

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 6, 2009

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.

Be rich in faith, says the God who gives us life.

We trust in God, who is faithful to us.

Be strong in spirit, says the God who carries us through life.

We trust in God, who surrounds us with love.

Be generous to one another, says the God of abundant grace.

We trust in God, who is the giver of every gift.

Be steadfast in your lives, says the God of wisdom.

We trust in God, who endures forever.

*HYMN "Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise" 263

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Jesus, you taught us to love our neighbor as ourselves. We admit that we often think we are better than others. We laugh at people who wear old clothes. We ignore people who live in run-down neighborhoods. We boast about our accomplishments. We even say unkind things about others so that they look worse and we look better. Jesus, forgive us and teach us again. Help us to be kind to others, as you want us to be.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

READING OF THE OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 35:4-7a
God will come to heal the blind, deaf, lame, and mute.

READING OF THE EPISTLE James 2:1-17
In response to God's gifts, we are called to be doers of the Word.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

His Name Medley

ANTHEM

READING OF THE GOSPEL Mark 7:24-37
A woman convinces Jesus to heal her daughter. He also heals a deaf man.

This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord

Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON The Reverend Georgia N. King

*HYMN "O Savior, in This Quiet Place" 390

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed 14

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Peace Franck

*DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN "Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord" 392

*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

*CLOSING RESPONSE On Eagle's Wings (see insert)

*POSTLUDE Grand Choeur Franck

- 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!

Flowers have been placed in the sanctuary this morning by Carroll & Rosa Pace.

Toni Pool provided the cookies for the congregation.

Helping Hand contribution for the month of September is soup or pasta.

The church office will be closed Monday, September 7 in observance of Labor Day.

The Reverend Georgia N. King, Pastor

Organist-Choir Director- Mrs. Pat Petty

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sun. Sept. 6
9:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class – Parlor
10:10 a.m. Fellowship Time – Southeast Vestibule
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship

OFFICE HOURS

Amanda J. Thompson, Secretary Monday to Friday. 9:00-12:00

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