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FLOWER DEACON: Melanie Shimer

CLOSER: Jim Millick

STEWARDSHIP: Joe Smits

USHER/GREETER CAPTAIN: Liz Kenny

USHERS: Joyce Richards, Ellen Bender, Bill Bender, Betty Winters

ALTAR FLOWERS:

Mike & Jade Yen, in loving memory of Mike's mother, Shu-Mei.

Dave & Kay Weber, in loving memory of brother, Floyd Blake,

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-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9:15 AM
AUGUST 23, 2009**

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Jesus Christ, light of the world, help us to see the young people in our midst as reflectors of your light. Help us fan the flames of their young hearts. Show us the way to love them, to encourage them, to see them as you see them. We give you thanks for the life Chelsea MacLean lived with us, for the witness to you she was and is, and for the young people like Chelsea who remind us to be hopeful. Amen.

(To continue preparation for worship, read the rest of page 238 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 *"Holy, Holy, Holy"* ARR. MELODY BOBER

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

We gather in the name of Jesus Christ,
the head of the church and Savior of the world.

**NOT BECAUSE WE HAVE INVITED CHRIST INTO OUR HOUSE,
BUT BECAUSE CHRIST HAS INVITED US INTO THE HOUSE OF THE LORD.**

We have come, not to tell Christ what we will do,

BUT TO LEARN FROM CHRIST WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE ARE TO DO.

We have come to receive Christ's gracious gift of love,
to place our minds, our hearts, our will in his hands.

WE COME TO LISTEN TO CHRIST.

SPEAK, O LORD, SO WE, YOUR SERVANTS, MAY HEAR.

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*HYMN #341 *“Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine”* ASSURANCE

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION
CALL TO CONFESSION AND SILENT CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

LORD, LISTEN TO YOUR PEOPLE PRAYING. YOUR FAITHFULNESS IS ALL AROUND US, IN THE GREEN OF THE HILL, IN THE RUSHING OF THE RIVERS, AND IN THE LIFE THAT SURROUNDS US. YOU CREATED IT ALL WITHOUT OUR HELP. GOD, THIS IS YOUR WORLD, GIVEN TO US, AND YOUR PRESENCE IS INDEED IN THIS PLACE. HELP US TO LOVE YOU FOR WHO YOU ARE, AND NOT FOR THE THINGS WE WANT YOU TO DO FOR US. HELP US TO LOVE YOUR WORLD FOR WHAT IT IS, AND NOT BECAUSE WE CARELESSLY USE UP WHAT YOU PROVIDE. HELP US TO PRAISE YOU FOR YOUR PEOPLE, FOR THE WAY YOU MADE EACH AND EVERY PERSON. GOD OF WONDER, GOD OF EACH PRECIOUS MOMENT, HELP US TO KNOW TO BE CLOSE TO YOU.

HYMN #572 KYRIE
Lord, Have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*HYMN #579 GLORIA PATRI
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
JOYS AND CONCERNS
INTERCESSIONS AND PETITIONS
LORD’S PRAYER (*Please use “debts & debtors”.*)
PRESBYTERIAN HYMNAL – PG. 16

THE WORD OF GOD

WORD WITH THE CHILDREN

FIRST LESSON: GENESIS 1:29-2:3
OT – Pg. 2 in the gray Bible, Pg. 1 in the blue Bible

²⁹God said, ‘See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food.

³⁰And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything

that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. ³¹God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

²Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. ²And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

*HYMN #326 *"I Will Trust in You"* WORDS/MUSIC BY DANNY DANIELS

When I can't see You, I know You're here,
when I can't feel You I will not fear,
I will trust in You and I will not be afraid.
I will not be afraid.
I will not be afraid.
I will trust in You.
I will Trust in You.

And When the battle is close at hand,
I know You're with me to help me stand,
I will trust in You and I will not be afraid.
I will not be afraid.
I will not be afraid.
I will trust in You.
I will Trust in You.

And when the darkness is closing in,
and I am running against the wind,
I will trust in You and I will not be afraid.
I will not be afraid.
I will not be afraid.
I will trust in You.
I will Trust in You.

Cause when I'm standing upon that shore
and all the battles, they have gone before,
I will trust in You and I will not be afraid.
I will not be afraid.
I will not be afraid.
I will trust in You.
I will Trust in You.

