

"So shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose and succeed in the thing for which I sent it."

Isaiah 55:11

Order of Worship

September 13, 2009

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**THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

10:30 AM

SEPTEMBER 13, 2009



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Teaching God, you have called us into community together. We give you thanks for all people, young and old, who teach us more about what it means to be disciples of your Son, Jesus Christ, in the world. In everything we do—in worship, learning, service, and playing—may we give you all glory and praise. We pray all of this in the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(To continue preparation for worship, read the rest of page 259 in the Mission Yearbook in the pew.)

THE FIRST NOTE OF THE PRELUDE begins our worship. Please use the prelude time to listen for God’s invitation to praise Him.

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE

“Pastorale”

CHARLES WESLEY

WELCOME

SONG FOR ASSEMBLY

“For Surely I Know the Plans”

G. S. OATEN

Come gath - er my friends and see _____ The Fruits of the
Spi - rit lived out: _____ As we see Je - sus in
One and all, We rise to ad - min - is - ter grace.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

The word goes forth from the mouth of God. Mountains and plains break into singing.
It is good to give thanks to God. We join in songs of gladness and praise.

Rain and snow water the earth. Life is renewed and people are fed.
We rejoice in God’s abiding faithfulness. Let all people declare God’s steadfast love.



*HYMN #560

"We Plow the Fields and Scatter"

NYLAND

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION AND SILENT CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Merciful God, we are dead inside due to our sins, cut off from you, the source of life, we are unable to stop and receive the treasure you offer us. We claim to follow Christ but instead go our own way. We call on you for insight and blessing but fail to do what you empower us to do. We dry up, ignoring the healing waters of your love which bring life and growth. Save us God, for we cannot save ourselves.

HYMN #572

KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*HYMN #592

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.



*PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Operation Christmas Child

SANDY GINGRICH

JOYS AND CONCERNS

INTERCESSIONS AND PETITIONS

LORD'S PRAYER *(Please use "debts & debtors".)*

PRESBYTERIAN HYMNAL – Pg. 16

THE WORD OF GOD

A WORD WITH THE CHILDREN

FIRST LESSON

ISAIAH 55:6-11

OT – Pg. 702 in the gray Bible, Pg. 645 in the blue Bible

from the New International Readers Version (given to some of our children last year) .

- 1 Blessed is the one who obeys the law of the Lord.
Who doesn't follow the advice of evil people.
Who doesn't make a habit of doing what sinners do.
Who doesn't join those who make fun of the Lord and his law.

**2 Instead, they delight in the law of the Lord.
They think about God's law day and night.**

- 3 They are like a tree that is planted near a stream of water.
It always bears its fruit at the right time.
Its leaves don't dry up.
Everything godly people do turns out well.

**4 Sinful people are not like that at all.
They are like straw that the wind blows away.**

- 5 When the Lord judges them, their life will come to an end.
Sinners won't have any place among those who are godly.

**6 The Lord watches over the lives of those who are godly.
But the lives of sinful people will lead to their death.**

*HYMN

"Ancient Words"

INSERT

SECOND LESSON

NT – Pg. 4 in either Bible

MATT 5:17-19

SERMON

"Finding the Way"

REV. ROBERTA J. KEARNEY

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY

Senior Choir Anthem

"Sing Them Over Again to Me"

PHILIP P. BLISS

*DEDICATION HYMN

"Freely, Freely"

CAROL OWENS



Free - ly, free - ly, you have re - ceived,
free - ly, free - ly give. Go in my name, and be -
cause you be - lieve, oth - ers will know that I live."

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES' CREED

As teachers I ask you to profess your faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you trust in Christ as your Lord and Savior? **I DO**

Do you promise to offer the wisdom, guidance and love of Christ to all you teach? **I DO**

Let us express our unity with the church of all ages, as we confess the faith of our baptism in the words of 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.

Let us pray, Lord, our God, we thank you for your Word and Spirit, through which we know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Help these teachers to continue firmly in the faith, to bear witness to your love, and to let the Holy Spirit shape their lives as they guide others in the faith.

*CLOSING HYMN #276

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

FAITHFULNESS

*CHARGE

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

"May the Grace of Christ Our Savior"

JOHN STAINER

*POSTLUDE

"Voluntary in E Minor"

JOHN STANLEY



*Those who are able are invited to stand.

❖❖❖❖❖Latecomers may be seated.



