

Order of Service for the Public Worship of God

September 30, 2007

Eleven O'clock, A.M.

Guest Minister: Rev. Mr. Frederick W. Young Liturgist: Nancy Blewett
Pastor: Rev. Dr. James E. Swanson Organist/Choir Director: Beverly Antis

THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP BEGINS WITH THE MUSIC OF THE ORGAN

THE PRELUDE *Prelude and Fugue in B Flat Major* J. S. Bach

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

*THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 417
Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation REGENT SQUARE

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

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

Pastor: . . . 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
Questions 95 and 96 from the PC(USA) Study Catechism

Leader: [95] What is the second commandment?

People: **"You shall not make for yourself an idol"** (Ex. 20:4; Deut. 5:8).

Leader: [96] What do you learn from this commandment?

People: **First, when I treat anything other than God as though it were God, I practice idolatry. Second, when I assume that my own interests are more important than anything else, I make them into idols, and in effect make an idol of myself.**

*THE GREETINGS OF PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

THE NOISY OFFERING OF LOOSE CHANGE (Last Sunday of the month)

At the conclusion of the Children's Sermon, a "helper" will walk down the center aisle with a basket to collect Prayer Requests. Kindly pass your notes to the center so they may be placed into the basket. These will be included in the Pastoral Prayer of the Day and also forwarded to the Prayer Cordon for special attention. Thanks.

THE SHARING OF JOYS, CONCERNS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CHORAL PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

God be in my Head

John Rutter

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 91:14-16 (Pew Bible p. 527)

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

THE ANTHEM *Lord, our Lord, Thy Glorious Name* Henry Mollicone

THE EPISTLE LESSON Romans 12:1-8 (Pew Bible p. 152)

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

*THE GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 16:24-28 (Pew Bible p. 17)

Pastor: 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 SERMON "WHAT SHOULD YOU HAVE WITH YOU?" Reverend Young

THE HYMN 422 (seated) *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* BEACH SPRING

THE PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER (using "debts & "debtors")

THE THREE-FOLD AMEN Robert Lau

THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND GIFTS

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Cause Me To Hear Thy Lovingkindness

Raymond H. Haan

*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 538

Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing SICILIAN MARINERS

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE CHORAL RESPONSE *A Clare Benediction* John Rutter

*THE TIME OF SILENCE

*THE CHARGE AND DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*THE POSTLUDE

Fugue in A Major F. W. Zachau

*Those who are able, please stand.

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.

WE WELCOME TO OUR PULPIT THIS MORNING The Reverend Mr. Frederick W. Young. Reverend Young has been an American Baptist minister since 1963. He served as interim and assistant pastor for 4 years in Library, PA, then served as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Aliquippa for 10 years and then in Kittanning for 20 years. Locally, he has been a guest preacher at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Hill Presbyterian Church, Faith Presbyterian Church and Calvary Presbyterian Church and is a frequent volunteer at Covenant Cupboard.

Reverend Young's educational background consists of a B.A. in philosophy from The King's College; B.D. from Eastern Baptist Seminary in New Testament; Th. M. from Princeton Theological Seminary in Pastoral Counseling; and was conferred an honorary D.D. from Eastern Baptist Seminary.

THE FLOWERS in the Sanctuary are provided by Virginia Maust Thompson in loving memory of her son Jules F. Maust who passed away 15 years ago in 1992.

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

YOU WERE GREETED TODAY by Connie Brown.

THE USHERS: Mary Lee Marten and Grace Sechler.

THE COVENANT CHOIR will rehearse this Wednesday, October 3rd at 7 pm in the Sanctuary (this week only) to give choir members an opportunity to attend the Harmonic Brass concert at the First United Presbyterian Church of Freeport this Thursday.

The Seekers Sunday School Class

Stewardship of the Earth - An Environmental Look
Sunday, October 7th @ 9:45 a.m. (Assembly Room)

In-class discussion: Practical ways in which we can become responsible caretakers. Joining the discussion is special guest, Sister Carla Weemhoff, M.S. Ed., director of Beulah Land.

Beulah Land is a spiritual retreat center in Petrolia, PA. The 23-acre center for sustainable living and teaching of creation-centered spirituality includes an organic garden, woodland, meadows, 2 ponds, orchard, herb garden, and community supported agriculture program.

The Seekers Class meets each Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m. in the Assembly Room. Tea, coffee and a snack are served from the small kitchen before class.

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), Pastor Jim and the Swanson Family

Celebrating birthdays this week:

Minnie Anderson - September 30

Neil Thomas Conley - September 30

(Neil is Art Forbes' grandson and 'buddy' who is 8 yrs. old today!)

David Blewett - October 2

James Curry - October 4

Melissa Reese McAnallen - October 6

A Bridal Shower for Shari Guimong
This Saturday, October 6th at 1:30 p.m.
Assembly Room



A great opportunity to meet Andy Swanson's fiancée, to enjoy games and share food! A guest sign-up sheet is posted on the Assembly Room bulletin board. If you need gift suggestions, please see Connie Brown, organizer of the bridal shower.

Covenant Cupboard:

October - Soda Crackers or Graham Crackers



Baskets for your donations are located in the front hallway.

Monetary donations are always appreciated and needed.

Please make checks payable to Covenant Cupboard.



