

Order of Service for the Public Worship of God

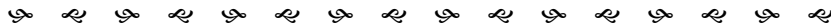
Stewardship I ~ November 9, 2008
Eleven O'Clock, A.M

Guest Pastor: Rev. Dr. William A. Jamieson

Liturgist: Nancy Jo Moorhead

Organist & Choir Director: Beverly Antis

Our Service of Worship begins with the Music of the Organ



THE PRELUDE *Draw Us to Thee* J. G. Walther

THE CHORAL INTROIT *Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song* Peter Cutts

*THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 479
Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven LAUDA ANIMA

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Father God, through the resurrection of Jesus you free us from the powers of darkness and evil and death. In Christ, you open the way for us to enjoy fellowship with you forever. Forgive us for the times when we failed to walk where you were sending us, to love when our loving could have made a difference, or to speak words of reconciliation and healing when the gifts of grace were needed.

Give us courage to move beyond our failures and our faults. Help us to thirst for the new wine of your radical love, and to relinquish our old, brittle wineskins of pettiness, bitterness and greed. Now hear us as we pray with penitent hearts, O God. Embrace us and give us the assurance of your mercy through the risen, ruling Christ, our Savior and Lord.

A TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: . . . Friends, let us proclaim 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 *PC (USA) Study Catechism, Questions 22-23*

Leader: [Question 22.] What do you understand by God's providence?

People: **That God not only preserves the world, but also continually attends to it, ruling and sustaining it with wise and benevolent care. God is concerned for every creature: "The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand, you satisfy the desire of every living thing" (Psalm 145: 15).**

FELLOWSHIP HOUR - Everyone is cordially invited to attend today's Fellowship Hour which immediately follows this worship service downstairs in the Assembly Room. Hosting today's Fellowship Hour are Nancy and Roger Rettig.

YOU WERE GREETED TODAY by Helen Ferguson.

Grace and Peace to All

*We want to get to know you,
especially if you are a visitor!*

Please introduce yourself to others sitting nearby during the passing of the peace. Fellowship Hour will be in the Assembly Room downstairs. (exit at the rear of the sanctuary, go down to the lower level, past the Library to the room near the Sallman painting of Christ knocking at the door.)

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed this Tuesday, November 11th, in observance of Veterans Day.

EVERYBODY LOVES A PARADE! - If you are planning to attend Butler City's Veterans Day Parade downtown on Main St. on Tuesday, look for our sexton, Larry Morrison and "The Lion and Thistle" Highlanders (Bagpipers) who will be marching in the parade. The parade begins at 10:40 a.m.

Mission Project: HappyLife Children's Home



Many Thanks
for your Support!

Thank you to all who responded and donated so generously to the HappyLife Children's Home, a not-for-profit rescue orphanage for abandoned children in Nairobi, Kenya. **A total of \$730 has been raised for the orphanage.**

Thank you to Rev. Peter Ndungu of Nairobi, Kenya (Kenyan director) and Rev. Jim Powell of New Castle, Delaware (U.S. director), and to Amber Hobaugh, Donna's granddaughter, for increasing our awareness of the needs of these special children.

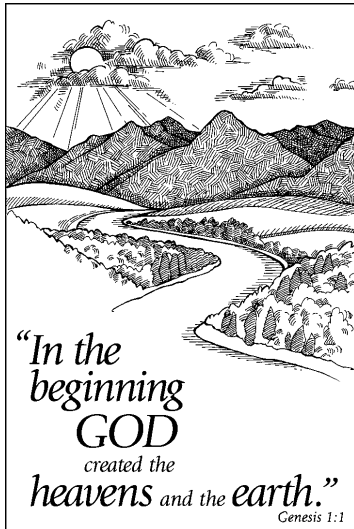


**Saturday, November 22
8 a.m. to Noon**

Volunteers are needed to help clear branches, leaves and other debris around the perimeter of the church yard. If you can help, please see Larry or call the church office at 724-287-7731.

Supplies are here at the church but we can always use extra rakes, work gloves, lawn bags, pruning tools, etc . . . and especially extra pairs of hands!

“Stewardship of God’s Green Earth, II”



Stewardship Sundays

Today, November 9 at 11 a.m.

Rev. Dr. William A. Jamieson, Preaching

November 16 at 11 a.m.

Stewardship Emphasis, plus
Recognition of Veterans during worship

Pledge Dedication Sunday

November 23 at 11 a.m.

Members of the church will be invited to come forward with their completed pledge cards for a Service of Blessing & Dedication

Please watch the mail! You will be receiving a correspondence containing your pledge card the week of November 17th!

