

First Presbyterian Church

May 10, 2009

THE LORD'S DAY

10:50 A.M.

"Your worst days are never so bad that you are beyond the *reach* of God's grace. And your best days are never so good that you are beyond the *need* of God's grace... Pharisee-type believers unconsciously think they have earned God's blessing through their behavior. Guilt-laden believers are quite sure they have forfeited God's blessing through their lack of discipline or their disobedience. Both have forgotten the meaning of grace because they have moved away from the gospel and have slipped into a performance relationship with God."

~Jerry Bridges, *The Disciplines of Grace*

*CONGREGATION STANDS AS ABLE.

PLEASE ADJUST ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES SO AS NOT TO DISRUPT THE SERVICE.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Greeting

Minister: He is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

Call to Worship

1 Kings 8:56-57

Minister: "Blessed be the Lord who has given rest to his people Israel, according to all that he promised. Not one word has failed of all his good promise, which he spoke by Moses his servant or any of the prophets.

People: **May the LORD our God be with us as he was with our fathers. May he not leave us or forsake us, that he may incline our hearts to him, to walk in all his ways and to keep his commandments, his statutes, and his rules, which he commanded our fathers.**

*Hymn 115

All Creatures of Our God and King LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Prayer of Adoration

Confession of Faith

From Colossians 1:13-20

We believe God has rescued us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son of his love, in whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins.

We believe Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things consist.

We believe Jesus is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from among the dead, that in all things he may have the preeminence. For it pleased the Father that in him all the fullness should dwell, and by him to reconcile all things to himself, by him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of his cross.

Hymn

How Deep the Father's Love for Us
WORDS AND MUSIC BY STUART TOWNEND

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure
That he should give his only Son to make a wretch his treasure.

How great the pain of searing loss. The Father turns his face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon his shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.

It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished.

I will not boast of anything: no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ: his death and resurrection.

Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart: his wounds have paid my ransom.

Hymn 520

Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

GERMANY

Prayer of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

Stewardship Report

Richard Briscoe

Offertory

For the Beauty of the Earth

CHOIR

Folliott Pierpoint and Conrad Kocher

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our song of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our song of grateful praise.

For the church that evermore lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on ev'ry shore her pure sacrifice of love:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO SIGN THE BLACK REGISTRATION PAD LOCATED
AT THE END OF THE PEW AND PASS IT TO OTHERS ON YOUR PEW.

*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDETH

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Scripture Reading

Genesis 26
p. 20-21 in pew Bible

Sermon

Rev. Phillip Palmertree

The Handing Down: The Gospel according to Isaac and Jacob
"Once More with Feeling"

*Hymn 708

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

ST. MARGARET

*Benediction

*Gloria Patri

**Morning Service broadcast live on WKOZ 1340 AM
and live online at www.breezynews.com.**

Notes about the Service

How Deep the Father's Love for Us comes from the pen of contemporary British songwriter Stuart Townend, who explained, "I'd been meditating on the cross, and in particular what it cost the Father to give up his beloved Son to a torturous death on a cross. And what was my part in it? Not only was it my sin that put him there, but if I'd lived at that time, it would probably have been me in that crowd, shouting with everyone else 'crucify him'. It just makes his sacrifice all the more personal, all the more amazing, and all the more humbling."

Count Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf (1700-1760), founder of the Moravian Brethren, authored **Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness**. He founded a community of earnest Christians called *Herrnhut* ("The Lord's Watch"). In 1727 the community started a 'round the clock "prayer watch" that lasted unbroken for 100 years. There were about 300 persons in the community at first, and various ones covenanted to pray for one of the 24 hours in the day. In 1792, 65 years later, with the lamp of prayer still burning, the little community had sent out 300 missionaries to the unreached peoples of the West Indies, Greenland, Lapland, Turkey, and North America.

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go, rich in poetic imagery, calls us to place our confidence not in our weak love for God but in God's strong love for us. Looking back over his life, marred by blindness in his twenties, Matheson wrote that his was "*an obstructed life, a circumscribed life...but a life of quenchless hopefulness, a life which has beaten persistently against the cage of circumstance, and which even at the time of abandoned work has said not "Good night" but "Good morning."*

"Thank God you've come!"

As Benedictine monks greeted strangers who came to their door, we welcome all visitors to our worship services today.

We hope you find yourself drawn closer to Christ today.

Please fill out the black registration pad located at the end of your pew, so we will have a record of your visit.

We look forward to seeing you again soon.

50 Days of Prayer books, *Justice, Mercy & Truth*, by Mike Ross are here. They are located on the desk in the church office and are \$7.00 each. Please leave a check or money in the envelope provided.

