

# Order of Service for the Public Worship of God

October 21, 2007

Eleven O'clock, A.M.

Worship Leader: Mr. David Blewett      Liturgist: Dr. Elizabeth Anderson  
Pastor: Rev. Dr. James E. Swanson      Organist/Choir Director: Beverly Antis

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THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP BEGINS WITH THE MUSIC OF THE ORGAN

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THE PRELUDE                      *How Firm A Foundation*                      Wilbur Held

THE CHORAL INTROIT              *Surely The Lord Is In This Place*              Robert Lau

\*THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 473              *For the Beauty of the Earth*              DIX

\*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE CALL TO CONFESSION                                      Mr. David Blewett

Let us confess our sinful neglect of God's love and generosity and turn again to follow the Creator and the One True God of life and love. Together let us pray:

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Wise and powerful God, you have given us your light and truth to guide us through confusion, yet we have relied instead on our human wisdom, and have lost our way. You offer to share our burdens and give us your strength, yet we trust in our own efforts and find ourselves exhausted. Bring us back into your presence, O God; overcome our separation from one another and from you. By your Word and Spirit, equip us with gifts to meet life's demands, that we may be your people in the world and live in the confidence and joy of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.**

A TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

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\*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH      *from: "A Brief Statement of Faith," PC (USA)*

**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

\*THE GREETINGS OF PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP

A MINUTE FOR MISSION - Dee Demby

THE SHARING OF JOYS, CONCERNS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CHORAL PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

*God be in my Head*

John Rutter

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 67:1-7

*(Pew Bible p. 509)*

Liturgist: This is the word of the Lord. All: **Thanks be to God!**

THE ANTHEM

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

John Rutter

THE EPISTLE LESSON

Ephesians 2:4-10

*(Pew Bible p. 181)*

Liturgist: Here ends the reading of the Epistle. All: **Praise be to you, O Lord.**

\*THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 19:16-30

*(Pew Bible p. 20)*

Worship Leader: The Gospel of our Lord. All: **Glory to You, O Christ.**

\*THE CONGREGATIONAL CANTICLE

(Hymn Tune #333 Seek Ye First)

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
And His righteousness,  
And all these things shall be added unto you.  
Al-le-lu, alleluia!**

**Ask and it shall be given unto you,  
Seek and ye shall find,  
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you.  
Al-le-lu, alleluia!**

THE MESSAGE

*“ YOU HAVE TO PRIME THE PUMP ”*

Mr. Blewett

THE HYMN (seated)

*In The Garden (see insert)*

GARDEN

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Baptized into Christ and clothed with Christ, let us offer prayers our prayers of supplication with deep compassion.

For this holy gathering and for the people of God in every place.

**P: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For all nations, peoples, tribes, clans, and families.

**P: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For mercy, justice, and peace throughout the world.

**P: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For this city and every place.

**P: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For those on vacation. For all those in every danger and calamity: those afflicted and suffering hardship, those beaten and imprisoned, those sleepless and hungry.

**P: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the sick, for those whose health is challenged, for those in the hospital and skilled care homes; and for all who mourn the loss of loved ones.

**P: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For ourselves, our families and companions, and those we love.

**P: Lord, have mercy.**

L: Lifting our voices with all creation, let us offer the joys and concerns of our heart to the Lord this day, giving thanks to the living God through Christ.

THE THREE-FOLD AMEN

Robert Lau

THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND GIFTS

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM            *Bought With A Price*            Natalie Sleeth

\*THE 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.*

THE UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**The light and truth you send upon us are the greatest gifts we can know, O God. How can we do less than rejoice, give thanks, and dedicate these tithes and offerings to you? Give us grace to reflect your glory, and use our gifts for the building of your kingdom here and now. Amen.**

\*THE RECESSIONAL HYMN 555

*Now Thank We All Our God*    NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

\*THE RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF BENEDICTION            Aaronic Benediction

Choir:            May the Lord bless us and keep us;  
                      May the Lord make His face to shine upon us  
                      and be gracious unto us;

Congregation:    **May the Lord lift up His countenance on us  
                          And give us peace.**

All:                **In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
                          and of the Holy Spirit. Amen and amen.**

\*THE CHORAL RESPONSE            *A Clare Benediction*            John Rutter

\*THE TIME OF SILENCE

\*THE CHARGE AND DISMISSAL            Mr. David Blewett  
    A Reading from Psalm 19:1-4            (*Pew Bible p. 481*)

\*THE POSTLUDE                        *Toccata in a minor*            Jan Pieter Sweelinck

\*Those who are able, please stand.

