

The First Presbyterian Church of Dunedin
The Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Commitment Sunday
November 15, 2009
10:30 a.m.

Enter the church in silence. Through silence speak to God and let God speak to you.

PREPARATION: *The following are the scripture texts for this morning: Psalm 16 (Pew Bible pages 430-431); Samuel 1:4-20 (page 213) Hannah is blessed with the child, Samuel. Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18), 19-25 (page 976) Forgiveness of sins is possible through Christ's sacrifice. Mark 13:1-8 (pages 825-826) Jesus foretells the conflicts that will come in his name. The sermon this morning is based on Joshua 24:21-28.*

PRAYER FOR THE DAY: *O God, you have blessed us with gifts beyond measure and love that defies understanding. Nurture within us sensitivity to your love that we might be a blessing to others. We pray in the spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

THE GATHERING

BELL PEAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

PRELUDE "The Spacious Firmament" **arr. Ingram**
(Handbell Choir)

INTROIT (Hymn #449) "My Lord! What a Morning" **Spiritual**
CHOIR: *(Refrain) My Lord! What a morning, My Lord! What a morning,
Oh, my Lord! What a morning, when the stars begin to fall,
when the stars begin to fall.*
You will hear the trumpet sound to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand when the stars begin to fall.
***ALL:** *(Refrain)*
**You will hear the Christian shout to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand when the stars begin to fall. (Refrain)**

*OPENING SENTENCES

LEADER: Our hearts are glad, our spirits rejoice!
PEOPLE: **God, the foundation of our lives, is worthy of our thanks and praise.**
LEADER: Our hearts are glad, our spirits rejoice!
PEOPLE: **God, the cornerstone of our lives, brings order to our chaos.**
LEADER: Our hearts are glad, our spirits rejoice!
PEOPLE: **God, the rock and redeemer of our lives, calls us to faith and honor.**

LEADER: Our hearts are glad, our spirits rejoice!
PEOPLE: **God, the enduring good news of our lives, gives us strength and peace.**
ALL: **Let us worship the God who is not moved, but endures forever!**

***HYMN #554** "Let All Things Now Living" **Ash Grove**
PRAYER OF CONFESSION

LEADER: The proof of God's amazing love for us is this:
while we were sinners, Christ died for us.
PEOPLE: **It is because we have faith in him
that we dare to approach God in confidence.**
LEADER: Let us, then, confess our sins before God and one another.
ALL: **Holy God, all things are yours. All creation waits for your perfection.
Yet we go about our daily tasks so centered on the aims of the world that
we have failed to claim the blessings of heaven. We confess our faults,
but also confess that we have known all along the wonders of your ways.
Open our hearts to your word. Inspire us with the Living Spirit. Amen.**

RESPONSE (Sing the Faith #2030) "The First Song of Isaiah" **First Song**

CHOIR: Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.
ALL: **Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid.**
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

LEADER: Hear these words of assurance: even though Jesus was in the form of God, he did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, rather, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross.
PEOPLE: **He died for us, so that we might have life and approach God's throne of judgment cleansed of our sin.**
LEADER: Praise be to God.
ALL: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

***GLORIA PATRI (Hymnal #579)** "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."

CHILDREN'S SERMON **Eric Houghton**
(At this time the children may leave for Sonshine Mountain.)

THE WORD
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

The Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

Joshua 24:21-28

ALL:

**All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given.
The one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,
the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.**

ANTHEM

“Consecration”

Chatfield

GOSPEL READING

The Gospel of the Lord!
Praise to You, O Christ!

Mark 13:1-8

***CHARGE**

***POSTLUDE**

“Festive Peal on HYMN TO JOY”
(Handbell Choir)

arr. Ryan

**The congregation stands. If standing is difficult for you, please feel free to remain seated.*

SERMON

“Standing on the Promises”

Rev. Victoria ByRoade

NEXT SUNDAY, November 22, 2009 will be Christ the King Sunday. *The scripture readings will be: Psalm 132:1-12, 13-18 (Pew Bible page 500); 2 Samuel 23:1-7 (page 261) David speaks his last words, which concern ruling with justice. Revelation 1:4b-8 (pages 994-995) Christ, the king, has made us to be his kingdom. John 18:33-37 (page 881) Pilot questions Jesus, calling him “King of the Jews.”*

THE RESPONSE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(from Jesus Christ, The Life of the World:

A Worship Book for the Sixth Assembly of the World Council of Churches)

We are not alone, we live in God’s world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God’s presence, to live with respect in creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

PRAYER FOR PEACE – EDUCATION - Education is a valuable resource for the world. It is especially valuable to the children. Right now, more than 75 million children in the world are not in school – either because of war or famine, but also because their parents can’t pay school fees, or they live too far to walk, or maybe they are girls in countries where girls are not allowed to go to school. There are many reasons, all tragic. But an education is valuable. It can improve the chances that a child will survive. Children who are not educated do not understand the warnings to even keep themselves well. For example, we know that a child educated to the 5th grade will be 50 percent more likely NOT to contract AIDS. All efforts to educate children -- whether in urban areas or rural areas, whether in large countries or small -- are valid and need our unending support. *Father in Heaven, bless the teachers and the administrators of our schools. Give strength and purpose to national and community leaders who can influence who gets educated and where schools are kept open. Please keep the children of our world safe. Help them find ways to learn essentials to survive the risks they will face in the future. Amen.*

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Drew Frazer

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”
(Handbell Choir)

arr. Rogers

***DOXOLOGY (Hymnal #591)** *“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.”*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

THE SENDING

***HYMN #473**

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

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***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE (Hymn #555)**

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Nun Danket Alle Gott

CHOIR: O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in God’s grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME and are interested in joining First Presbyterian Church of Dunedin, please indicate your desire to Pastor ByRoade so we can arrange a gathering of our Session.

