

PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

CHIMES

(The congregation is asked to pray for the blessing of God upon this service.)

God of power, may the boldness of your Spirit transform us, the gentleness of your Spirit lead us, and the gifts of your Spirit be our goal and our strength. Amen.

PRELUDE *Tiento* Juan Bautista Cabanilles

INTROIT *Blest Are They* David Haas
The Sanctuary Choir

Blest are they, the lowly ones; Rejoice and be glad!
They shall inherit the earth. Blessed are you, holy are you.
Blest are they who hunger and thirst; Rejoice and be glad!
They shall have their fill. Yours is the kingdom of God!

†CALL TO WORSHIP

We are blessed when we hunger for justice and thirst for reconciliation.

Our souls are nourished by God's hope and grace.

We are blessed when we grieve over the brokenness of the world,

choosing, as God does, to be with those who are weak and powerless.

We are blessed when we become God's fools,

willing to do what is right and good, not what is easy.

†OPENING HYMN, No. 210 *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*
ST. ANNE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

How do we approach you, Exalted God, with our confessions? We make you weary with our inability to do justice for the poor and outcast. We gossip about those who are close to us, instead of being their loving friend. We make promises, and then go back on our word. Lord, forgive us, and bless us with your mercy. By your peace, we can do justice. By your love, we can act kindly. By your grace, we can walk with you as humbly, and hopefully, as did our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

KYRIE ELEISON, No. 572 Congregation and Choir

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

†ACT OF PRAISE

Gloria Patri

MEINEKE

**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

Stand, as you are able, and greet one another saying: *“The peace of Christ be with you.”* Respond by saying: *“And also with you.”*
(Children are invited to come forward now for A Time with Children.)

THE WORD

A TIME WITH CHILDREN Lindsey Wells Peery
Children, ages 2-3 yrs. who will be going to Extended Session and children, ages 4-first grade who will be in the The Worship Center, may exit at this time through the right front door, where they will be escorted to the CE Building.

Leader: As you depart from us now, the children of God say:

Children: God be with you as you stay.

Congregation: God be with you as you go.

**We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.**

**We are marching, marching,
we are marching in the light of God.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Micah 6:1-8
Pew Bible, page 816; large print, page 1060
(Bibles are located in the racks beneath the pews.)

ANTHEM *The Beatitudes* Austin C. Lovelace
The Sanctuary Choir
André Chiang and Kristen DiNinno, soloists

Show us your ways, O Lord, Blest are the merciful:
And grant us your blessing. For they shall obtain mercy.
Blest are the pure in spirit: Blest are the pure in heart:
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. For they shall see God.
Blest are they that mourn: Blest are the peacemakers:
For they shall be comforted. For they shall be called the sons of God.
Blest are the meek: Blest are they which are persecuted
For they shall inherit the earth. For righteousness sake:
Blest are they that hunger The kingdom of heaven is theirs.
And thirst after righteousness: Show us your ways, O Lord,
For they shall be filled. And grant us your blessing.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 5:1-12
Pew Bible, page 4; large print, 4
This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Preaching Discipleship: The Preamble*
Rev. Pendleton Peery

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - 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.

†HYMN, No. 333 *Seek Ye First* LAFFERTY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven.”

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven.”

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven.”

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven.”

In these and all other ways, O Lord, show us how to be the salt of the earth, and the light of the world.

Let us give to God the offerings of our life, and the gifts from our treasure store. Amen.

Offertory *Improvisation on ‘Blest Are They’* Hollice S. Watson

†Doxology, No. 592 OLD HUNDREDTH

†Prayer of Dedication

†HYMN, No. 372 *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*
I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

May God bless you with discomfort, at easy answers, half truths and superficial relationships so that you will live deeply and from the heart.

May God bless you with anger, at injustice, oppression, and the exploitation of people, so that you will work for justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless you with tears to shed for those that mourn, so that you will reach out your hand to them and turn their mourning into joy.

And may God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in this world, so that you will do those things that others say cannot be done.

†CHORAL RESPONSE *Go in Peace* Hollice S. Watson
The Sanctuary Choir
Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

† Worshipers standing if able.

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Eugene T. and William D. Ehlers by Caroline Ehlers.

Elder Reader: David Oliver

Ushers: Denise Hiller, David Hiller, Rebecca Martin, Scott Martin, Sammy Guy, Allison Schaff

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WORSHIP NOTES

WE WELCOME FRIENDS AND VISITORS. This church is for anyone who wants to be counted as a disciple of Jesus Christ, and who wants to be included in its worship and work. Thank you for signing your name and address on the attendance pad. There is an information center with material about our church and Presbyterianism in the foyer of the Jordan Street entrance to the sanctuary.

CHILDCARE IS PROVIDED FOR PRESCHOOL CHILDREN by Sitters' Registry and church volunteers. Nursery: Room CE-106; Extended Session during 11:00 a.m. worship for ages 2 yrs.—3 yrs.: Room CE-105 and The Worship Center for ages 4 yrs.— first grade: Room CE-113.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME IN WORSHIP! Bibles are available for use during worship; they are found at the end of every pew. We also provide **Worship Bags** designed for children elementary age and younger. The worship bags can be found in the narthex and at the front entrances to the sanctuary. Please return them after the service.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP and Prayer of Confession are found at <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com> and used by permission.

THE BENEDICTION was spoken by Dr. Eugenia Gamble at the 2010 Montreat Women's Conference.

Our Mission

Responding to God's grace and building upon the strength of our Reformed tradition, we, the members of First Presbyterian Church, seek to: Proclaim joyfully the Good News, revealed in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ; live as a welcoming and nurturing community of faith through worship, prayer, study and fellowship; and serve others - at home and beyond our community with love, compassion, respect, justice and mercy, in the name of Jesus Christ and after His example. May God empower us by the Holy Spirit to fulfill our call to be God's people.



A Service for the Worship of God
Eleven O'Clock
January 30, 2011
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

People are unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered.

Love them anyway.

If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives.

Do good anyway.

If you are successful, you win false friends and true enemies.

Succeed anyway.

The good you do today will be forgotten tomorrow.

Do good anyway.

Honesty and frankness will make you vulnerable.

Be honest and frank anyway.

What you spent years building may be destroyed overnight.

Build anyway.

People really need help but may attack you if you help them.

Help anyway.

Give the world the best you have and you will get kicked in the teeth.

Give the world the best you've got anyway.

-Mother Teresa (1910 – 1997)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us worship God.