator and nurturer in this frail and perishable life.*" As Anderson wrote the paraphrase, he had in mind it being sung to the melody *Ode to Joy* (Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee). Later, hearing it sung to the tune *Rustington*, he observed that new and different dimensions of the text were made apparent. In keeping with the expressive power of both tunes, we will sing the first and last stanzas to the *Ode to Joy* – as Anderson originally intended, and stanzas 2 – 4 to the tune *Rustington* as Anderson came to prefer.

*Spirit of the Living God* was written by Presbyterian Pastor Daniel Iverson as a prayer for the Holy Spirit to work renewal in the individual heart. Singing it, we ask that God remold us into living vessels filled with divine love and grace to be poured out into the world. We will sing the prayer through three times.

*I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* affirms a life lived as an agent of God's grace and healing. The spiritual was arranged for our hymnal by African-American musicologist Wendell Whalum. Whalum notes, "*The Bible*, more than any other one source, provided the textual material for the religious music which is at the base of Black hymnody." The present example is a response to the gospel message. It represents a public commitment to the living of a righteous life.

### Today's Anthem

#### Sing Praise to God

Text: Psalm 117      Music: Lowell Mason/Hal Hopson

Sing praise to God:  
Sing, all nations.  
Sing, rejoice!  
Praise the Lord.

God's merciful kindness  
is sure and gracious,  
and the truth of the Lord  
endures forever.

### This Week at First Presbyterian

#### Today

8:00 a.m. Neighborhood Breakfast	10:45 a.m. Children's Education
8:30 a.m. Summer Choir Rehearsal	6:00 p.m. Sunday Night Pipe
9:00 a.m. Childcare	7:00 p.m. Pipe Labor Day Hangout
9:30 a.m. Worship Service	

#### Monday, September 6

Labor Day-Church Office Closed

#### Tuesday, September 7

7:00 a.m. Renovare	4:00 p.m. Congregational Care Team Meeting
8:30 a.m. Staff Devotional Meeting	6:30 p.m. Women's Ministry Team Meeting
9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting	

#### Wednesday, September 8

8:30 a.m. Renovare	5:00 p.m. Choir School Parent Meeting
11:30 a.m. Narcotics Anonymous	

#### Thursday, September 9

11:30 a.m. Downtown Kiwanis Club	7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal	

#### Friday, September 10

11:30 a.m. Narcotics Anonymous

#### Saturday, September 11

9:00 a.m. FPCF Workday	10:00 a.m. Brass/Organ Rehearsal
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The church office will be closed on Monday, September 6. We will reopen on Tuesday, September 7 at our fall/winter office hours of 8:30am-4:30pm. Thank you!

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*Organist,*  
Carl Angelo

# First Presbyterian Church of Flint

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



*"The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him."*

~ Jeremiah 18:4

**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Sunday, September 5, 2010 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

Steve Baillie

Prelude

Blessed Jesus, At Thy Word  
Carl Angelo, organist

J. S. Bach

Acolyte: Elizabeth Newman, 7th Grade

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

Announcements

\*Call to Worship

O Lord, you have searched us and known us.  
You know when we sit down and when we rise up.  
You discern our thoughts from far away.  
Such knowledge is too wonderful for us.  
It is so high that we cannot attain it.  
Praise the Lord!  
The Lord's name be praised!

\*Hymn 224

Bless the Lord, My Soul and Being  
Stanzas 1 and 5 sung to *Ode to Joy*  
Stanzas 2 – 4 sung to *Rustington*

ODE TO JOY/ RUSTINGTON

Call to Confession and Corporate Prayer of Confession

Paul Ytterrock

O God,  
you have given us a firm foundation in Jesus Christ,  
yet we have chosen to build in other places.  
The things we have made are weak and unstable.  
The works of our hands crumble around us,  
and we realize that our best efforts are not good enough  
because sin is real and we are powerless before it.  
Forgive us for thinking we know best.  
Heal our pride and mend our broken values.  
Create within us hearts that seek your purposes,  
so that what we build may give you glory.  
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

Keith Baldwin

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 18:1-11 (Pew Bibles pg. 677 O.T.)

Psalm 139



*Lord, you have searched me; you know me through and through.*

Epistle Reading

Philemon 1-21 (Pew Bibles pgs. 203-204 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 322

Spirit of the Living God  
Sung three times  
2 and 3 unaccompanied

LIVING GOD

(The children may return to their seats)

Gospel Reading

Luke 14:25-33 (Pew Bibles pg. 73 N.T.)

Anthem

Sing Praise to God  
The Summer Choir

Mason/Hopson

Sermon

Being Molded...For a Purpose

Steve Baillie

\*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

Pastorale on St. Anne

Manz

Prayer of the people, thanksgiving and the Lord's prayer

Those hospitalized this past week: Barbara Arndt, Richard Cordell,  
John Murphy, Elaine Pownall and Martin Vallee  
Those in the military, world and national leaders, the church, and  
those distressed by natural and human disasters.

## *The Sending*

\*Closing Hymn 369

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'M GONNA LIVE

\*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Fugue in E-Flat (based on St. Anne tune)

J. S. Bach

## PERSONAL PRAYER

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

## The Flowers Are Given To The Glory Of God

*Donations to the Flower Memorial Fund are used to maintain fresh arrange-  
ments for the urns in the Sanctuary and for the Fellowship Tables in the  
Narthex. They are delivered each week by the Deacons to shut-ins and those  
celebrating their birthday.*

In loving memory of Mildred and William Kerr by their daughter,  
Isabelle Kruchten, and her family.  
In honor of the 50th anniversary of Joe and Anne Winiarski  
on September 2, 2010.

## 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 pastors and members of  
the congregation. Please sign one of the guest forms located in each pew  
with your address, email and telephone number and stop by the Welcome  
Desk to receive a gift.

## New Members Class

Is it time for you to join this family of faith? The next New Members Class  
will meet in the Memorial Parlor on **Sunday, September 19th** following  
the 9:30am worship service. Planning to attend or have questions? Con-  
tact Paul in the church office.

~ \* 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.*