

The Community Church Celebration of Our Lord – February 5, 2012
Ordination and Installation Sunday
Communion Sunday

Bible Memory Verse of the Week: “For freedom in Christ has indeed set us free, do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.”

~ Galatians 5:1

We Enter to the Household of the Lord

PRELUDE

(Please take this time for quiet reflection and prayer.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST AND COLLECTION OF PRAYER REQUESTS

+ GLORY BE TO THE FATHER #813

**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.**

CALL TO WORSHIP: (FROM PSALM 18)

LEADER: I love you O Lord, my strength
ALL: **The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer**
LEADER: My God is my rock, in whom I take refuge;
ALL: **He is my shield and the strength of my salvation**
LEADER: O call to the Lord, who is worthy of praise
ALL: **And I am saved from my enemies.**
LEADER: The Lord lives! Praise be to my Rock!
ALL: **Exalted be God my Savior!**

PRAYER OF WELCOMING

+ HYMN OF PRAISE #21 O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING

Ministry of the Church

ORDINATION OF KAREN THATCHER TO OFFICE OF RULING ELDER

ORDINATION OF JOANN SERLENGA TO OFFICE OF DEACON

INSTALLATION OF DEACON CLASS OF 2015

**GRACE HENDRICKS
JOANNE SERLENGA
GAIL ARMITAGE**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (SILENT)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND OUR LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

COME TO THE TABLE OF GRACE

CHOIR

TIME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

BRINGING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

+DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Ministry of the Word

+ HYMN OF PREPARATION #408 HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

SCRIPTURE OF THE DAY:

EPHESIANS 4:1-16
LEADER: The Word of the Lord
ALL: **Praise be to God, Amen**

MESSAGE

CHURCH LEADERSHIP IS NOT FOR SISSIES

At the Table of the Lord

*This is an open Table, all who confess Christ as Savior as welcome to the Lord's Table.
Please retain all elements until all are served.*

+ HYMN OF RESPONSE INSERT VERSE 4

+ WORDS OF BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A warm and sincere welcome to one and all! It is a privilege
to gather as God's people to open ourselves to the presence of God and to praise
God with loving hearts.

VISITORS: We welcome you! If you would like a visit from Pastor Gregory, please fill out the card in the pew or the one in your visitor's bag and place in the offering plate. Thank you.

If you are in need of pastoral care please call the church office (during office hours) 609-397-0650; 8:30-4pm Tuesday through Friday. Pastor Gregory is usually in the office from 8:30-2pm; Aurie is in the office from 12-4pm. If it is after office hours please phone one of the Elders on call for February: Bob Holland 609-397-2688 or Karen Thatcher 609-397-8430.

About the Sermon: *The term "sissy" really has no formal meaning in the English language. We usually associate the term with a person who is weak and a coward, a person who cannot be counted upon, or someone who is never there in a time of need. The best or closest explanation I ever got was from my old Marine Corps Sergeant who ran me in Boot Camp, "Gunny" Crawford. "A sissy is someone who leaves you all alone in the foxhole to face the enemy when the bullets start to fly". He was veteran of the Battle of Heartbreak Ridge in Korea, he lost 70% of his platoon in hand to hand combat with the enemy. He killed 2 Chinese communists with his bare hands when he ran out of bullets. He knew of that which he spoke.*

Paul in the morning lesson is in essence saying the Church, the Kingdom of God, does not need any "sissies". Those who are weak or are mental, moral, spiritual cowards who run away at the first sight of the Devil or evil. So do you really want to be an Elder or Deacon?

~ Pastor Gregory

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TODAY

Greeting Russ and Joyce Topping

Carol Griffiths is the **deacon** on stair glide duty

Nursery for church hour is provided for infants and children up to five years old.

1:30 PM Familias De Hoy

7:00 PM Soccer

MONDAY

5:00 PM LBL

7:00 PM New Elder Training

7:00 PM Session Prayer – Gregory Home

7:30 PM Familias De Hoy

7:30 PM Scouts

TUESDAY

12:00 PM Staff lunch at It's Nuts

5:00 PM LBL

7:30 PM Praise Band

9:00 PM AA

WEDNESDAY

5:00 PM LBL

7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

7:30 PM FDH Worship

THURSDAY

5:00 PM LBL

6:30 PM Bell Choir

7:30 PM Adult Choir

FRIDAY

5:30 PM AA

6:30 PM Roller Skating

SATURDAY

7:00 AM LBL

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Morning Worship

1:30 PM Familias De Hoy

7:00 PM Soccer

Parents and Grandparents please note there are coloring and activity pages for children located on the church windowsills.

Ash Wednesday Service: On **Wednesday, February 22nd** we will celebrate the start of Lent by the distribution of ashes and worship at 7pm.

Annual Deacon Training: Training for new and returning Deacons will be held **Monday, February 27th at the Westminster House at 7pm.**

Annual Elder Training: Training for new and returning Elders will be held **Monday, March 5th at the Westminster House at 7pm.**

Westminster Garden Day: Our annual day to work in the garden weeding and cleaning out the beds for Spring and the season will be **Saturday, March 24th from 10am-2pm.** Hope to see many out there. Please bring large plastic bags, work gloves and spades to spread mulch.

Service of Prayer and Healing: Our next service of prayer and healing will be in conjunction with the Communion Service on **Palm Sunday, April 1st.**

Welcome Home Sunday: Easter Sunday April 8th. We are called to spread the Good News of Christ's unconditional love and acceptance. Invite your family, friends and neighbors to our Easter Service! They will be blessed.

Blessing of all God's creatures will be Sunday, April 15th at 2pm in the Westminster Garden. Our annual blessings of all your special friends and those who mean so much. If you would like a certificate of blessings with your pet's name signed by the Pastor, please give those names to Aurie in the church office by April 1st.

Remember the Food Pantry- This is an ongoing project of the Deacons. It is an easy way to help those who are in need. Simply bring your non-perishable food to church and place on the shelves in the downstairs hallway, and one of the Deacons will take the food to the food pantry located at St. John's.

PRAYER CHAIN If you have any prayer needs during the week that you want the church family to pray for, please call, or e-mail the church office.

PRAYER CONCERNS our senior saints; our military at home and abroad; Harry Hartpence, health issues; Herbie and Barbara Hendricks, health concerns; Rayanna Marrero, at home.

HOME BOUND: Theresa Castle, Hunterdon Care Center, Flemington; Edgar Warne, 25 S. Main St Apt 4D, Lambertville.

SCHEDULED FOR NEXT SUNDAY: February 12, 2011

Elder: Russ Topping

Greeter: Dan Serlenga

Deacon scheduled for stairglide: Carol Griffiths

HYMN TYME

"How Firm a Foundation"

From Rippon's *Selection of Hymns* (1787)

The authorship of this text has always been a mystery. Its first appearance was in 1787 in *Selection of Hymns*, published by Dr. John Rippon. John was the pastor of Carter's Lane Baptist Church in London. He was one of the most popular and influential ministers of his time.

A believer's stability in this life, as well as his confidence for eternity, rests solely on the written promises of God's Word. The direction of the Living God for our lives is very definite. It is found in a firm foundation, the written revelation: "Thus saith the Lord".

Plant your feet firmly on the "Thus saith the Lords" and live life confidently in that strength.

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