

Worship for the Lord's Day

October 11, 2009

10:00 AM

*An asterisk * indicates standing, as you are able.
The congregation's responses are in **bold italics**.*

The Church is Gathered

Welcome The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Announcements *Please see the bulletin insert for all announcements.*

Prelude *It is Well With My Soul* arr. Ken Denton

In order to prepare for worship, you are invited to pray silently during the prelude.

Choral Introit *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty Störl*

To Praise God's Name

Call to Worship based on Psalm 26

Vindicate us, O Lord, for we have walked in our integrity,
and trusted in the Lord without wavering.

***Prove us, O Lord, and try us;
test our hearts and our minds.***

For thy steadfast love is before our eyes,
and we walk in faithfulness to thee.

***O Lord, we love the habitation of thy house,
and the place where thy glory dwells.***

Sweep us not away with sinners,
nor our lives with unscrupulous individuals.

***As for us, we walk in integrity;
redeem us, and be gracious to us. Amen.***

* **Hymn**

Gather Us In

Supplement #2236

Unison Prayer of Confession

*You are the light of the world, O God. Without you all
would be darkness and we would stumble and fall. So why
do we still stumble and fall? Why do we grope around as if
we were blind? Is it not because we refuse to let your light
into our lives and we attempt to make it on our own.
Forgive our feeble attempt to be our own gods. Forgive our
lack of hope and our skeptical outlooks on life. When we
hear you speak, give us ears to hear, so that your love and
grace will dwell within us and your light will shine through
us. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.*

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

* **Song of Praise** *Gloria Patri* **Hymnal #579**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

Response Forgiveness is ours in Jesus Christ. **Thanks be to God!**

Choral Anthem *Open Up This Day* J. Kunz

Passing the Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ is with you. **And also with you.**

To Hear God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading *2 Kings 5:1-14* **p.323**

Message for Children

*After the children's message all children through the 2nd grade are invited to depart
for Children's Church.*

New Testament Reading *Luke 13:18-19* **p.907**

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon *Greenhouses of Hope*

To Thank God

* **Hymn** *God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens* **Hymnal #268**

* **Profession of Faith** *Apostles' Creed* **Hymnal p.14**

Prayers by and for the People · The Lord's Prayer

Offering *Face to Face* arr. Franklin Ritter

During the offertory, you are invited to offer silent prayers of gratitude.

* **Song of Thanksgiving** *Doxology* **Hymnal #592**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* **Prayer of Dedication**

To Depart to Serve God

* **Hymn** *Spirit* **Hymnal #319**

* **Charge and Benediction**

* **Congregational Amen** **Hymnal #537**

Postlude *Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us*

Announcements

The session is delighted to welcome to our pulpit again the **Rev. Dr. Dori Baker**. Dori Baker is scholar-in-residence to Calling Congregations, an initiative of the Fund for Theological Education (FTE). FTE is a non-profit organization funded by The Lilly Endowment. Its mission is to support congregations as they notice, name, and nurture the next generation of leaders for the church. The sermon today grows out of Dori's research for an upcoming book called "Greenhouses of Hope: Congregations that Nurture Young Leaders" to be published in 2010 by The Alban Institute. You can learn more about this work at www.thefund.org

The **sanctuary flowers** this morning are given for the glory of God by Darrell & Annie Shelton and in honor of their blessed wedding anniversary.

The **Lay Reader** today is **Doug Hecht**.

Circle II meets this Tuesday, Oct. 13, 7:00 PM in the parlor.

Volunteers are needed for the **Habitat for Humanity Blitz Build Oct. 17-18**, 8:00 AM until dark. Bring: gloves, safety glasses, hammers and anything else you might think you will need. Help is needed with framing, siding, roofing, windows and exterior doors, dry walling. If you do not have any experience in these areas, come any way!

The **October Koinonia Luncheon** will be a Crock-pot soup, chili, immediately following the worship service on Oct. 18th. Volunteers are needed to sign up on the bulletin board outside the church office to provide menu items.

Our church will once again host the **Second Helping Lunch** Wednesday, October 21. Volunteers are needed to sign up on the bulletin board outside the church office to help serve and provide menu items.

Schedules

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| Ushers, October | Dolores Drumheller, Vika Henderson Doug & Anne Hecht |
| Greeters, October | Jerry & Janet Sodders |
| Lay Readers, October 18 | Anne & Charlotte Mabry |
| Lay Reader, October 25 | Megan Ingram |
| Nursery, October 18 | Jennifer McCrickard |
| Nursery, October 25 | Darlene Robertson |
| CC Teacher, Oct. | Martha Moore |
| CC Assistant, Oct. 18 | Brian McCrickard |
| Youth Group Helpers, Oct. 18 | Stephanie Moehlenkamp Mark Younkin |

Daily Scripture Readings

Theme: *Faithful and Obedient* Psalm 92

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| MONDAY | Hebrews 11:1-16 | THURSDAY | Matthew 21:28-32 |
| TUESDAY | Acts 8:1-8 | FRIDAY | Luke 12:35-40 |
| WEDNESDAY | Acts 11:19-26 | SATURDAY | Luke 12:41-48 |

Weekly Calendar

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| Sun., Oct. 11 | Adult Sunday School Worship/Children's Church Youth Group Meeting Adult Study Group | 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 5:00 PM 5:30 PM |
| Wed., Oct. 14 | Prayer Fellowship - Pastor's Study Second Helping Lunch Choir Practice | 9:30 AM 11:00-12:30 PM 6:00 PM |
| Sun., Oct. 18 | Adult Sunday School Worship/Children's Church Koinonia Luncheon after Worship Youth Group Meeting | 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 5:00 PM |

People to Contact at APC

Joys and Concerns for Prayer 10/11/09

- Pastor Bob Button and his ministries
- The session and the staff
- All the Committee members.
- Help to grow in the grace and knowledge of God, and to share the Good News with others this year.
- Those who are lonely and those in need
- Financial uncertainty and the unemployed
- Anne Hecht, quick recovery from surgery.
- Hospice patients and caregivers.
- Health (Gary Alley, Cayla Coalson, Mollie Cofflin, Tim Coleman, Nancy Cummings, Dianne Emmett, Dante Erk, Tim Fenn, Sue Ferguson, Steve Graham, Diane Janiak, Barbara Hare, Elizabeth Hawkins, Marie Hoffman, Tim Howdyshell, Brenda Hunt, Hannah Johnson, Ralph Liebchen, Phil and Carol Wills McCartney, Betty Sue Moehlenkamp, Darnell Moorman, Conner Niblett, Bob and Ellen Ragsdale, Charles Thomas, John Trotti, John Tuck, Heath Tuttle, Kathy Woodall)
- Leaders in the town, county, state, country and world.
- Military and their family (Robert Kinard, Jeremy Larkin, Grant Martin, Joshua Wright)
- Our church mission projects.
- Missionaries: John and Julie Farmer with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, John and Beth Muehleisen with World Gospel Mission, and Paul and Reinhild Sydnor with the International Teams. (Their newsletters are posted on the bulletin board.)
- Residents in retirement homes and residential care (Thelma Blanchard, Joseph Eller, Francis Harvey, Ruth Knight, Wilmoth McClelland, Martin Strebel, Roy Tucker, Margaret Young)

Session (Active Elders)

Barbie Andrews
Ministry Beyond the Congregation

Ron Coleman
Ministry Beyond the Congregation

Kelly deBernard
Ministry Within the Congregation

Bill Ferguson
Property & The Men of the Church

Rob Gilliam
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Sang-il Lee
Christian Education

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