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DEACON GREETER: Debbie Lillegard

FELLOWSHIP DEACON: John Stewart

FLOWER DEACON: Debbie Lillegard

CLOSER: Ann Lowell

USHER/GREETER CAPTAIN: Beth Kunkle

CHILDCARE: Danielle Freeman

USHERS: Kathy Hemberger, Larry Hemberger, Betty Winters, Elaine Smits

ALTAR FLOWERS:

Jim & Eleanor DePhillips, in memory of Eleanor's dad.

The Martins, in celebration of Andrew's birthday and Phillip's birthday.

ELDERS:

Class of 2009—John Baittinger, Lisa Decker, Ann Lowell, Sam Wilber

Class of 2010—Lynn Ingram, Dorothy Nicholas, Alicia Shussett, Joe Smits

Class of 2011—Ron Gingrich, Sue Vitale, Tom Lawall, Jim Millick

DEACONS:

Class of 2009—Carolyn Baittinger, Sally Heimbach, John Stewart, Chuck Waters

Class of 2010—Peter Ferguson, Larry Hemberger, Debbie Lillegard, Melanie Shimer

Class of 2011—Darlene Dourney, Zona Farmer, Don Piper, Hank Rath

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

**10:30 AM
SEPTEMBER 20, 2009**

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Holy and Everlasting God, in your infinite wisdom and goodness you call men and women to serve you with lives poured out, dedicated to encourage and lead and serve with humble hearts in your church. We thank you for forging a partnership with seminaries and churches that are working together to equip leaders to spread the good news of our Lord, Jesus Christ. To you, O Lord, be the glory! Amen.

(To continue preparation for worship, read the rest of page 266 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: *"Prayer" (Suite Gothique)*
LÉON BOËLLMANN

WELCOME

*SONG FOR ASSEMBLY: *"For Surely I Know the Plans"*
G. S. OATEN

Come gather my friends and see,
The Fruits of the Spirit lived out:
As we see Jesus in One and all,
We rise to administer grace.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come one and all to meet God here.
Let all you are suffering find hope in this place.
We have come that God might raise us up.
Our only hope is in the Maker of heaven and earth.

Come, all who are weary and oppressed.
God offers relief and enlists our mutual helpfulness.
God hears our prayers and answers us.
God equips us to be helpful to one another.

Come together to sing songs of praise to God.
Give thanks for God's wondrous deeds.
God's glory abides in this place of worship.
God's presence and help are real.

*HYMN #394: "There Is a Balm in Gilead"
BALM IN GILEAD

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION AND SILENT CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

All-powerful God, we confess our devious ways. Even when prayers for others are on our lips, we seek ways to secure our own advantages. We put our trust in things we can accumulate rather than aligning ourselves with your will and way. Our behavior creates enemies and multiplies divisions among your people. Then we want you on our side against those who are different from us. We confuse our preferences with your intentions. O God, we need healing, but we are afraid to lose the illusions of control that are so much a part of us. We fear the very changes that would give us integrity. Help us, gracious God.

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: Peacemaking
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: PSALM 124

OT – Pg. 583 in the gray Bible, Pg. 540 in the blue Bible

*HYMN 380: "O Christ, the Healer"
ERHALT UNS, HERR

SECOND LESSON: JAMES 5:13-20
NT – Pg. 221 in the gray Bible, Pg. 217 in the blue Bible

SERMON: *“Faith & Healing”*
REV. GREG PALMER

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD

OFFERTORY: *“God of Great and God of Small”*
NATALIE SLEETH
Senior Choir Anthem

*DEDICATION HYMN: *“Freely, Freely”*
CAROL OWENS

Freely, freely, you have received.
Freely, freely give.
Go in my name and because you believe
Others will know that I live.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
THE APOSTLES’ CREED

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.**

*CLOSING HYMN #540: *“God Be With You Till We Meet Again”*
RANDOLPH
God be with you till we meet again;
Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
With a shepherd’s care unfold you;
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again;
Unseen wings protecting hide you;
Daily manna still provide you;
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again;
When life's perils thick confound you;
Put unfailing arms around you;
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again;
Keep love's banner floating o'er you,
Smite death's threatening wave before you;
God be with you till we meet again.

*CHARGE

*CHORAL BENEDICTION: *"Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing"*
SICILIAN MARINERS

*POSTLUDE: *"Allegro" (Suite Gothique)*
LÉON BOËLLMANN

*Those who are able are invited to stand.
*****Latecomers may be seated.

Announcements

In the pulpit...

This morning, we welcome Rev. Gregory K. Palmer to our pulpit this morning. Rev. Palmer is a Presbyterian minister and a clinical social worker. Dr. Palmer is a pastor and clinician among the Allentown Associates in Psychiatry, and he is a Parish Associate with First Presbyterian Church of Allentown.