IF YOU ARE A VISITOR, we welcome you to Faith Presbyterian Church. We invite you to join us for fellowship following worship. Also, we would be pleased if you filled in a visitor card and placed it in the offering plate. If you would like to know more about Faith Church, you may speak to an usher or check the appropriate box on the visitor card.

Announcements

Christian Education

This morning during worship, we recognize and commission this year's Christian Education team and teachers. We are grateful for their time and ministry.

Jack Decker	Katy McDonald
Jacqueline Decker	Adreck McDonald
Lisa Decker	Kris Melnick
Zona Farmer	Diane Millick
John Gill	Jim Millick
Ron Gingrich	Pam Mongi
Sally Heimbach	Laurie Payea
JoAnne Herring	Diane Perry
Donna Hill	Janie Slamon
Roberta Kearney	Nancy O'Leary
Kim Krieder	Karina Piper
Bruce Kunkle	Brent Schaefer
Pam Martin	Alicia Shussett
Jana Masenheimer	Sue Vitale

Congregational Meeting...

Today, immediately following worship. The purpose of the meeting is to act on the recommendations of the Nominating Committee.



Pastor's Schedule

Roberta will be on study leave September 14-22. Next Sunday, our guest preacher will be Rev. Greg Palmer.



Daybreak – September 14

Needed: 1-2 persons to bake 2 doz. cookies each
If you can help, please sign up in Fellowship Hall.
Cookies need to be in the church kitchen by noon.

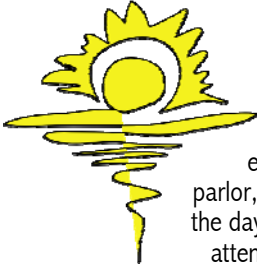
(Faith Church cooks and serves a meal at Daybreak on the second Monday of each month, from 2:30 to 4:30 pm. The rewards of helping with this Mission service cannot be measured. Daybreak is a drop-in center for people recovering from mental illness. Donations of homemade cookies are always welcome, even preferred. Sugar-free cookies are also appreciated. *NOTE: Because of possible nut allergies, please mark cookies that have nuts in them.* Drop them off in the kitchen by noon of that Monday. Helpers are also needed, especially cooks, from approx. 2:30 to 4:30 pm. For more information, speak to Barbara Newman (610-967-3682) or Jean Scott (610-966-5487). Don't pass up this very easy opportunity to "do unto others.")

Worship Assistant Informational Gathering

Sunday, September 27th—following worship

If you will serve as a worship assistant in October, November or December, or are interested in leading worship, come find out how the opportunities for worship assistant are growing.

Please join us, after worship on Sunday, September 27, in the sanctuary.



First Thursdays Sunrise Devotional

Join us the first Thursday of each month, at 6:30 am in the parlor, for a brief devotional to start the day. There is no commitment to attend every month. Drop in if you need prayer, support or just want to try it out. The group meets at 6:30 am sharp and closes promptly at 7 am.

Come if you have a question about your faith, want to talk more about Sunday's sermon, are wondering about something, or need prayer or support. For questions see Janie Slamon or Louise Schaefer. Next meeting, October 1, 6:30 AM.



**SUNDAY
OCTOBER 4**

“BUILDING THE KINGDOM”

Faith Presbyterian Church SCRIP Program

The **Building & Grounds Committee** has plenty of **projects** that need funding. The profits from the **SCRIP PROGRAM** will help offset these costs.

We received **12 orders** in **August** totaling **\$3,085.0** for the **GREAT LAKES SCRIP** and **WEIS** programs which generated **\$170.85** to help offset the costs of various **Buildings & Grounds Projects**.

The **total for 2009 (8 months)** is **\$1,652.38**.

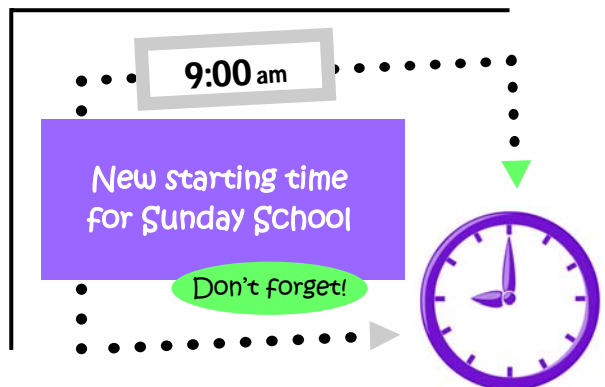
Today is the deadline for orders.

For a complete list of retailers or for more information check the **table in the Fellowship Hall** or www.glscrip.com.

