

Service of Divine Worship

Rally Day

Liturgist: Doug Sink

September 12, 2010

Silent Meditation: *In the creation story in Genesis, it is God himself who says, 'It is not good for the man to be alone,' and in the New Testament it is Jesus who says to his despairing disciples, 'I will not leave you comfortless.' (John 14:18) ... Willa Cather calls that sense of communion 'happiness,' that sense that we are not on our own but that we belong. She writes in My Antonia, in an entirely secular sense, 'That is happiness; to be dissolved into something complete and great.' We know, however, that it is not about happiness but about belonging that she speaks. The white Baptist sharecropper in the hills of Georgia knew it as well when he sang at his annual camp meeting or revival this hymn of Elisha A. Hoffman: 'What a fellowship, what a joy divine, Leaning on the everlasting arms; What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, Leaning on the everlasting arms. Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.' ... Every human being wants to love, to be loved, and to know that he or she is loved, and when one does that and knows that and shares that, then the question, 'Am I on my own?' is answered in the place where that love is found. That is what the Bible is all about, and the good life to which it points. –Peter J. Gomes, *The Good Book: Reading the Bible with Mind and Heart*, p. 195.*

Preparation for Worship

Prelude "Break Forth Into Joy" Bach
*Chimes Sounding the Hour
*Time of Greeting
Announcements
Choral Call to Worship
Solemn Declaration - - Amen Sung

Praise to God

*Hymn "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" No. 461

*Responsive Call to Worship

Liturgist: Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, Calling for you and for me;

People: See, on the portals He's waiting and watching, Watching for you and for me.

Liturgist: Come home, come home, Ye who are weary, come home...

People: Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, Calling, O sinner, come home!

*Gloria Patri

Unison Opening Prayer Liturgist

Gracious God, grant that this day we may seek our fellowship with you and each other as urgently and fervently as you seek fellowship with us, your children. Grant that we

may no longer feel alone, but may find ourselves as part of a communion, both of the living and of the dead, in which is to be found your living Presence as our loving God, in the Name of the Risen Christ we pray. Amen.

Duet "I Bless Your Name" Brian and Ann Marie Freeman

Confession of Sin

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer for the Confession of Sin (*Derived from Psalm 51*) Liturgist

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions. Against you, you alone, have we sinned, and done what is evil in your sight. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain in us a willing spirit. Open our lips and our mouths will declare your praise. The sacrifice acceptable to you is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. Knit us into the fellowship and communion of your gracious devising, that we may be, act, pray, and rejoice as the people made One in the Body of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Kyrie and Assurance of Pardon --- Amen Sung

Duet "To Be Forgiven" Brian and Ann Marie Freeman

Witness of Faith

The Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Duet "Name Above All" Brian and Ann Marie Freeman

Children's Moment Amanda Fulton

Anthem "Take My Life" Courtney

Proclamation of the Word

The New Testament Lesson (Liturgist) Luke 15:1-10 (Page #952 of Pew Bible)

Meditation **LOST AND FOUND FELLOWSHIP**

Response through Dedication

Invitation to Give

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory Duet "In the Garden" Brian and Ann Marie Freeman

*The Doxology and Offertory Prayer

Preparation for Obedience in the World

- *Hymn "Softly and Tenderly" SLS No. 106
- *Responsive Call to Dedication
Liturgist: And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"
People: **Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."**
- *The Benediction and Luncheon Prayer
- *Postlude "Legions for Christ" Paxton

***THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND**

WE WELCOME VISITORS who are attending our service of worship today. **EVERYONE** is requested to sign the attendance pad found at the end of each pew. We request visitors also to note their addresses and telephone numbers, **and to remain as our guests for lunch.**

THE FLOWERS on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Mr. and Mrs. Irvin L. Sink, Boyce Sink, and Hoyt and Jackie Sink**, by their families.

