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Jim & Eleanor DePhillips, in loving memory of Jim's mother.

The Kreiders, in loving memory of Kim's father, Wilhelm Belzner.

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-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
10:30 AM
OCTOBER 18, 2009**

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Holy And merciful God, the covenantal love you established with your people is broken repeatedly by human sin. Help us break the code of silence, to stand boldly against domestic violence, and to proclaim God's will for loving and just relationships in our families. In Christ's Holy Name, we pray. Amen.

(To continue preparation for worship, read the rest of page 294 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
Handbell Choir

"Etude in G"
"Amazing Grace"

JOHN A. BEHNKE
ARR. JOHN A. BEHNKE

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

Be rich in faith, says the God who gives us life.
We trust in God, who is faithful to us.

Be strong in spirit, says the God who carries us through life.
We trust in God, who surrounds us with love.

Be generous to one another, says the God of abundant grace.
We trust in God, who is the giver of every gift.

Be steadfast in your lives, says the God of wisdom.
We trust in God, who endures forever.

*HYMN #356

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

ROBERT ROBINSON

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of Thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood;

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION AND SILENT CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God you know every excuse we offer as to why we are not generous, why we are afraid to do as you ask of us. We continue to wrestle with our weakness. We find ourselves struggling, because we do not want to hear what you ask of us, because we are still living so much for ourselves rather than rejoicing in what we have. Help us. Forgive us. Strengthen our wills and our hearts, we pray in the name of Jesus, our Lord.

HYMN #572

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

KYRIE

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 STEWARDSHIP
JOYS AND CONCERNS

SALLY ECK

God be with you

And also with you.

O God, help us to be satisfied with all you have given us, so we serve with purpose and wonder.

Christ have mercy on us.

God you have faithfully sustained every generation, reveal your promises to us.

Christ have mercy on us.

May we give others, both the lovable and the unlovable, the love you have generously given to us.

Christ have mercy on us.

As your body in the world, help us, your church, to live into your call for justice and peace.

Christ have mercy on us.

Hear our prayers for those in need of help and comfort

Christ have mercy on us.

Grant us your hope that we may be strong in offering your grace to all we see.

Christ have mercy on us.

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

PRESBYTERIAN HYMNAL – PG. 16

THE WORD OF GOD

A WORD WITH THE CHILDREN

MATTHEW 5:17-19

¹⁷ 'Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished.

¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

FIRST LESSON

ISAIAH 55:1-4

OT – Pg. 702 in the gray Bible, Pg. 644 in the blue Bible

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

PSALM 78:17-25

OT – Pg. 546 in the gray Bible, Pg. 509 in the blue Bible

(Leader reads the odd verses and Congregation reads the even verses. We read Verse 25 in unison.)

¹⁷Yet they sinned still more against him, rebelling against the Most High in the desert.

¹⁸**They tested God in their heart by demanding the food they craved.**

¹⁹They spoke against God, saying, 'Can God spread a table in the wilderness?

²⁰**Even though he struck the rock so that water gushed out and torrents overflowed, can he also give bread, or provide meat for his people?'**

²¹Therefore, when the Lord heard, he was full of rage; a fire was kindled against Jacob, his anger mounted against Israel,

²²**because they had no faith in God, and did not trust his saving power.**

²³Yet he commanded the skies above, and opened the doors of heaven;

²⁴**he rained down on them manna to eat, and gave them the grain of heaven.**

Unison: ²⁵Mortals ate of the bread of angels; he sent them food in abundance.

*HYMN #298

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

IN BABILONE

There's a wideness in God's mercy,
Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in God's justice,
Which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows
Are more felt than up in Heaven;
There is no place where earth's failings
Have such kindly judgment given.

For the love of God is broader
Than the measures of the mind;
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful
We would glad trust God's word;
And our lives reflect thanksgiving
For the goodness of our Lord.

SECOND LESSON

MATTHEW 16:5-12

NT – Pg. 17 in either Bible

⁵ When the disciples reached the other side, they had forgotten to bring any bread.
⁶ Jesus said to them, 'Watch out, and beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees.'
⁷ They said to one another, 'It is because we have brought no bread.'
⁸ And becoming aware of it, Jesus said, 'You of little faith, why are you talking about having no bread?'
⁹ Do you still not perceive? Do you not remember the five loaves for the five thousand, and how many baskets you gathered?
¹⁰ Or the seven loaves for the four thousand, and how many baskets you gathered?
¹¹ How could you fail to perceive that I was not speaking about bread? Beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees!
¹² Then they understood that he had not told them to beware of the yeast of bread, but of the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

SERMON

"From One Generation to the Next"

REV. ROBERTA J. KEARNEY

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

ARR. ROBERT IVY

Handbell Choir

*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

A PORTION OF "OUR SONG OF HOPE"
REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA, 1978

We sing to the Lord a new song; we sing into our world a sure hope:
Our God loves this world, God called it into being, God renews it through

Jesus Christ, God governs it by the Spirit. God is the world's true hope.

Our only hope is Jesus Christ.