Please contact Sally Heimbach (**610-965-2102** or sheimbch@ptd.net) with any questions or concerns.

Great Lakes Scrip Center Instructions

1. Look at the list of Retailers (in Fellowship Hall, or the much larger list at the Great Lakes website) and make your choices of gift cards (SCRIP).
2. Fill out an order form.
3. Place order form and check (made payable to Faith Presbyterian Church) in Sally Heimbach's mailbox in the church office, by the second Sunday of the month.
4. Gift cards will be available by the fourth Sunday of the month. Gift cards may also be picked up during regular church office hours.



Volunteers needed!

Bulletin folder needed Thursdays from September 17 through October 8. If you can help, please contact the church office. (610) 967-5600

Devotional Fellowship Group

Thursdays...9:30—11 am

Study Material: *"My Time with God"*
Join us any or all of the times.

Locations of the meetings

Sep. 17Deanna Robinson
(10-11:30 am this date only)
Sep. 24Amy Waters
Oct. 1Sue Vitale
Oct. 8Deanna Robinson
Oct. 15Lynn Ingram
Oct. 22Sue Vitale
Oct. 29Susan Moring
Nov. 5.....Patty Colson
Nov. 12Susan Moring

The next 4 dates will be available soon.
Directions available in the church office or
from Deanna (610-395-0669) at
DSWRobinson@ptd.net



My Time with God

Preparing to Feast with God

Starts today at 9:00 am.

My Time with God is a great resource for couples, families, Bible studies or small groups hungry to spend time with God and one another.

On September 13th and 20th there will be a two-week introduction to our New Testament devotional *My Time with God*. These two weeks you will get tips and tools for approaching God's word. Everyone who wants to read and pray through the New Testament, whether on their own or in a group, should plan to attend these introduction classes in Room 5. Monday, September 21st, we begin reading *My Time with God*.

There are at least three different times during the week when you can meet with a group to discuss what you are discovering.

- Wednesdays at noon, (starting Sept 23)
- Sunday mornings at 9 am (starting Sept 27)
- Thursday mornings 9:30 am with the Devotional Fellowship Group (starting Sept 17).

If 6-8 people express an interest, there will also be an evening discussion group.

Contact Sue Vitale or Roberta Kearney with any questions you may have.

Copies of *My Time with God* are available in the church office at \$10 per copy. When picking up a copy please leave a note in the box (for Sue Vitale) with your name on it.



Flyer Deadline!

Next Sunday is the deadline for the October edition of The Faith Flyer. Does your committee or group need publicity? Early submissions are always appreciated.



Fairly Traded Coffee

The Mission Committee is offering the congregation the opportunity to purchase Equal Exchange Fairly Traded Coffee. Both “regular” and “de-caf” drip coffee is available for \$7.00 per bag. Now, for your further coffee enjoyment, we also offer “whole bean” and “hazelnut crème” flavored, at the same price

of \$7.00 per bag.

Fairly traded coffee is served at our fellowship hour following worship if you'd like to get a taste before buying. Please look for the display on the table in Fellowship Hall. If paying by check, please write “Fair Trade Coffee” on the memo line.



Spiritfest '09

“Renew a steadfast spirit within me.” ~ Ps. 51:10b

Sunday September 20

See the poster hanging outside Fellowship Hall for more details on an event that includes *Looking Up* the praise band from the Slatington Presbyterian Church.



Are you interested in joining Faith Presbyterian Church?

Please contact Ann Lowell by phone: 610-398-8267; or by email: lowellga@ptd.net with any questions regarding the process of becoming a member of our church.

The next Membership conversation series will take place in the Fall.

Faith Presbyterian Church of Emmaus

Concert Series 2009-2010

A Gift to the Community



Organ Plus

Organ plus instruments,

Guest Organist

October 18, 2009 + Sunday, 3:00 PM

Reception

Sounds, Sights, and Snacks

January 31, 2010 + Sunday, 3:00 PM

Heidelberg

Concert Handbell Choir

Jackie Laudenslager, Director

April 25, 2010 + Sunday, 3:00 PM

Concert featuring Young Musicians

To be announced at a later date.



Free will offering.

Information: please contact Eleanor Focht

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Joys & Concerns

Keep these people in your prayers!