SECOND LESSON EPHESIANS 1:3-10, 20, 2:4-9
NT – Pg. 183 in the gray Bible, Pg. 180 in the blue Bible

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places,

⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness towards us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— ⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast.

SERMON *“First Things First”* REV. ROBERTA J. KEARNEY.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD

OFFERTORY *“Boundless Love”* DIANE WILKINSON
Men’s Quartet

*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.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH, COMMISSIONED IN 1983, AND THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM, COMPOSED IN 1562

**IN LIFE AND IN DEATH WE BELONG TO GOD.
THROUGH THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
THE LOVE OF GOD,
AND THE COMMUNION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,
WE TRUST IN THE ONE TRIUNE GOD, THE HOLY ONE OF ISRAEL,**

WHOM ALONE WE WORSHIP AND SERVE.

Question 1: What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

ANSWER: THAT I BELONG – BODY AND SOUL, IN LIFE AND IN DEATH – NOT TO MYSELF BUT TO MY FAITHFUL SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST, WHO AT THE COST OF HIS OWN BLOOD HAS FULLY PAID FOR ALL MY SINS AND HAS COMPLETELY FREED ME FROM THE DOMINION OF THE DEVIL; THAT HE PROTECTS ME SO WELL THAT WITHOUT THE WILL OF MY FATHER NOT A HAIR CAN FALL FROM MY HEAD; INDEED, THAT EVERYTHING MUST FIT HIS PURPOSE FOR MY SALVATION. THEREFORE, BY HIS HOLY SPIRIT, HE ALSO ASSURES ME OF ETERNAL LIFE, AND MAKES ME WHOLEHEARTEDLY WILLING AND READY TO LIVE FOR HIM.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN #379 *“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”* SOLID ROCK

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION *“Holy is the Lord”* FRANZ SCHUBERT
Men’s Quartet

*POSTLUDE *“Blessed Assurance”* ARR. BOBER

*Those who are able are invited to stand.

* * * * *Latecomers may be seated.

Announcements

Special Music for Summer

Our organist, Eleanor Focht, is on vacation today. This morning’s special music is offered by a Male Quartet: Jim Robinson, Joe Smits, Chas Shimer, and George Smits, accompanied by Suzanne Seem. We thank them for sharing the gift of their talent. Next Sunday, we will be treated to music offered by the Kreider family.



Senior Choir Ensemble

Next Sunday, after worship, the Senior Choir Ensemble will rehearse in the sanctuary. The ensemble will sing for worship on September 6.



Camping Weekend

If it seems a little empty in worship this morning, it's because over 40 of our Faith family are participating in the Faith Church Camping Weekend. Please be sure to talk to them next Sunday about their experience. Maybe you'll want to be part of the crowd next year!



Yard Sale

September 12 @ 8:00 am

The yard sale is nearly upon us and time is running out for summer projects like cleaning out your garage, your attic, your extra bedrooms, etc. We are accepting donations of items for sale right up until September 11th. If you need something picked up, please contact Jack or Lisa Decker (610-966-4798). Pick-ups will be scheduled for over Labor Day weekend.



Are you interested in joining Faith Presbyterian Church?

Please contact Ann Lowell at 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.



Wedding Invitation

Katy Schaefer and Adreck McDonald invite you to celebrate their wedding ceremony on September 5, 2009 at 2 p.m. here at Faith Presbyterian Church.



Nursery Volunteers Needed!

There will be no paid staff in the nursery this summer. Therefore it is necessary for congregation members to sign up for nursery duty.

Consider helping with this ministry. One adult and one youth would be the perfect mix to oversee the children who need nursery care during our worship services this summer.

A sign up sheet is on the door of the nursery. Please sign up for one or more Sundays.

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, especially in the summer months, with kids out of school and not receiving government assisted breakfasts and lunches. 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.



Get Fed this Fall

Many of you are saying you are hungry for more of God in your life – through scripture and faith conversation with each other.

In September, you will have a chance to pull up a chair at God’s table with time to feast on His word.

