

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 *Let All Things Now Living* Arr. Jay Rouse
Dr. Gay Grosz, guest pianist

INTROIT *Come, Let Us Gather* Traditional
The Summer Women's Choir

Come, let us gather now and sing
Praises and thanks to God our King.
God's love is greater than anything.

†CALL TO WORSHIP

We are standing here on holy ground.

O give thanks to God and call upon God's name.

God calls us and promises to be with us in all of life.

Sing to the Lord and praise God's holy name.

Let our hearts rejoice in the wonderful works God has done.

†OPENING HYMN, No. 467 *How Great Thou Art* O STORE GUD

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of merciful kindness, we confess to you our failures.

You have called us to be your people and, like Moses,

we find excuses. You promise to be with us

but we turn from you and worship false gods.

Like Peter, we are stumbling blocks rather than

proclaimers of the good news of your love for us.

We confess our failure to

hold fast to what is good;

to love one another with mutual affection;

to be patient in suffering;

to contribute to the needs of others

and to be hospitable to all your children.

O God, give us wisdom to discern what is right,

courage to deny ourselves, and strength to turn

to you for all things. In the name and for the sake of

(Continue your personal prayer of confession in silence)

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 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 Matthew 16:21-28

Pew Bible, page 17; large print, page 22

(Bibles are located in the racks beneath the pews.)

ANTHEM *Deep in the Shadows of the Past*
Annabeth McClelland Gay

The Summer Women's Choir

(The congregation may follow the tune and text on page 330 of the hymnal.)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 3:1-15

Pew Bible, page 48; large print, page 62

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Tangled Up* 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. 488 *The God of Abraham Praise* LEONI

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

Offertory *He Leadeth Me! O Blessed Thought* arr. William Bradbury

Dr. Gay Grosz, guest pianist

†Doxology, No. 592

OLD HUNDREDTH

†Prayer of Dedication

†HYMN, No. 419 *How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord* REPTON

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

†RESPONSE *Through the Love of God Our Saviour*
Welsh melody

The Summer Women's Choir and congregation

Through the love of God our Saviour,

All shall be well;

Free and changeless is his favor;

All must be well;

Precious is the love that healed us,

Perfect is the grace that sealed us,

Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us,

All, all is well.

We expect a bright tomorrow,

All will be well;

Faith can sing through days of sorrow,

All must be well;

While his truth we are applying,

And upon his love relying,

God is every need supplying.

All, all is well.

†POSTLUDE *Go Down, Moses* arr. Mark Hayes

Dr. Gay Grosz, guest pianist

†Worshippers standing if able.

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Frank Hodgson by his family.

Scripture Reader: Jenna Hall

Ushers: Neil Erwin (captain), Glenda Erwin, Carol Shockey, Margaret Schuetze, Paul Schuetze, Stephen Glassell, Berry Glassell, Warner Grantham, Paige Harris

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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 CHILDREN assisting with worship today are a part of the Worship Readiness Class. Please welcome Jenna Hall, Warner Grantham, and Paige Harris as worship leaders today.

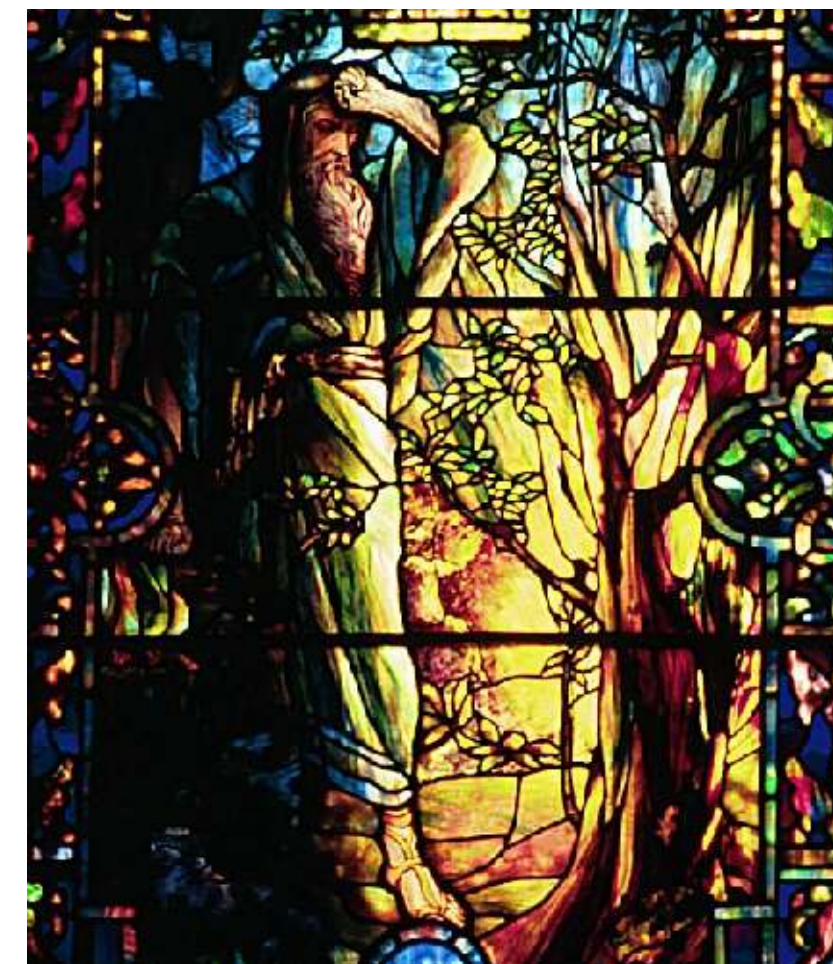
WE APPRECIATE the Summer Women's Choir filling our choir loft for the month of August! They have truly raised their voices in joyful song and led worship beautifully! We are now beginning Sanctuary Choir rehearsals for the fall, and are searching out new members! For more information on this, see the announcement in the bulletin Link.

WE WELCOME Dr. Gay Grosz as our guest pianist for this morning's worship, and express our gratitude to Raynelle Stanage for serving as our conductor. Dr. Holly Watson is returning from Baton Rouge today where she played for John Henderson and Jennifer Burk's wedding last evening.



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
SHREVEPORT**

**A Service for the Worship of God
Eleven O'Clock
August 28, 2011
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**



from the United Congregational Church, Montclair, NJ

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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us worship God.