

SERVICE OF THE LORD'S DAY

May 11, 2008 - 10:30 a.m.

PENTECOST SUNDAY and Celebration of Mothers

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE

Lift Up Your Heads

Paxton

CALL TO WORSHIP

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

How wonderful are God's works! In wisdom God made them all.

The sea, the creeping things, all living things both great and small show forth the glory of God.

May the glory of God endure forever.

We will sing praise to God as long as we live.

*HYMN

"O Worship the King, All Glorious Above"

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

With what can we come before God?

A clean heart and a humble spirit he will not despise.

Loving God - we open our hearts to you.

Nothing, O Lord, can be hidden from you. You know when we sit down and when we rise up. Even before a word is on our tongues you know it completely.

Gracious God, you know that we have wandered from your path, that we have ignored your commandments and forgotten your call to us. We need your help. We pray to you for your grace and mercy.

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

..... (silent prayer of confession)

Loving God, cleanse us by the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Touch us and we will be made whole. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

MOTHER'S DAY LITANY

Peggy Emerson, 2003.

Mothers come in many different forms and today we celebrate them all!

Thank God for mothers!

Everyone here is either a son or a daughter.

Thank God for my mother!

For those women who have joined God in Heaven and whom we miss dearly here on earth.

Thank God for the mothers of the past.

For every woman who is working day and night to raise her children right now.

Thank God for the mothers of today.

For all the women who are expecting, but aren't quite mothers yet!

Thank God for the soon-to-be-mothers.

For the women who took in others' children through adoption and foster care.

Thank God for the mothers with hearts so big.

For those women who have lost a child to death and must carry on.

Thank God for the mothers who are so strong.

For all the women who have desperately wanted to have children of their own but chose instead to mother everyone else.

Thank God for the mothers in spirit. We thank you, Lord, for the women who have influenced our lives in so many ways. We pray that we will honor them in everything we do. Amen.

ANTHEM

Not My Will, But Your's Be Done

Smith

READING FROM ACTS

Acts 2:1-21

On the day of Pentecost, the story of God's deeds of power transcends the barrier of language.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Reverend Georgia N. King

***HYMN**

"Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us"

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***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Nicene Creed (traditional)

PH 15

THITHES AND OFFERINGS

PC(USA) Pentecost Offering

OFFERTORY

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

Thompson

***DOXOLOGY**

THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

COMMUNION LITANY

L The peace of the Lord be with you.

P And also with you.

L Lift up your hearts.

P We lift them up to the Lord.

L Let us give thanks to our God.

P It is right to give God thanks and praise.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

It is truly right and our greatest joy . . . who will sing to the glory of your name:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

You are holy, O God of majesty . . . that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen. Praise to you Lord Jesus.

Dying you destroyed our death,

rising, you restored our life.

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Gracious God . . . with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

This table is open to all who profess their faith in our Lord Jesus Christ and have been baptized in his name.

Please hold the elements until all have been served that we might partake as the holy body of Christ.

During the serving of the elements we will sing "Let Us Break Bread Together" PH 513

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

Gracious God, may we who have received this sacrament live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, that we may show forth your gifts to all the world. We ask this in the name of our risen Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

***HYMN**

"The Church's One Foundation"

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***BLESSING AND BENEDICTION**

CLOSING RESPONSE

You Are Worthy

You are long. King all glorious, all victorious, praise and honor are yours alone. King all lone.

***POSTLUDE**

Rejoice, The Lord Is King

Young

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Those who are comfortable doing so are invited to stand.

Welcome to all who worship with us this morning. Visitors and members are asked to please sign the Ritual of Friendship pad. Thank you for worshipping with us!

Wednesday May 14, Choir Practice at 6:00 pm.

Flowers have been placed in the sanctuary this morning by Pat Petty in honor of All Mothers.

Helping Hand contribution for May is canned fruit.

The Reverend Georgia N. King, Pastor

Organist-Choir Director- Mrs. Pat Petty

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sun. May 18 9:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class – Social Hall

10:10 a.m. Fellowship Time – Southeast Vestibule

10:30 a.m. Morning Worship

OFFICE HOURS

Barbara Karins, Secretary

Monday to Friday. 9:00-12:00

The Pentecost Offering provides a way to directly meet the needs of children at risk, youth, and young adults. The benefits can be seen all around us. Congregations are trying new ways to minister with the children at risk in their communities. General Assembly programs are advocating for children and providing leadership development opportunities for our youth and young adults. Since 1998, Presbyterians of all ages have raised over \$4.8 million for these ministries that benefit younger members of God's family.

40 percent of the Pentecost Offering is kept by congregations for use on behalf of children at risk. See some of the [creative ways](#) congregations used their portion of the 2007 Offering.

10 percent supports General Assembly Child Advocacy Ministries in 2008 to:

- Empower children on behalf of other children through the launch of the [Kids 4 Kids Web site](#) for older elementary children.
- Facilitate the denomination's ongoing emphasis, the Decade of the Child (2001–2011). Resources and initiatives are being developed on such issues as child soldiers, child trafficking, child sexual abuse, bullying, and violent video games. Action initiatives include increasing health care coverage for impoverished families with children and advocating for a just minimum wage to help lift families with children out of poverty.

25 percent of the Offering supports General Assembly ministries with youth in 2008 to:

- Provide scholarships to faithful adult youth workers who will attend the fall 2008 Presbyterian Youth Workers' Association gathering in New Orleans, Louisiana.
- Create four new specialty resources for youth and youth leaders: More Motion, Be Tween, Youth Ministry and Learning Disabilities, and a new resource for planning youth-related mission trips.
- Support the new resource The Thoughtful Christian for Teens, an online series geared toward youth groups engaging in powerful and provocative Christian study.
- Assist staff in preparing the Parents of Teens Initiative, a new Web site and online resource.
- Support the faithful members of the church who minister with young people through the Presbyterian Youth Workers' Association.

25 percent supports Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) opportunities, which in 2008 will:

- Prepare young adults from the United States and around the world to serve as YAVs in the United States. The Offering funds are matched with funds that each YAV raises to participate in this year of mission involvement. These young adults serve in communities of need within the United States and explore their call to the work of Jesus Christ.
- Help pay the travel and living expenses of young adults (ages 19–30) serving overseas in the International Young Adult Volunteer program. Offering funds match those raised by the young adults as they prepare for this life-changing opportunity to experience and share God in a community of need in another culture for one year.

Forty percent of the receipts are retained by congregations, and 60 percent are forwarded to General Assembly ministries for children at risk, youth, and young adults.