Using the daily devotional, *My Time with God: 15 Minute Devotions for the Entire Year*, we will read through the New Testament. Every day in *My Time with God*, there is also an Old Testament reading and an insight piece for reflection and discussion. There will be at least three weekly opportunities to join a discussion of what you hear God saying. You may order the book from a variety of sources. Or, to get a copy at a discounted price of \$10 you may order thru Sue Vitale, 610 967-4689.



PEPper
(Prayer Enthusiastic People)

PEPper is reorganizing and taking a break. We'll be back in the autumn. PEPper meets weekly on Thursdays from 6:30 am - 7:00 am for devotions and prayer before the start of the day. It's a great way to start the day.

For more information see Janie Slamon (610) 967-4899 or Louise Schaefer (610) 965-3544. All are welcome! Meetings will resume on September 10.



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.

What is Equal Exchange?

Equal Exchange was founded to create approach to trade that includes informed consumers, honest and fair trade relationships and cooperative principles. As a worker-owned co-op, they accomplish this by offering consumers fairly traded gourmet coffee direct from small-scale farmer co-ops in Latin America, Africa and Asia. More information can be found in the July/August issue of The Faith Flyer.



Devotional Fellowship Group

Fall session begins September 17, 2009

Join your friends and make new ones on **Thursday mornings** for a time of fellowship, study, and prayer. We meet from **9:30 – 11 a.m.** in each others’ homes. This fall our study will use ***My Time with God*** devotional book and the “Lectio Divina” method to help each other hear God’s word to us. Fall session will run for 9 weeks, from Sept. 17 – Nov. 12. Books are available for \$10 each. Come and bring a friend !

Our first meeting will be held at the home of Deanna Robinson.

Directions available in the church office or email Deanna at DSWRobinson@ptd.net



Birthdays

August 23— Wesley Johnston

August 27— Jan Vitale

August 28— Frances Gledhill, Sally Showalter



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 Mark Heimbach at mheimbach@yahoo.com.

What's around the corner?

Check the Faith Flyer for all the choir rehearsal dates. The music program is ready to roll!

Worship schedule returns to 10:30 on Sunday, September 13th!

Sunday School begins for everyone on Sunday, September 13th, at a new time...9:00 am!



Women of Faith Picnic

This year's W.O.F. picnic will be held at Flo Bannister's home on **Friday, September 11th at 6:00 PM.**

FELLOWSHIP, FUN & FOOD!

A sign up sheet will be posted in the Fellowship Hall.



Joys & Concerns

Keep these people in your prayers!

Dave Weber, as he undergoes another round of chemo.

Joe Smits, on his continued recovery.

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**, 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**.

Doug Durn, son of **Bob & Brynn Durn**.

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, Weatherly

White Haven Presbyterian Church



Hank Rath

Deacon of the Month—Care Group # 10

Loretta Connor

Mitchell Connor

Mark Heimbach

Matthew Heimbach

Sally Heimbach

Stephen Heimbach

Bonnie Hillman

Jack Hillman

Hannah Lingold

Judith Lingold

Katherine Lingold

Phoebe Lingold

Ryan Lingold

Bruce Luff

Elizabeth Luff

Samuel Luff

Thomas Luff

Susan McCracken

Pam Mongi

Joe Payea

Laura Payea

Lauren Payea

Laurie Payea

Donald Perry

Helen Perry

Janie Slamon

Darcy Trop

Karen Trop

Kelly Trop

Bruce Wagner

Jean Wagner

Two Weeks of Faith

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

This Week

Sunday, August 23

9:15 am—Worship Service

Monday, August 24

7:00 pm—Christian Education

Tuesday, August 25

7:30 pm—Stewardship

Wednesday, August 26 **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

Thursday, August 27

7-10 pm—Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

Friday, August 28

Saturday, August 29

7 am to 3 pm—Outside group using Fellowship Hall and 2 classrooms

Next Week

Sunday, August 30

9:15 am—Worship Service

10:15 am—Senior Choir Ensemble Rehearsal

Monday, August 31

7:30 pm—Worship

Tuesday, September 1

7:00 pm—Admin

Wednesday, September 2 **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

Thursday, September 3

7-10 pm—Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

Friday, September 4

4:00 pm—Schaefer/McDonald Rehearsal

Saturday, September 5

9 am-9 pm— Schaefer/McDonald Wedding & Reception