After we refused to live in the image of God,

**he was born of the virgin Mary, sharing our genes and our instincts,
entering our culture, speaking our language, fulfilling the law of our
God.**

**Being united in Christ's humanity, we know ourselves when we rest in
him.**

Jesus Christ is the hope of God's world.

**In his death, the justice of God is established;
forgiveness of sin is proclaimed.**

**On the day of his resurrection, the tomb was empty; his disciples
saw him; death was defeated; new life has come.**

God's purpose for the world was sealed.

Our ascended Lord gives hope for two ages.

**In the time to come, Christ is the judge, rejecting unrighteousness,
isolating God's enemies to hell, blessing the new creation in Christ.**

**In this age, the Holy Spirit is with us, calling nations to follow God's
path, uniting people through Christ in love.**

Come Lord Jesus: we are open to your Spirit. We await your full presence.
Our world finds rest in you alone.

*CLOSING HYMN

"Forward through the Ages"

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Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,
Move the faithful spirits, at the call divine;
Gifts in differing measure, hearts of one accord,
Manifold in service, one the sure reward.

Refrain

*Forward through the ages, in unbroken line
Move the faithful spirits at the call divine.*

Wide grows God's dominion, reign of love and peace.
For it we must labor, till all strivings cease.
Prophets have proclaimed it, teachers testified.
Poets sung its glory, martyrs for it died.

Refrain

Not alone we conquer, not alone we fall;
In each loss or triumph, lose or triumph all.
Bound by God's far purpose in one living whole,
Move we on together to the shining goal.

Refrain

*CHARGE

*CHORAL BENEDICTION *"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"* PETER C. LUTKIN
Senior Choir

*ORGAN POSTLUDE *"Voluntary in B Flat"* JONATHAN BATTISHILL

*Those who are able are invited to stand.

*****Latecomers may be seated.

Announcements

Good Common Sense

As we enter the cold and flu season, it's good to remember some common sense ways we can help one another stay well.

First, of course, is to stay home if you are not feeling well or are already sick.

Second, is to minimize hand contact with one another, which does not mean eliminating greeting one another.

Third, in our enthusiasm to be welcoming, we need to remember and honor all who prefer not to be touched, for whatever reason. We want to respect people's preferences and to care for those whose immune systems are vulnerable due to chemotherapy, or any other reason.

Fourth, we can make temporary modifications to the ways we do certain things. So for the month of November communion will be received in the pews rather than by intinction.

Finally, church is a place we deliberately recognize and greet everyone with a smile, with eye contact, and a touch. So when we pass the Peace of Christ, when we greet or leave one another, we can reduce hand contact by touching someone on the arm, by joining wrists, or by facing one another.

Let us be sure in all we do, we greet one another in the Lord.



Membership Conversations

We will be holding a series of Membership Conversations this fall, beginning with a "**Meet and Greet**" session **this morning** after Worship. We invite anyone that has decided to take part in these conversations as well as anyone *just thinking* about going through the process of joining the church to attend this casual meeting.



Parish Life—W.O.F. Daytime

November 19

1:00 pm in Fellowship Hall

Devotions & Tea

Fall Flower Arranging

Speaker: Rosie Ebersole

Come—Relax—Refresh!



Concert Series 2009-2010

This afternoon, at 3:00 pm, Faith Church will present the first program in the 2009-2010 concert series.

Gloria Snyder from First Presbyterian Church, Allentown, will be the guest organist at **Organ Plus**. She will play duets with the following musicians: Gwen Loomis on the piano, Jim Henry on the flugelhorn, and Elaine Martin on the flute. Eleanor Focht will join with Mrs. Snyder for an organ duet.

**Invite your friends to
attend the concert!**



Operation Christmas Child

On **November 1**, Women of Faith will be hosting a "Packing Party" to gather and assemble our congregation's shoe boxes. Everyone is invited to join in, pack a box, enjoy some refreshments, and participate in the fellowship of this special event. In the meantime, keep collecting your shoe boxes and various goodies you and your family would like to include. For more information on what can be included in the boxes, see the bulletin board outside Fellowship Hall for an OCC brochure. If you do not wish to pack a box, consider donating to help cover the shipping costs of our boxes. There are many ways to be involved in our OCC project.



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 7:00 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, November 5, at 6:30 am.**

My Time with God
Preparing to Feast with God

Our readings this week in chapters 14 through 18 contain many stories of Jesus providing what we need, providing it in abundance. We see Jesus feed a crowd of 5,000 and then 4,000, starting with very little and ending baskets of food filled with leftovers. Think how in often your life you may have thought you had nothing to work with - no time, or talents, or energy, or funds - but then in giving whatever it was to God - the blessings that came from it were beyond your imagination. One simple experience God multiplied in my life happened because I took time to smile and greet all the people I would pass in the hallways and on the street. One day, a mother said to me, our teenage children feel deeply connected to you because you offer them a smile.

What resource of yours is Jesus multiplying in your life because you share it with other people?