WE WELCOME ALL WHO WORSHIP HERE TODAY – Coffee is available in Hager Hall following both services. Coloring pages for children to use during the worship hour are available from the ushers. Before “THE WORD”, girls and boys PK4 through 5th grade are invited to attend Sunday school on “Sonshine Mountain”. Our nursery, for infants through age 3, is in the Christian Education Building, downstairs in Room 103. Large print bulletins and large print hymnals are available from the ushers. Hearing devices are also available. Please ask for one at the sound booth.

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

USHERS: Doug Davis, Chuck Jones, Margie Skinner, Ginger Watson
LITURGIST: Ginger Watson
ACOLYTE: Jonathan Gibbs

SANCTUARY FLOWERS THIS WEEK ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD BY

Richard and Addie Lou Gilchrist in loving memory of their parents -
John and Ethel Tye Gilchrist and Lynward and Martha Lightner
Carol James in loving memory of her parents Eugene and Edith Jones

TODAY'S OPPORTUNITIES

8:45 a.m. – Worship Café
9:30 a.m. – Sunday School/Fellowship
10:30 a.m. – Traditional Worship
11:30 a.m. – All Church Brunch

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Monday (16 th)	10:00 a.m.	Strong for Life
	7:00 p.m.	Financial Peace University
Tuesday (17 th)	2:00 p.m.	Koinonia
	7:00 p.m.	Session
	7:30 p.m.	Transit (Young Adult Group)
Wednesday (18 th)	10:00 a.m.	Strong for Life
	6:00 p.m.	Wednesday Night Dinner
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study – Doyle
	7:00 p.m.	Video Club
	7:00 p.m.	Handbell Rehearsal
	8:00 p.m.	Worship Café Rehearsal
Thursday (19 th)	7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKS TO HANDBELL CHOIR MEMBERS Eric Houghton, John Brockman, Jennette Marsden, Kristin Juergens, Rebecca Houghton, Les Marsden, Betty Dethmers, Carolyn Willey, Nanette Friend, Joyce Marsden, and Jodie Cannon for providing today's service music.

SESSION MEMBERS please remember to pick up the Session Docket in your mailbox. Session meets November 17 at 7:00 p.m.

TODAY IS SUPER SENIORS DAY No, you won't get a discount, but you will get honor, admiration and respect. First Church prospers and is enriched by the talent and contributions of our many seniors. Thank you for all your many works of kindness. Celebrate with us by enjoying cake in the library following the traditional service.

3 CENTS A MEAL will be collected today. Thank you for sharing your abundance with others as Christ has challenged all of us to do. If each member at FPC gave 3 cents a meal for one year, their individual contribution would be \$32.85 – what a positive impact that would be for helping others! Make this part of your overall mission support.

SUNDAY BRUNCH IS HERE! Please join us today, Sunday, November 15th after the traditional service for a buffet style all-you-can-eat brunch to welcome our snowbirds back for the season! We will have sausage, scrambled eggs, potatoes, fruit, and juice. Tickets are \$5.00 each for adults and \$3.50 for children and are available at the welcome table.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY DINNER – this week the meal will be grilled salmon w/lemon butter sauce, roasted red potatoes, vegetable melody, house salad, dinner rolls, sweet potato pecan pie. The cost is \$6.50 per adult; \$4.00 12-18; \$3.00 2-12; \$18.00 max per family with children under 12. We eat at 6:15, so please come a little early to pay. Sign up today on the Friendship Register!

WE'RE GOING TO CHIP (Clearwater Homeless Intervention Project) this coming Friday, November 20. Can you prepare a cold dish for delivery to our homeless friends? Please sign up for meat, salad, fruit or cookies at the CHIP table in Hager Hall after the service. If we all do a little, we can make a lot of difference!

NATIONAL DONOR SABBATH WILL BE RECOGNIZED NEXT WEEK Next Sunday, November 22, we will learn from a member who has experienced it, what it is like to be in need of an organ, and what it means to have received one. Elizabeth Rodzewicz will share her story with us during the Stewardship Thought and she and friends will be available after the worship service to provide you with an organ donor card if you are interested.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS – Next Sunday, November 22 at 2:00 p.m. We will gather to thank God for putting special creatures into our lives and to ask God to bless them and us as we care for each other.