SEEKERS’ CLASS NEXT SUNDAY

always provocative speakers, interesting topics & lively discussions

9:45 a.m. in the Assembly Room



November 16 and 30: Professor Ron Tappy

Renowned Biblical archaeologist and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary professor, Dr. Ron Tappy, continues his series entitled *Jacob, Esau, and the Kinship Ties that Bind*.

Schedule Change:

November 23 (program to be announced)

December 7th - Will Pollock (Meridian Presbyterian Church)

Topic: Presbyterian Mission Trip to South Africa

P.T.S. SPEAKER TO ADDRESS CRISIS IN MIDDLE EAST

Rev. Dr. Paul Haidostian, President of Haigazian University in Beirut, Lebanon, will speak at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary from 4:30-5:30 PM tomorrow, Monday, November 10th. A pastor in the Union of Armenian Evangelical Churches in the Near East, Dr. Haidostian will address the current crisis for Christians on the topic "The Future for Christians in the Troubled Middle East." World Mission Initiative is sponsoring this event held in Room 2 of the Administration Building at the seminary.

In The Life of Our Church

Prayer Concerns:

- Pastor Jim Prayers for his speedy and complete recovery following surgery
- Mary Lee Marten Prayers for continued healing of her knee and increased mobility of movement
- Eddie Butler III Recovering from surgery (son of Eddie Butler, Jr. / grandson of Betty Butler)
- Joan Moore Skilled Nursing, Concordia at Rebecca
- Mary Elizabeth Goehring. . Now receiving hospice care at Concordia, Cabot, PA
- Eleanor Ritts Now at the home of her daughter, Mary Hammonds
- Shari Swanson Visiting her family in Manila until 11-20

For Continued Prayer:

Julie & Bud Bruno; Marion Campbell; Marian Curran;
Brenda Keith; Gladys Strobel; Bill Wilson

Birthdays this week:

- Beverly Antis - November 10
T. Thomas Burkley - November 11
Katie Hitchcock - November 13
Nancy Jo Moorhead - November 13
Sarah Morrison - November 14



COVENANT CUPBOARD ITEMS TO DONATE

A list of current needs and preferences:

- Canned Goods (various kinds of beans, corn, fruit, Progresso soups)
Spaghetti
Noodles
Cake Mix
Pancake Mix
Oatmeal
Shampoo
Toothpaste
Toothbrushes
Soap
Paper Towels
Toilet Paper

Featured donations of the month:
NOVEMBER
CANNED GOODS
(beans, corn, fruit, Progresso soup)
CEREAL
(Oatmeal in particular)

These items are suggestions and, as always, any non-perishable item of your choice is greatly appreciated.

[A Note: *At present, the Cupboard is sufficiently stocked with soda crackers.*]

Concert Commemorating 200th Anniversary of Composer Felix Mendelssohn

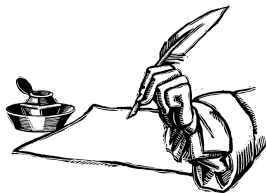
A concert featuring the 6 Grand Sonatas of Felix Mendelssohn will be performed by local organists in honor of his 200th Anniversary this Friday, November 14th at 7 pm. at St. Peter's Episcopal Church (218 E. Jefferson St.). A reception follows the concert.



Felix Mendelssohn

Featured Organists:

Kathy and Daryl Kemerer, Chuck Davey, Ellen Dodge, Dennis Bell, Eric Wicks, Signe Mitchell and George Armstrong.



Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847) is regarded by classical music aficionados and critics alike, as one of the most prolific and gifted composers the world has ever known. Mendelssohn showed signs of true genius from childhood.

Regarded by some critics as the 19th century equivalent of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, and others as a great composer who's contribution would have been greater, had his life been marred with more hardships, everyone should agree that he deserves his place amongst the best, and most influential.

[The concert is part of the American Guild of Organists International Year of the Organ.]

“In Celebration of the Beginning of Advent”

A CONCERT

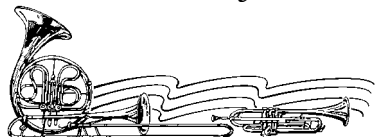
featuring

Matt Aلدorfer & SRU Friends

Trombone Quartet & Brass Quintet

November 30th @ 1:30 p.m.
Sanctuary of Covenant Church

*Matt, our choir section leader, and his SRU bandmates
will delight you with the majestic sound of brass!
Reserve this date on your calendar!*



STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS I

November 9, 2008

God, whose giving knows no ending,
From your rich and endless store--
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
Costly cross, grave's shattered door--
Gifted by you, we turn to you,
Offering up ourselves in praise;
Thankful song shall rise forever,
Gracious Donor of our days.

--first verse of the Stewardship Hymn written by
Robert L. Edwards (1961), Hope Publishing

Guest Preacher:

The Reverend Dr. William A. Jamieson

The Reverend Dr. James E. Swanson, Pastor

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