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

Study Material: *“My Time with God”*

Locations of the meetings:

Oct. 22 Sue Vitale
Oct. 29 Susan Moring
Nov. 5 Amy Waters
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 #5
For this week we are reading
Matthew 19:1—22:40

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.



Lend a Hand—Give a Can

The Mission Committee is extending the food drive thru Thanksgiving. During this difficult economic time, there are even more families in need. Please consider adding a few canned goods when you shop this week and bring them into Church. All donations are now being delivered to the Emmaus Food Bank.



Daybreak needs your help!

We prepare a meal at Daybreak once a month, and provide cookies, too. But there is another way you can help. Travel-sized toiletries are needed, shampoo, conditioner, etc. like the ones you get at a hotel. Note cards are also needed. Those who would like to donate can do so by placing items in the box in Fellowship Hall.

For more information,
please talk to Laurie Payea (610-366-9099).



Adult Sunday School

October 25th

Parlor “Your time, talent and resources for God’s Kingdom” – Janie Slamon
Room 5 Devotional discussion – “My Time with God” – Rev. Kearney

November 1 & 8

Parlor “Our Dialogues Wthin Ourselves; With Others; With God – Diane Perry
Room 5 Devotional discussion – “My Time with God” – Rev. Kearney



Gulfport Missouri Recovery Mission Trip

Join us for our annual trip to the Gulf coast to continue in the recovery from Hurricane Katrina.

If interested, contact Jim or Diane Millick at 610-366-1261.



Lemon Tree Holiday Bazaar

The Lemon Tree Holiday Bazaar at Westminster Village is November 14th at 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Now is the time to clean out your unwanted items for the Attic Sale and drop off in the Atrium entrance outer lobby. Deadline for Attic Sale donations is November 11th.

Questions? Call Ruth Young (610) 782-8358.

(Westminster Village is a continuing care facility that is part of the Presbyterian Senior Living network.)



Invitation from Catasauqua Women

The Presbyterian Women of the Catasauqua Presbyterian Church will be sponsoring their Nutcracker Sweet Craft Fair in the Chapel of the church at 2nd & Pine Streets in Catasauqua, PA on Saturday, November 7 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Chinese Auction

Baked goods will be available.

Breakfast and Lunch will be served.



Joys & Concerns

Keep these people in your prayers!

Ruth Murray, mother of **Laurie Payea**, recovering from surgery; and **Larry Murray**,

Laurie's brother, who is dealing with health issues.

Melanie Shimer, as she recovers from a broken leg.

Dave Weber, as he undergoes another round of chemo.

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.

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.

First Presbyterian Church, Hazleton

First Presbyterian Church of Hokendauqua



Birthday Blessings

October 11— Doug Boyd

October 13— Scott Smickley

October 16— Don Piper

October 18— Lois Staack

October 22— Gerry Kane
Elizabeth Mitchell

October 23— Karen Green



We're on the Web!

Our Faith Presbyterian Church website (<http://www.faithchurchemmaus.org>) is an incredible resource for access to our church news and information—available 24 hours a day. You can check out the bulletins days ahead of Sunday Worship. You can review past issues of The Faith Flyer. You can learn about our many committees...and so much more! Please direct questions and/or comments pertaining to our website to our webmaster, Mark Heimbach, at mheimbach@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, October 18

FLYER DEADLINE

9:00 am— Sunday School
10:30 am—Worship Service: Children's Church
11:45 am—Alpha Choir (7)
11:45 am—Membership Meet & Greet (P)
3:00 pm— Organ Plus concert (S)
5:00 pm— G.L.U.E.* (FH)
7:00 pm— Youth Choir (S)
7:30 pm— Y2K **

Monday, October 19

5:00 to— Mission Event by Outside Group
9:00 pm (FH & Nursery)
6:30 pm— Partnership (P)
7:00 pm— Buildings & Grounds (2)
7:30 pm— Nominating
7:30 pm— Mission (P)

Tuesday, October 20

7:15 pm— Deacons (P)

Wednesday, October 21

9:00 am— Emmaus Garden Club (FH)
Noon— Bible Exploration (5)
6:00 pm— Handbell Choir Rehearsal (S)
7:00 pm— Membership (P)
7:30 pm— Senior Choir Rehearsal (S)

Thursday, October 22

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

Friday, October 23

Saturday, October 24

Next Week

Sunday, October 25

9:00 am— Sunday School

10:30 am—Worship Service

11:45 am—Alpha Choir (7)

7:00 pm— Membership Conversations #1 (5)

Monday, October 26

5:00 to— Mission Event by Outside Group

9:00 pm (FH & Nursery)

7:00 pm— Christian Education (P)

Tuesday, October 27

7:00 pm— Quilting (FH)

Wednesday, October 28

Noon— Bible Exploration (5)

6:00 pm— Handbell Choir Rehearsal (S)

7:30 pm— Senior Choir Rehearsal (S)

Thursday, October 29

9:30 am— Devotional Fellowship Group (Moring)

7-10 pm— Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

Friday, October 30

Saturday, October 31

**God Leads Us Everywhere (Senior High Youth)*

***Youth to Kenya*