IT'S TEA TIME! High Tea at High Noon on Saturday, December 12 in Hager Hall hosted by Sarah Circle. We are excited to have Emily Harris, Teaching Artist/Storyteller as our guest. Tickets for the tea are \$6.00. Reservations can be made through your circle leader or by calling Lynn Steuernagle at 736-3850. The deadline for reservations is Monday, December 7. We hope you will join us for a delightful and special afternoon.

KOINONIA Come to Koinonia this Tuesday at 2 PM to hear Deborah Kynes review The Help. This book is set in Mississippi in 1962, during the early years of the civil rights movement, when “the help” could not use employer’s bathrooms. Put Deborah and The Help on your calendar for this Tuesday, November 17 at 2 PM in the FPC Library.

FIRST FRIDAY CONVERSATIONS GROUP TOUR OF HEP (Homeless Emergency Project) December 4. Dating back 40 years, HEP is the oldest and largest provider of emergency and transitional housing and support services to the homeless in Pinellas County. HEP has a 244 bed facility in Clearwater (dorms and apartments) and is affiliated with Everybody’s Tabernacle Church, Morton Plant Hospital, and Pinellas County Human Services. Join this First Friday Conversation group tour. Newcomers always welcome. Carpool from the church parking lot at 10:15 a.m. Lunch at HEP (\$5.00 donation). Shop at the HEP Thrift Store after lunch. Return by 1 p.m. PREREGISTRATION REQUIRED by December 3rd – call the church office at 733-2318. Program Coordinator: Bev Weese

CHRISTMAS INTERNATIONAL HOUSE Do you have your Christmas plans in place yet? Do you have space for an international visitor or two? You may want to consider Christmas International House, a Christian ministry designed to offer hospitality to students during the Christmas holidays. International students are given the opportunity to visit an American home and become acquainted with different areas of the country. Students from different colleges and universities around the country select the Tampa Bay area and are housed for a portion of the time at Cedarkirk Camp and Conference Center in Lithia and the rest of the time in local homes. You would need to house the students from December 23 until December 27. Call Kathy Schultz at 795-2751 from more information.

FIRST SAMARITANS MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW! The first meeting of First Samaritans will be Monday night, December 7 at 7 p.m. in the FPC library. If you missed the orientation meeting, that’s okay. Just come to the first meeting. Our purpose is to show loving care and kindness to the sick, shut-in, and bereaved at FPC. If you have wanted to show compassion to those who need it, this is a great opportunity for you. For more information contact Welch Agnew, 738-1319; Peggy George, 447-9880; or Mary Walthall, 733-4609. Don’t walk on by, but stop to help as the Samaritan did.

ADVENT FESTIVAL Calling all chili lovers! The 2009 Advent Festival will be held on Sunday, December 6 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. For all you crafters, we need your expertise and ideas for hands-on Advent craft-making that evening. Food, crafts, music, and fun for the whole family! Please call Linda Thies at 736-3058 or email at linthies@earthlink.net and let her know if you can bring a craft or help with preparations.

PRAYER REQUESTS the names of people who have requested prayer are listed in italics the first week of their request and any time there are changes in their condition or place of recuperation. A complete listing of the people for whom we need to lift our prayers will also be provided for you in each edition of THE VOICE. (Please call the church office if you have a prayer concern.)

- *Hazel Aughenbaugh at Manor Care following a fall*
- *Ron McDermott at Consolate of St. Petersburg rehab center*
- Blanche Kirchoffer recovering at Baytree Rehab
- Mae Harrington, daughter of Leona Baker Everitt, following surgery on November 2
- Jean Joiner at home recovering from surgery
- Marge Vilsoet, Don Hart, and Monica Adams undergoing cancer treatments
- Sandi Geller, family friend of Dave and Bobbie Eichenberger, following surgery
- Anne Trahan, mother of Betsi Lewis-Knapp, following cancer treatment
- Thelma Powell recuperating at home following knee surgery
- John Eichenberger, nephew of David and Bobbie Eichenberger, following an injury in Afghanistan
- Paul Kuehner recovering from cancer surgery
- Fran Iosa, mother of Jeff Iosa, being treated for cancer
- For improved health: Barbara Frett, Marion Guthrie, Martha Brinklow, Betsy Perkins, Bill Vilsoet, Sharyn Ramirez, Lois Krebs, Dotsie Dauble, Peg Harvie, Dee Faust, Walter Brashear, Dave Dauble, Eva Marcantel
- All our members who reside in skilled nursing homes
- The Transfiguration Faith Community of St. Petersburg, a new church development in the Presbytery of Tampa Bay
- Luke Phillips, our contemporary worship leader, as he begins the process toward ordination
- First Presbyterian Church in our desire to be responsible stewards of our talents and finances

First Church Financial Status on: November 11, 2009

<i>Operating Funds</i>	<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Expenses</i>	<i>Surplus (Deficit)</i>
Church	\$ 324,057	\$ 414,000	\$ (89,943)
Pre-School	\$ 199,049	\$ 193,504	\$ 5,545
Totals:	\$ 523,106	\$ 607,504	\$ (84,398)

Tithes and other contributions to First Church are almost 10 percent below expectations for this point in the year.

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