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Dorothy Smickley, in memory of Ralph.

Cliff & Donna Lucas, in memory of their parents, Norman & Blanche Taylor, and Lucy & Preston Lucas.

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-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**9:15 AM
AUGUST 30, 2009**

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God of the prophets, we pray for all men and women called to study your Word, to learn the meanings and mysteries of your call, and then to follow Christ into a church and world that long for justice, kindness, and humble commitment to human dignity. May the seeds of faith nurtured in a seminary take root and flourish in the strong community of the church of Jesus Christ, and bear fruit in the world to which we are called to minister. In Christ's name. Amen.

(To continue preparation for worship, read the rest of page 245 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—"You Are My All in All"

DENNIS JERNIGAN

Niko Kreider, cello

Jay Kreider, guitar

WELCOME

*SONG FOR ASSEMBLY—"For Surely I Know the Plans"

By 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**

Leader: Remember each day that you are chosen by God. Be open to the spiritual blessings available at all times.

PEOPLE: WE ARE LOVED AND FORGIVEN, BLESSED WITH WISDOM THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT. GREAT IS OUR GOD AND GREATLY TO BE PRAISED.

Leader: Dwell in the mystery of God's love for you. Dare to reach out in love to those who share this world.

PEOPLE: MAY WE SEEK GOD'S COUNSEL DAILY. MAY WE OPEN OUR HEARTS TO THE NEEDS OF OTHERS.

Leader: God speaks to those who are faithful. Lift up your heads and your hearts to God.

PEOPLE: WE HAVE COME TO HEAR THE WORD OF TRUTH. WE TURN TO GOD, EAGER TO RECEIVE SALVATION.

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*HYMN #339—"Be Thou My Vision"
Hymn tune: SLANE

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise,
Thou mine Inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION
CALL TO CONFESSION AND SILENT CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

WE CONFESS O GOD, THAT WE OFTEN ACT AS IF WE KNOW BETTER THAN YOU, WHAT IS RIGHT FOR US. WE MAKE DECISIONS WITHOUT CONSIDERING YOUR LARGER PURPOSES. OUR OWN CONVENIENCE AND DESIRES ARE MORE IMPORTANT TO US THAN YOUR COMMANDS. WE GO OUR OWN WAY AND THEN BLAME OTHERS FOR OUR MISTAKES. OUR INNER CONFUSION CREATES DIVISION AND BROKENNESS. WE HIDE FROM YOU, RATHER THAN ADMITTING OUR NEEDS. O GOD, WE WANT TO FACE OUR SIN AND FIND FORGIVENESS. AMEN.

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.

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*PASSING OF THE PEACE
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
MINUTE FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Sally Heimbach
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 3:1-7

OT – Pg. 3 in the gray Bible, Pg. 2 in the blue Bible

³Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' ²The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die."' ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; ⁵for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

PSALM 25:4-10

OT – Pg. 508 in the gray Bible, Pg. 475 in the blue Bible

(The leader will read the even verses and the congregation will read the odd verses. We will read Verse 10 in unison.)

⁴Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.

⁵**LEAD ME IN YOUR TRUTH, AND TEACH ME, FOR YOU ARE THE GOD OF MY SALVATION;
FOR YOU I WAIT ALL DAY LONG.**

⁶Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

⁷**DO NOT REMEMBER THE SINS OF MY YOUTH OR MY TRANSGRESSIONS; ACCORDING TO
YOUR STEADFAST LOVE REMEMBER ME, FOR YOUR GOODNESS' SAKE, O LORD!**

⁸Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

⁹**HE LEADS THE HUMBLE IN WHAT IS RIGHT, AND TEACHES THE HUMBLE HIS WAY.**

**UNISON: ¹⁰ALL THE PATHS OF THE LORD ARE STEADFAST LOVE AND FAITHFULNESS,
FOR THOSE WHO KEEP HIS COVENANT AND HIS DECREES.**

*HYMN #392: *"Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord"* HALL

Take Thou our minds, dear Lord, we humbly pray,
Give us the mind of Christ each passing day;
Teach us to know the truth that sets us free;
Grant us in all our thoughts to honor Thee.

Take Thou our hearts, O Christ—they are Thine own;
Come Thou within our souls and claim Thy throne;
Help us to shed abroad Thy deathless love;
Use us to make the earth like heaven above.

Take Thou our wills, Most High! Hold Thou full sway;
Have in our inmost souls Thy perfect way;
Guard Thou each sacred hour from selfish ease;
Guide Thou our ordered lives as Thou dost please.

Take Thou ourselves, O Lord, heart, mind, and will;
Through our surrendered souls Thy plans fulfill.
We yield ourselves to Thee—time, talents, all;
We hear, and henceforth heed, Thy sovereign call.