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**GREETINGS** to all this day who worship the God of past, present and future. We want to get to know you. Please introduce yourself to others sitting nearby during the passing of the peace.

**THE WORSHIP LEADER** for this morning's service is Mr. David Blewett. We thank him for sharing his personal message of faith with us today.

**THE FLOWERS** in the Sanctuary are provided by Linda Peters in loving memory of Sam Peters whose birthday is October 21.

**FELLOWSHIP HOUR** immediately follows this worship service downstairs in the Assembly Room. Everyone is cordially invited to attend. Hosting today's Fellowship Hour is Jane Hall.

**YOU WERE GREETED TODAY** by Pat Foringer.

**THE USHERS:** Linda Peters and John Prichard

**THE NOISY OFFERING** (last Sunday of the month) will be received next Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup> during the 11 a.m. worship service. Remember to bring your collected change to worship with you next Sunday and be prepared to make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

## *In The Life of Our Church*

*Prayer Concerns:* Bob and Joan Moore, Zachary Kupec, Dorothy Hitchcock, Brenda Keith, Tracey Schlicht (Chuck & Jeanne's daughter-in-law), Phyllis Thoma, Pastor Jim and the Swanson Family

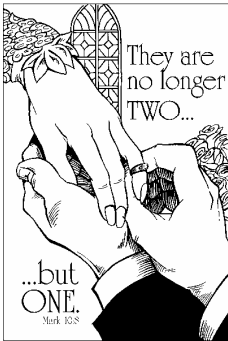
*Celebrating birthdays:*

Eleanor Walchesky - October 22

Rosamond Curry - October 25

*Anniversaries (a Correction):* Mary Lee & Bob Marten celebrated their 52<sup>nd</sup> anniversary on October 15<sup>th</sup> and not 42<sup>nd</sup> as published in last week's bulletin.

*Births:* Congratulations to our community friends, David and Michelle Robertson, on their blessed event, the birth of a baby boy, David Robertson III, born on October 12, 2007 in Pittsburgh, PA.



*Congratulations Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Swanson (Shari)!*

Andrew Swanson and Shari Guimong were married yesterday, October 20th at Covenant Presbyterian Church by the groom's father and our pastor, The Reverend Dr. James E. Swanson.

May God bless their union and may the love, joy and happiness they feel at this moment be a constant thread throughout their married life.

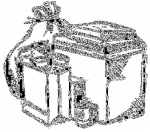
*Special thanks to:*

*The wedding planners:* Beverly Antis, Rebecca Doyle, Ann & Larry Morrison for the music, the flowers, the elegant and beautiful ambience

*The kitchen crew:* Nancy Moorhead (crew chief), Jane Hall, Donna Hobough, Virginia Lokovich, & Linda Peters for their ministry of service and fellowship

*The Bridal Shower:* Connie Brown and Nancy Moorhead for their "gift" of a well planned bridal shower & heart-warming afternoon (October 6)

## Covenant Cupboard:



October - Soda Crackers or Graham Crackers

November - Peanut Butter or Jelly

*Baskets for your donations are located in the front hallway.*

*Monetary donations are always appreciated and needed.*

Please make checks payable to Covenant Cupboard.

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## "Sister Bessie Mae"

### Fall Social



" BRING A SALAD OR DESSERT  
TO COMPLEMENT  
THE ENTRÉES "

**MENU:** Chef George Schroth will be cookin' up some of his delicious ham barbeque and hot dogs with sauerkraut, plus more!

**Tickets are \$ 8. On Sale Today (during Fellowship Hour)**

Proceeds benefit the Community Dinners that are hosted by Covenant Church and Faith Presbyterian on the last Wednesday of each month.