OCTOBER EVENTS ~ MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- Next Sunday, October 7 at 11 am** **WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Peacemaking Offering received
- Saturday, October 20 at 2:30 pm** **WEDDING:** Andrew Swanson
(Pastor Jim & Karen's son) and
Shari Guimong
- Saturday, October 27** **"SISTER BESSIE MAE" SOCIAL**
(time to be announced later)
- Sunday, October 28 at 2 pm** **'BLESSING OF THE PETS' SERVICE**



Mission Prayer Breakfast

This Saturday, October 6th at 8:30 am
Meridian Presbyterian Church
4150 Highland Ave.
(Room 15)

PURPOSE: To support Mission workers overseas

- To intentionally pray for Christian workers in the field
- Exchange information about missions of PCUSA
- Promote the missions supported by the participating churches

Please call the Meridian Presbyterian church office at 724.428.2630 (weekday mornings) to RSVP so they know how much food to prepare.

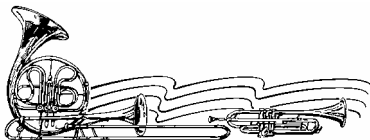
HARMONIC BRASS



"concerto italiano"

This Thursday, October 4th
7:30 p.m. (Doors open at 6:30 pm)

The United Presbyterian Church of Freeport
411 High St., Freeport, PA



Admission: \$15 General / \$10 Students
\$5 Children (age 10 and under)

COMMUNICATIONS

From Our Congregant . . .



Dear Friends,

I am well on my way to a full recovery. I wish to thank my church family for the cards and telephone calls.

It was your love, concern and prayers that helped get me through my ordeal. I thank each one of you.

Yours in Christ,
Ellie Walchesky

From Beaver-Butler Presbytery . . .

*You are
cordially invited ...*

. . . to participate in a celebration of worship during which the Beaver-Butler Presbytery will install the Rev. Dr. James M. Moran as pastor of the Cranberry Community United Presbyterian Church.

The service is scheduled for:

Sunday, October 14, 2007 at 2:00 P.M.

*At the Cranberry Community United Presbyterian Church,
2662 Rochester Road,
Cranberry Township, Pennsylvania 16066.*

From Knox Presbyterian Church . . .

GRACE AND PEACE to you from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ,

It is with great joy that we extend an invitation to you to attend the installation of our new pastor, Elizabeth Wallace.

The service will take place on Sunday, October 14, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. at our church, and will be followed by a potluck dinner in our social hall. We would love to share this time of worship with you, as the Presbytery of Beaver-Butler installs our new pastor.



In Christ's love,

The Members of Knox Presbyterian Church

(449 Nicholson Ave. / Ellwood City, PA 16117 / 724-758-8752)

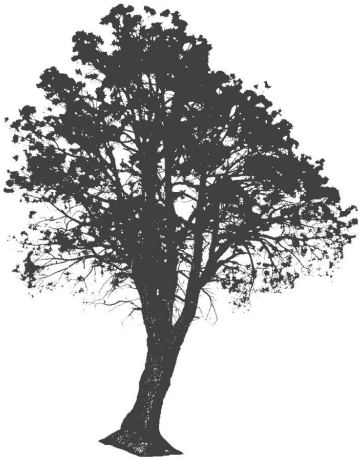


NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7TH

World Communion Sunday, celebrated the first Sunday in October, has taken on new relevancy and depth of meaning in a world where globalization often has undermined peace and justice and in a time when fear divides the peoples of God's earth. On this day we celebrate our oneness in Christ, the Prince of Peace, in the midst of the world we are called to serve—a world ever more in need of peacemaking.

World Communion Sunday (originally called World Wide Communion Sunday) originated in the Presbyterian Church (USA). In 1936, for the first time, the first Sunday in October was celebrated in Presbyterian churches in the United States and overseas. From the beginning, it was planned so that other denominations could make use of it and, after a few years, the idea spread beyond the Presbyterian Church to include ecumenical relations with 165 church partner communions and with many other organizations around the world. As we celebrate World Communion Sunday, remember our unity with all Christians and pray especially for our partners, who will also be receiving Communion.

2007 Peacemaking Offering



“And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations” (Revelation 22:2)

This year's Peacemaking Offering theme is taken from a verse in the book of Revelation. The verse is part of a larger description of John's vision of the new Jerusalem. One of the images John uses is the tree of life, with its twelve kinds of fruit and leaves that are to be used for the healing of all the nations of the world. It is an image of a world at peace, with enough for everyone to eat and the “medicine” to heal all the wounds and illnesses of humankind.

We live in the hope of that vision of peace and well-being expressed so vividly in the tree of life. The Peacemaking Offering is a tool of our efforts to live and work within that hope. The Peacemaking Offering is one of four special offerings designated by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The 192nd General Assembly (1980) of the former United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America called for an offering to be received to support peacemaking initiatives and peace education throughout the church when it adopted the recommendations in the report “Peacemaking: The Believers’ Calling.”

The Peacemaking Offering will be received next Sunday, World Wide Communion Sunday, October 7th during the 11 am Worship Service. An offering envelope may be found in the Welcome Back edition of the Covenant Chronicle. Please make checks payable to Covenant Presbyterian Church designated “peacemaking” in the memo portion.

September 30, 2007

When I stand before God at the end of my life,
I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left,
and could say, "I used everything You gave me."

- *Erma Bombeck*

If a man is called to be a street sweeper,
he should sweep streets even as Michelangelo painted,
or Beethoven played music, or Shakespeare wrote poetry.
He should sweep streets so well that all the hosts
of heaven and earth will pause to say,
here lived a great street sweeper who did his job well.

- *Martin Luther King, Jr.*

For a small reward, a man will hurry away on a long journey;
while for eternal life, many will hardly take a single step.

- *Thomas a' Kempis (1380-1471)*

The Reverend Mr. Frederick W. Young, Guest Preacher

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