- ◆ **Melanie Shimer**, as she recovers from a broken leg.
- ◆ **Dave Weber**, as he undergoes another round of chemo.
- ◆ **Bruce Yaeck**, brother of **Joanne Rath**, as he recovers from a serious injury.
- ◆ **Lorraine Whaley**, sister of **Kathy Hemberger**, on her recent cancer diagnosis and treatment.
- ◆ The grandfather of **Chad Gorr**, as he continues his ongoing battle with ALS.
- ◆ **Emma Takacs**, in her daily walk with cerebral palsy.
- ◆ **Blanche Ring**, mother of **Debbie Lillegard**, undergoing treatment for cancer.
- ◆ All **church members** & their families who are experiencing job loss and economic uncertainty.

We respect your privacy. If you have a joy or a concern you would like printed in the bulletin, please contact your deacon, or call the church office (610) 967-5600.

In **MILITARY SERVICE**

Keep these people in your prayers!

- ◆ **Bethany Kauffman**, niece of **Jim & Penny Pantano**, serving in the Middle East.
- ◆ **Charles Van Heest**, grandson of **Kay & Dave Weber**.
- ◆ **Doland J. Miller**, son-in-law of **George J. Smits**
- ◆ **Amanda** and **Jeremy Miller**, grandchildren of **George J. Smits**.
- ◆ **Lucas Whittington**, grandnephew of **Cliff & Donna Lucas**.

LEHIGH PRESBYTERY CHURCHES

Please remember to pray for your brothers and sisters of the Lehigh Presbytery.

- ◆ **The Barn**
- ◆ **First Presbyterian Church, Bethlehem**



September 13— Robert Barnes

September 15— Carolyn Baittinger, Robbie Barnes,
Andrew Martin, Laura Warner

September 16— Bruce Wagner

September 19— James Barbour

Nursery Caregiver Position

We are looking for a child care provider for the nursery. The position is for someone 18 years or older. The hours are 8:45 to 11:45 AM every Sunday. The wage is \$10/hour. If you know anyone who might be interested in this paid position, please contact Sue Vitale by phone (610-360-3998) or email (vitale725@yahoo.com).



Two Weeks of Faith

Room Numbers, indicating where meetings will be held (when known), are shown in parenthesis following the listing.

This Week

Sunday, September 13

SCRIP ORDERS DUE

- 9:00 am— Sunday School
- 10:30 am— Worship Service
- Congregational Meeting following worship
- Noon— Worship (3)
- 5:00 pm— Youth Group (FH)
- 7:00 pm— Youth Music (S)
- 7:00 pm— Faith on the Road

Monday, September 14

PASTOR ON STUDY LEAVE

- 2:30 pm— Daybreak
- 6:30 pm— Eagle Scout Project (FH)
- Pastor on study leave until 9/22

Tuesday, September 15

- 6:00 pm— PNC**
- 6:30 pm— Eagle Scout Project (FH)
- 7:15 pm— Deacons (P)

Wednesday, September 16

- 6:00 pm— Handbell Choir Rehearsal (S)
- 6:30 pm— Eagle Scout Project (FH)
- 7:30 pm— Senior Choir Rehearsal (S)

Thursday, September 17

- 6:30 am— Pepper (P)
- 9:30 am— Devotional Fellowship Group (Robinson)
- 7-10 pm— Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

Friday, September 18

- 6:30 pm— Eagle Scout Project (FH)

**God Leads Us Everywhere (Youth Group)*

***Pastoral Nominating Committee*

****Youth to Kenya*

Next Week

Sunday, September 20

FLYER DEADLINE

- 9:00 am— Sunday School
- 10:30 am— Worship Service
- 11:45 am— Alpha Choir (7)
- 11:45 am— Christian Ed
- 5:00 pm— G.L.U.E.
- 7:00 pm— Youth Music (S)
- 7:30 pm— Y2K***

Monday, September 21

- 6:00 pm— PNC
- 7:30 pm— Mission

Tuesday, September 22

PASTOR RETURNS

- 4:00 pm— Presbytery (Middle Smithfield)
- 7:30 pm— Membership
- 7:30 pm— Stewardship

Wednesday, September 23

- 9:00 am— Emmaus Garden Club (FH)
- 6:00 pm— Handbell Choir Rehearsal (S)
- 7:30 pm— Senior Choir Rehearsal (S)

Thursday, September 24

- 6:30 am— Pepper (P)
- 9:30 am— Devotional Fellowship Group (Waters)
- 10:00 am— Flyer Crew (FH)
- 7-10 pm— Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

Friday, September 25

Saturday, September 26

REGARDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please plan for your announcements to be printed in the church bulletin and bring or email them to the church office no later than Wednesday afternoon.

Office hours: Monday through Thursday—9:00 am to 2:00 pm...Closed Friday
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