USHERS: Birke McNeill, Scott Frye, Frank Callicutt, Thomas Johnson

PLATE ATTENDANT: Adena Wall

ACOLYTES: Mary Lloyd and Annabell Callicutt

GREETERS: John and Lynn McCarn

NURSERY (Birth through 6 years-old): Katie and Shane Decker

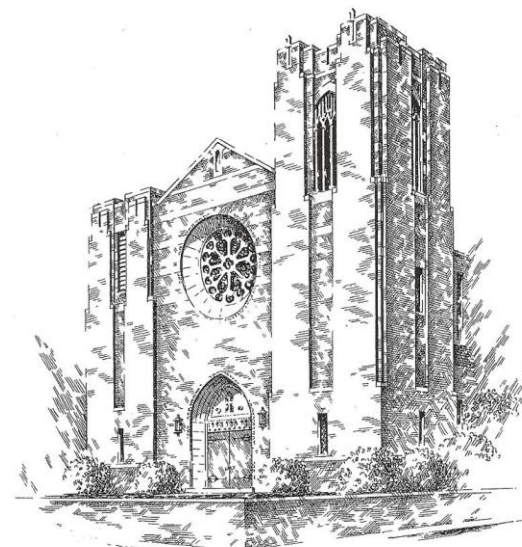
PRAYER CONCERNS: Jacqueline Leonard, Betty Potts, Callie Kepley, Ronnie Durham, Ernie Bonner, Sadie Bailey, Velna Swing, Elmer Morgan, Willie Ruth Leonard, Arlene Swing, Frances Leonard, Juanita and Henry Beck, Ernestine and Henry Kennedy, Paul Stevens (Lisa Nelson's Cousin), Van "Buster" Conrad (Gray Family) and Terri Evans (Paul Freeman's Cousin). Please remember our men and women serving in the Armed Forces. To add a name for prayer, contact Adena Wall at 249-1904 or the church office.

Church Staff

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Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministry, Christian lay caring ministry for those in need, is a vital part of our congregation's mission. On Sunday, September 26, 2010 we will commission John Barber to begin service as a Stephen Leader in our congregation. Join in the celebration! Come pray for and show your support for this caring ministry and John who God has called and equipped for this important role in our congregation.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, September 12

RALLY DAY CELEBRATION

9:45 a.m. ---Joint Sunday School {Downstairs}

11:00 a.m. ---WORSHIP SERVICE WITH SPECIAL MUSIC

NOON-----CATERED LUNCHEON

6-8 p.m. ----Community Youth Meeting {Fellowship Hall}

Monday, September 13

5:30 p.m. ---Craft Night {Parlor}

Willing Workers Class Serves Meal at Shelter

6:30 p.m. ---Search Committee Meeting {Parlor}

7:00 p.m. ---Stephen Ministry Leadership Team Meeting {Team Room}

Tuesday, September 14

6:00 p.m. ---Prayer Shawl Organizational Meeting {Parlor}

7:00 p.m. ---Board of Evangelism Meeting {Parlor}

Wednesday, September 15

5:30 p.m. ---Play Practice {Parlor}

7:00 p.m. ---Choir Practice {Choir Room}

Thursday, September 16

5:30 p.m. ---Yoga Class {Parlor}

6:00 p.m. ---Men's Brotherhood Dinner Meeting {Fellowship Hall}

Friday- Sat., Sept. 17-18

Southern Conference Annual Meeting {Franklinton Center}

Saturday, September 18

Genealogical Society {Fellowship Hall}

Sunday, September 19

9:45 a.m. ---Sunday School Classes for Everyone

11:00 a.m. ---Worship Service and Kids' Club

6:00 p.m. ---CONSISTORY MEETING

September 5, 2010 Attendance (Worship 84)

Offering Received \$3,322.00

September 9, 2009 Attendance (Worship 96)

Needed each Sunday to meet Budget \$5,581.00

Sunday School News

Next Sunday, September 19th will begin the Roads to God fall program, "Dig Into the Bible". School age children will be studying through Storytelling/Video, Art/Science, Computers/Music, and Cooking/Games. Teachers for the fall rotation of "Dig Into the Bible" will be Raeann Biesecker, Alice Gray, Keri Hartle, Heidi Hutcheson, Amy McNeill, Kivi Miller, Nicole Smith, and Nina Smith.



Katie Decker and Ashlee Lopp will be keeping the nursery during Sunday School. Also, Lynn Brown will be working with Nancy Robbins in the Two-By-Two Classroom.

The adult classes – Men's Bible, Willing Workers, Seekers, and New Way - would like to invite you to join one of our classes for Sunday School. Beginning next week John Barber will lead a series of lessons on the Stephen Ministry in the New Way Class; the Willing Workers will soon be starting a series on the New Testament with an emphasis on Matthew; and the Men's Bible Class will continue using The Present Word material.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry, working under the Evangelism Board, is having an organizational meeting on **Tuesday, September 14th** at 6:00 p.m. in the parlor. Anyone who is interested in knitting or learning to knit or crochet is welcome to join us. **Mary Jo Jessup** will be teaching this class. If you plan to attend items needed are:

Crochet Hook – Size 11.5, (Brand, Susan Bates) or

Knitting Needles – Size 10 mm – 15 US (Brand, Susan Bates) – you can use smaller needles

Yarn – Needs to be soft

- Lion Brand Yarn – Pound of Love (16ozs – 4 ply 100% acrylic)
- Caron 3 skeins (6ozs each – 4 ply Simply Soft 100% acrylic)

Please come and be a part of the Prayer Shawl Ministry.

Board of Evangelism Co-Chairpersons, Janette Neal and Dave Fulton