SECOND LESSON— EPHESIANS 4:10-24
NT – Pg. 185 in the gray Bible, Pg. 182 in the blue Bible

¹⁰He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

¹⁷Now this I affirm and insist on in the Lord: you must no longer live as the Gentiles live, in the futility of their minds. ¹⁸They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of their ignorance and hardness of heart. ¹⁹They have lost all sensitivity and have abandoned themselves to licentiousness, greedy to practise every kind of impurity. ²⁰That is not the way you learned Christ! ²¹For surely you have heard about him and were taught in him, as truth is in Jesus. ²²You were taught to put away your former way of life, your old self, corrupt and deluded by its lusts, ²³and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴and to clothe yourselves with the new self, created according to the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

SERMON—“*The Big Picture*”
REV. ROBERTA J. KEARNEY

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY—“*Choices*”
BY KRÜGER/KRÜGER/LANDSBERG
Kim Kreider, vocal
Jay Kreider, guitar

*DEDICATION HYMN—“*Freely, Freely*”
By 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
THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM, COMPOSED IN 1562

Question 31. Why is he called CHRIST, that is the ANOINTED ONE?

Answer: Because he is ordained by God the Father and anointed with the Holy Spirit to be our chief Prophet and Teacher, fully revealing to us the secret purpose and will of God concerning our redemption; to be our only High Priest, having redeemed us by the one sacrifice of his body and ever interceding for us with the Father; and to be our eternal King, governing us by his Word and Spirit, and defending and sustaining us in the redemption he won for us.

Question 32. But why are you called Christian?

Answer: Because through faith I share in Christ and thus in his anointing by the Holy Spirit, so that I may confess his name, offering myself a living sacrifice of gratitude to him, and fight against sin and the devil with a free and good conscience throughout this life and hereafter rule with him in eternity over all creatures.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN #324—“*Open My Eyes That I May See*”
OPEN MY EYES

Open my eyes, that I may see
Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;
Place in my hands the wonderful key
That shall unclasp and set me free.

*Silently now I wait for Thee,
Ready my God, Thy will to see,
Open my eyes, illumine me,
Spirit divine!*

Open my ears, that I may hear
Voices of truth Thou sendest clear;
And while the wave notes fall on my ear,
Everything false will disappear.

*Silently now I wait for Thee,
Ready my God, Thy will to see,
Open my ears, illumine me,
Spirit divine!*

Open my mouth, and let me bear,
Gladly the warm truth everywhere;
Open my heart and let me prepare
Love with Thy children thus to share.

*Silently now I wait for Thee,
Ready my God, Thy will to see,
Open my heart, illumine me,
Spirit divine!*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE: “*Ashokan Farewell*”
By JAY UNGAR
Josh Kreider, violin
Jay Kreider, guitar

Announcements

Special Music for Summer

This morning's special music is offered by the Kreider family, Jay, Kim, Josh and Niko. We thank them for sharing the gift of their talent. Next Sunday, we will be treated to music offered by an ensemble from the Senior Choir.

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My Time with God

Preparing to Feast with God – Starts September 13th at 9 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 \$10 if ordered from Sue Vitale. When picking up a copy please write Sue a note with your name on it.

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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.

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Nursery Caregiver Position

We are looking for a child care provider for the nursery starting September 13. 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).

PEPper resumes Sept. 10 (Prayer Enthusiastic People)

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!

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Y2K Yard Sale

September 12 @ 8:00 am

The second Y2K (Youth to Kenya) 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. Proceeds from this yard sale will be used to help send our youth on a trip to Kenya, hopefully in 2010.

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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.

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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

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What's around the corner?

Check the calendar for choir rehearsal dates. The music program is ready to roll!

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

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

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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.

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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.

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Office Hours

Week of 8/30

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
9 am—2 pm
Closed on Wednesday

Week of 9/6

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
9 am—2 pm
Closed on Monday, Labor Day

Week of 9/13 until next Summer!

Monday through Thursday
9 am—2 pm

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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.

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.

Birthdays

August 30—Kathryn Barnes

August 31—Meredith Dredge

September 1—Isabel Mauro, Olivia Ogilvie

September 2—Richard Garber, Penny Pantano

September 5—Laura Payea, Ann Lowell

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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.

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Concert Series 2009-2010

Faith Presbyterian Church of Emmaus
A Gift to the Community

Organ Plus

Organ plus instruments,

Guest Organists

*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.

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.

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**.

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.

Zion Presbyterian Church, Wind Gap

First Presbyterian Church, Allentown

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 30

9:15 am—Worship Service

10:15 am—Senior Choir Ensemble Rehearsal (S)

Monday, August 31

7:00 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

Next Week

Sunday, September 6 COMMUNION

9:15 am—Worship Service

Monday, September 7 LABOR DAY **Church Office Closed**

Tuesday, September 8

7:30 pm—Session (FH)

Wednesday, September 9

7:30 pm—Senior Choir Rehearsal (S)

Thursday, September 10

6:30 am—Pepper (P)

7:00 pm—Building & Grounds (3)

7-10 pm—Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

Friday, September 11

All day—GLUE*: Set up for Y2K Yard Sale

6:00 pm—W.O.F.** Picnic (Flo Bannister's home)

Saturday, September 12

9 am to ?—Y2K Yard Sale

**God Leads Us Everywhere (Youth Group)*

***Women of Faith*