Mission Sunday, May 17: Wes Baker, Peru Mission.



Wes is a PCA minister working with Peru Mission in Trujillo. Wes grew up in rural Wilson County, Texas and graduated from Texas A&M in 1992 and Reformed Theological Seminary in 1995. In February 2000, Wes and Jami packed up their family and moved to Cajamarca, Peru.

Wes's primary responsibilities involve teaching in the Seminario Biblico Reformado and mentoring Peruvian pastors and church planters. He is extensively involved in administration, recruiting, and development. Wes and Jami have seven children ranging in age from 5 to 19 years. Jami stays busy homeschooling the children, hosting visitors and teams, and teaching in the English Institute.

Report from Reformed Theological Seminary, Wed. May

13: Dr. Bob Penny of RTS Jackson will be here to give a report Wednesday evening in the Mary Thornton Room at 6:00 pm. No one can adequately measure the impact that RTS has had in the U.S. and around the world. The partnership between FPC and RTS goes back to its formative years in the early 1960's. Erskine Jackson was among those burdened with the need for such a seminary. There were even discussions about locating the seminary right here in Kosciusko! Come hear Dr. Penny on Wednesday evening, and you'll be very encouraged about the ways that RTS is fulfilling its mission.

Let's honor the Hollands!



Come join our family-friendly affair May 16 beginning at 4:00 pm at the Kosciusko Country Club. We will have a scavenger hunt, fishing, bingo, etc. The hamburger cookout begins at 6:00 pm. There will be S'mores for dessert. Please sign up on the "Church Events" bulletin board if you will be able to attend.

Evening Worship

6:00 pm

Prelude and Announcements

Call to Worship

*Hymn 457 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* NETTLETON

*Invocation

Hymn 345 *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* AUSTRIAN HYMN

Hymn 629 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* WHAT A FRIEND

Elder Prayer Danny Temple

Scripture Reading Revelation 8-9
p. 1032-1033 in pew Bible

Sermon Rev. Phillip Palmertree
The Unveiling: The Revelation of Jesus Christ
"Prayer Unveiled"

*Hymn 627 *Behold the Throne of Grace!* STATE STREET

*Benediction

Church Ministries

Budget Information	Revenue	Expense	Totals
April 2009	\$ 36,068.96	\$ 38,281.01	\$ -2,212.05
Year-to-Date	\$140,068.23	\$172,856.79	\$-32,788.56

Sunday Youth Fellowship: The Burge house - bring money for food

Next Sunday: TBA

Nursery Schedule: Notify Marsha @ 289-2435 of any changes.

Date	Toddler AM	Infant AM	PM
May 10	Angie, Emi & Abi Holman	Tammie, Phillip & Heather Hudgins	Mike & Rhonda Johnson
May 17	The Masseys	Melissa Steed & Sheri & Hannah Power	Carol Jean LeVert & Andra Mooney
May 13		Judy & Ruth Anne Palmertree	

Youth Prayer Breakfast: Mondays at 7:15 am at K&S Bakery.

Wednesday Night Fellowship Supper: Each Wednesday at 5:15 pm.

****Please call the church office by noon, Tuesday, to sign up or to cancel.**

MENU: Black Angus hamburgers, baked beans, chips and cake

Circle Meetings:

Circle 1: Monday, May 11 at 10:00 am in the home of Mrs. Nancy Heilbronner; chapter 3, page 167

Circle 2: Monday, May 11 at 3:00 pm in the home of Mrs. Hope Ellis. Welcome back Camille!

"Taste of Grace" is off to the presses!



You have the opportunity to secure one or more of these excellent cookbooks before they arrive. You may purchase *Taste of Grace* through the church office for \$20.00 each. Please fill out the order form located on the desk. Remember, you are helping to fund next year's Youth Mission Trip to Peru when you add this collection of culinary delights to your library.

Vacation Bible School from June 8-12: 4 years old through 6th grade. **Gather the Knights of the Kingdom! Sound the trumpets! The King is Coming!** If you would like to volunteer to work during VBS, please sign up on the bulletin board or contact Christi Sims, 289-7917.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CONNECTION

...coming May 20

Wednesday Night Connection is designed to connect us with one another in fellowship and reaching and to dig deeply into God's Word through Bible-centered studies for children, youth, and adults.

Summer 2009 (May 20-August 12)

6:00 Everybody gathers in the sanctuary for prayer.

6:15 Children's Ministry

Electives (Men's Forum and Women's Bible study will still be the first Wednesday night each month.)

