

# COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 25, 2011

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GATHERING: (A time to meet, greet and welcome one another.)

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CHIMES (The chimes call us to silent readiness.)

\*INVOCATION

\*HYMN "Stand Up and Bless the Lord" #11

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone things that we ought to have done, and we have done those things that we ought not to have done.**

**O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

(now follows a brief time for silent, personal confession)

DECLARATION OF PARDON

\*GLORIA PATRI

Hymnal #733

\*RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 35:1-10

Leader: Contend, O LORD, with those who contend with me; fight against those who fight against me!

**People: Take hold of shield and buckler, and rise up to help me!**

Leader: Draw the spear and javelin against my pursuers; say to my soul, "I am your salvation."

**People: Let them be put to shame and dishonor who seek after my life. Let them be turned back and confounded who devise evil against me.**

Leader: Let them be like chaff before the wind, with the angel of the LORD driving them on.

**People: Let their way be dark and slippery, with the angel of the LORD pursuing them.**

Leader: For without cause they hid their net for me; without cause they dug a pit for my life.

**People: Let ruin come on them unawares. And let the net that they hid ensnare them; let them fall in it-- to their ruin.**

Leader: Then my soul shall rejoice in the LORD, exulting in his deliverance.

**People: All my bones shall say, "O LORD, who is like you? You deliver the weak from those too strong for them, the weak and needy from those who despoil them."**

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

Please sign the Ritual of Friendship Card

SPECIAL MUSIC

"The Father Knows"  
Amy Leopold, soloist

Burgess

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:

Exodus 1:22-2:10

p43,LP46

Liturgist: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

CHILDREN'S TIME

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON:

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

p926, LP145

SERMON: "Daughters and Sons"

\*CONFESSION OF FAITH: From the Scots Confession, Chapter 15

**We confess and acknowledge that the law of God is most just, equal, holy, and perfect, commanding those things which, when perfectly done, can give life and bring man to eternal felicity; but our nature is so corrupt, weak, and imperfect, that we are never able perfectly to fulfill the works of the law. Even after we are reborn, if we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth of God is not in us.**

**It is therefore essential for us to lay hold on Christ Jesus, in his righteousness and his atonement, since he is the end and consummation of the Law and since it is by him that we are set at liberty so that the curse of God may not fall upon us, even though we do not fulfill the Law in all points. For as God the Father beholds us in the body of his Son Christ Jesus, he accepts our imperfect obedience as if it were perfect, and covers our works, which are defiled with many stains, with the righteousness of his Son.**

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 "Give Thanks" #359

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY Hymn #34

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" #504

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen.

\*Congregation is invited to stand if able.

***PLEASE JOIN US DOWNSTAIRS FOR REFRESHMENTS AND FELLOWSHIP AFTER WORSHIP***

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F E L L O W S H I P

R	Head Usher:	Dave Ruhnke
V	Greeters:	Brad & Shawna Charais
I	Ushers:	Jack Smith, Alex Talley, Kevin Galt
C	Nursery:	Shirlene Johnson, Patrick Talley
E	Coffee:	Carolyn Talley, Dixie Smith, Violet Galt, Shirlene Johnson

### **Weekly Financials**

Giving Last Week: \$2,455.00

YTD Budget: \$118,750; YTD Giving: \$99,210; Variance: \$-19,540.00

**PW Fall Bazaar dates have been changed to November 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendars.**

## **FOR OUR VISITORS**

### **ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES**

Assisted listening devices are available in the back of the church, or ask an usher. Large print bulletins and songs are available in the back of the church, or ask an usher.

### **ROOM LOCATIONS**

The nursery is on the same level as the Sanctuary on the west side of the south wing. Fully accessible Restrooms are immediately east of the Sanctuary on the upper level, and east of the Fellowship Hall on the lower level.