\*Tickets are also available through the church office or at the door.



## A Service of the Blessing of the Pets

Offered for the entire Butler Community!

**Sunday, October 28 at 3:00 PM**

**Front steps of Covenant Church**

**Bring your pets\*** Pastor Jim will officiate at this blessing service, assisted by Janice King & Rebecca.

For our faithful animal friends that share the earth with us, provide us with their companionship, loyalty and unconditional love, and entertain us with their humorous antics, we offer this special service of blessing.

*\*For safety, please keep your pet on a leash or in a carrier.*

## *“A Time of Prayer and Thanksgiving”*

Noon organ recital series at St. Peter's Episcopal Church continues  
Wednesdays at 12:15-12:45 p.m. through November 21<sup>st</sup> featuring:

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| October 24 | Kathy Kemerer   | November 14 | Beverly Antis    |
| October 31 | Karen Krenitsky | November 21 | George Armstrong |
| November 7 | John C. Davey   |             |                  |

*A time for silent prayer follows each recital.*

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### **OUR WATER CRISIS**

Less than one percent of all the water on Earth is potable (drinkable) and not locked up in ice. Inefficient irrigation, wasteful household use and a population projected to grow by another three billion persons all contribute to our planet's growing water shortage. Water is something we all “take for granted” but someday it may be as valuable and expensive as fuel. Here are some water statistics to consider:

- 3,000 liters = the amount of water, on average, required to produce enough food for one person per day
- More than 1 billion people on Earth do not have access to safe drinking water in 2007. By 2050, up to 2.4 billion people will live in countries where water is scarce.
- More than 1.7 million people die every year because of poor drinking-water quality, lack of sanitation and poor hygiene related to water shortages.
- Comparative Residential Daily Water use, per capita:
  - 350 liters in North America and Japan
  - 200 liters in Europe
  - 10-20 liters in sub-Saharan Africa



- The Good News?  
Cities are huge water-wasters, but due to low-flow fixtures and fixed leaks, New York City now uses 28% less water than in 1979.

*“The earth is the  
Lord's and everything  
in it, the world, and all  
who live in it.”*

*-- Psalm 24:1*

## PRIMING THE PUMP



From the song:  
*Desert Pete*  
Lyrics by Billy Edd Wheeler

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I was travelin' west of Buckskin on  
my way to a cattle run, 'cross a  
little cactus desert under a hot,  
blisterin' sun. Thirsty down to my  
toenails, I stopped to rest me on a  
stump...

...but I tell you I just couldn't believe it when I saw that water pump!

I took it to be a mirage at first. It'll fool a thirsty man. Then I saw a  
note stuck in a bakin' powder can. "This pump is old," the note began,  
"but she works. So give'er a try. I put a new washer in 'er. You may  
find the leather dry."

*Chorus:*

**You've got to prime the pump.  
You must have faith and believe.  
You've got to give of yourself  
'fore you're worthy to receive.  
Drink all the water you can hold.  
Wash your face cool your feet.  
Leave the bottle full for others.  
Thank you kindly, Desert Pete.**

Yeah, you'll have to prime the pump, work that handle like there's a  
fire. Under the rock you'll find some water left there in a bitter's jar.  
Now there's just enough to prime it with, so don't you go drinkin' first.  
Just pour it in and pump like mad and, buddy, you'll quench your  
thirst." (*Chorus*)

Well, I found the jar, and I tell you, nothin' was ever prettier to my eye  
and I was tempted strong to drink it because that pump looked mighty  
dry, but the note went on, "Have faith, my friend, there's water down  
below. You've got to give to really get. I'm the one who ought to know."

So I poured in the jar and started pumpin' and I heard a beautiful  
sound of water bubblin' 'n' splashin' up out of that hole in the ground.  
Then I took off my shoes and drunk my fill of that cold refreshin' treat.  
Then I thanked the Lord, and I thanked the pump, and I thanked old  
Desert Pete. (*Chorus*)

**October 21, 2007**

“Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.”

--- The apostle Paul's second letter to the church at Corinth (4:16-18)

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