- *Framework of Faith: a study of fundamental Christian teaching that aims to be rigorous and refreshing, systematic and stimulating* (led by Phillip Palmertree)
- *The Truth Project: a DVD-based study challenging you to look at all of life from a biblical perspective.* (for youth, parents, and everyone!)

Activities for this Week in Our Church

SUNDAY	9:30 am	Sunday School
	10.50 am	Morning Worship
	5:00 pm	Choir
	6:00 pm	Evening Worship
	7:00 pm	Youth Fellowship
		Worship Committee
MONDAY	10:00 am	Circle 1
	3:00 pm	Circle 2
	6:00 pm	Diaconate Meeting
WEDNESDAY	5:15 pm	Fellowship Supper
	6:00 pm	Report from RTS
		Youth Activities
		Children's Activities
	7:00 pm	Children Committee
THURSDAY	6:00 pm	PDS Board Meeting
SATURDAY	2:00 pm	Ballet Recital
	4:00 pm	Cookout for the Hollands

Committee and Board Meetings

Worship Committee: Sunday, May 10 at 7:00 pm

Diaconate Meeting: Monday, May 11 at 6:00 pm

Children Committee: Wednesday, May 13 at 7:00 pm

PDS Board Meeting: Thursday, May 14 at 6:00 pm

May Schedule

DATE	TIME	EVENT
May 13		PDS Volunteer Appreciation Day
May 16	2:00 pm	Ballet Recital and Reception
	4:00 - 7:00 pm	Cookout for the Hollands
May 17		Mission Sunday with Wes Baker - Peru
	12:00 pm	Senior Luncheon
May 19	11:00 am	PDS End-of-Year Program
	6:00 pm	Preschool End-of-Year Program
May 20	6:00 pm	Wednesday Night Connection begins

MAY DUTIES:

Elders: Ken Fowler, Greg LeVert & Don Smith
 Deacons: Culley Newman & Richard Briscoe
 Preaching at Alexander Memorial Presbyterian Church: Thomas Pound
 Preaching at Alexander next Sunday: Potts

First Presbyterian Church Kosciusko Staff

Rev. Phillip J. Palmertree, Senior Minister
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 Willie Wilson, Custodian
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 Rev. Grant Carroll, Asst. Minister
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 Ann Irby, Organist
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Deborah Templeton, Administrator

Presbyterian Day School

Greg LeVert, School Administrator

Carol Jean LeVert, Lead Teacher
 Sonja Adams, Admin. Assistant

Sunday School

Marc Sims, Secretary

Session

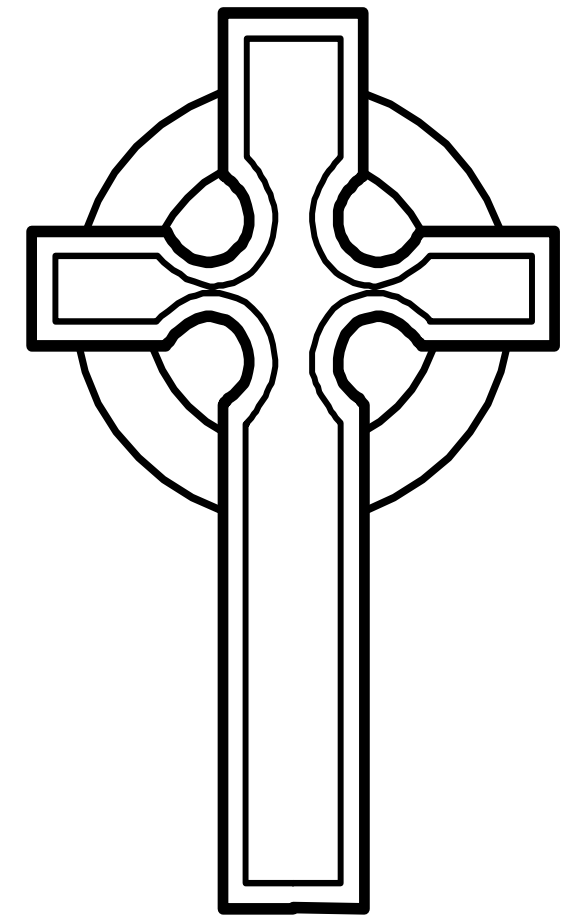
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 Danny Temple
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Elders Emeriti:

Adrian D. McBeath
 Claude Woodward
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 Will Hammond

Diaconate

Dennis Baird
 Richard Briscoe
 Michael Holman
 William McKinley
 Culley Newman
 Owen Oliver
 Bill Roos
 Art Templeton



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Sunday Worship Service

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Vision Statement:

A Gospel-driven church pursuing God, his ways, and people.

WORSHIP
 TEACHING
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