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Flyer Deadline!

Today is the deadline for the October edition of The Faith Flyer. Does your committee or group need publicity? Don't forget! Drop your written submissions in the folder in the church office, or send them electronically to adnyl2@rcn.com.

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Coming Soon!

Watch for a new Parish Life adventure for all Faith women!

Volunteers needed!

Collators needed for the Faith Flyer this Thursday, September 24. We start at 10:00 am and it only takes about an hour and a half with enough help. Some of our regulars can't be there! Can you help? Call the church office on Monday. Thanks!

Also!!! Bulletin folders needed Thursdays from now through October 8. If you can help, please contact the church office. (610) 967-5600

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New Nursery Caregiver

We have a new child care provider for the nursery. Let me introduce Danielle Freeman. She is a junior at Cedar Crest College majoring in biochemistry with a concentration in forensics. She has three brothers, the youngest of which is 7 years old. She is one of the oldest of 13 cousins who all live in the same town in New York, so she has a lot of experience with babysitting. She starts in the nursery on this morning and will be there from 8:45 to 11:45 AM.

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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.

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My Time with God

Preparing to Feast with God

Monday, September 21st, we begin reading *My Time with God*. The book is a great resource for couples, families, Bible studies or small groups hungry to spend time with God and one another. 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 (started Sept 17).

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.

Devotional Fellowship Group
Thursdays...9:30—11 am

Study Material: *“My Time with God”*

Locations of the meetings

Sep. 24 Amy Waters
Oct. 1 Sue Vitale
Oct. 8 Deanna Robinson
Oct. 15 Lynn Ingram
Oct. 22 Sue Vitale
Oct. 29 Susan Moring
Nov. 5 Patty Colson
Nov. 12 Susan Moring

We welcome any who would like to join us for one or more of the sessions. Directions available in the church office or contact Deanna Robinson (610-395-0669) at DSWRobinson@ptd.net

My Time With God

Week #1

For this week we are reading

Matthew 1:1 thru 6:15

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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.

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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 October.

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It's Quilting time!

Join us on September 29 at 7:00 pm to work on the quilts for our Pieces of Warmth project. There are a variety of tasks for a variety of skill levels, so everyone is invited, even the timid.

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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

Faith Presbyterian Church of Emmaus
North Second & Cherokee Streets
Emmaus, PA 18049; 610-967-5600
faithchurch@faithchurchemmaus.org.

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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.

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Emmaus Chorale

Singers are welcome and needed for the Winter Concert. Rehearsals begin Monday, September 28 at 7:30 pm at the Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit on S. Cedar Crest Blvd. in Emmaus. The Concert date is December 4, time TBA, at Bethel Church, Emmaus, with Mark Suter directing.

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SpiritFest '09

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

Today! 1:00

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.

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Birthdays

September 25—Betty Winters

September 26—Joe Payea

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Joys & Concerns

Keep these people in your prayers!

Ann Greenwood and her family, on the death of her granddaughter **Emma Takacs**, daughter of **Chuck & Ann (Mick) Takacs**.

The family of **Myrtle DiMenna**, on her recent death.

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.

Blanche Ring, mother of **Debbie Lillegard**, under-going 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.

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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**.

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

Presbyterian Church of Catasauqua
Christian Evangelical Arabic Center, Allentown

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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 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.* (3)
- 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)
- 6:30 pm—Eagle Scout Project (FH)
- 7:30 pm—Membership (P)
- 7:30 pm—Stewardship

Wednesday, September 23

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

Thursday, September 24

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

Friday, September 25

- 6:30 pm—Eagle Scout Project (FH)

Saturday, September 26

Next Week

Sunday, September 27

9:00 am—Sunday School
10:30 am—Worship Service
11:30 am—Worship Assistant Information
11:45 am—Alpha Choir (7)
6:00 pm—G.L.U.E.* (3)

Monday, September 28

6:00 pm—PNC
6:30 pm—Partnership

Tuesday, September 29

7:00 pm—Quilting (FH)

Wednesday, September 30

6:00 pm—Handbell Choir Rehearsal (S)
7:30 pm—Senior Choir Rehearsal (S)

Thursday, October 1

6:30 am—1st Thursday Sunrise Devotional (P)
9:30 am—Devotional Fellowship Group (Vitale)
7-10 pm—Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

Friday, October 2

Saturday, October 3

9:00 am—Set up for Stewardship Mission Fair (FH)

**God Leads Us Everywhere (Youth Group)*

***Youth to Kenya*

****Pastoral Nominating Committee*