

Service of Divine Worship – February 14, 2010

PRELUDE

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

We Gather To Worship our God

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

REV. DR. PETER W. GREGORY

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.**

We Enter into God's Grace

CALL TO WORSHIP

“TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS”

PRAISE BAND

PRAYER OF WELCOMING

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+ SONGS OF PRAISE

Come, Now is the Time to Worship

**Come, now is the time to worship
Come, now is the time to give your heart
Come, just as you are to worship
Come, just as you are before your God – Come.**

**One day every tongue will confess, “you are God!”
One day every knee will bow.
Still the greatest treasure remains for those
Who gladly choose you now.**

Draw Me Nearer

**I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Your voice and it told Your love to me;
But I long to rise in the arms of faith and be closer drawn to Thee.**

**Draw me nearer to the cross where Thou has died.
Draw me nearer to Your precious bleeding side.
Draw me nearer. Draw me nearer.**

**Consecrate me now to Your service, Lord, by the pow’r of grace divine.
Let my soul look up with a steady hope, and my will be lost in Thine.**

**There are depths of love that I cannot know ‘til I cross the narrow sea.
There are heights of joy that I may not reach ‘til I rest in peace with Thee.**

You Alone

**You are the only one I need
I bow all of me at Your feet
I worship You alone**

**You have given me more than
I could ever have wanted and
I want to give You my heart and my soul.**

**You, alone are Father and
You, alone are good.
You, alone are Savior and
You, alone are God**

Ministry of Prayer and Grace

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (SILENT)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND OUR LORD’S PRAYER

KURT PLEIM

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.

We Are Attentive to God's Word

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

PSALM 103: 1-13

SPECIAL MUSIC

“BECAUSE OF WHO YOU ARE”

MARTHA MUNIZZI

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING II CORINTHIANS 3: 1-6

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

KURT PLEIM

GOSPEL LESSON MARK 2: 13-22

PASTOR: The Word of the Lord
ALL: Praise be to God

SERMON (1ST MOVEMENT)
“Jesus invites Levi and refuses to limit his love to the religious elite”
Kurt Pleim, Seminary Intern

BRINGING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY
+ DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SERMON (2ND MOVEMENT)
“The fresh spiritual life Jesus brought could not be contained in the old wine skins of the Pharisees”
Kurt Pleim, Seminary Intern

+ HYMN “SPEAK, O LORD” (PLEASE SEE INSERT)

SERMON (3RD MOVEMENT)
“Are you a Levi or a Pharisee?”
Kurt Pleim, Seminary Intern

We Respond With Prayer and Thanksgiving

+ HYMN OF RESPONSE #429 “THEY’LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS BY OUR LOVE”

WORDS OF BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

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POSTLUDE

+ Please Stand if you are Able
WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
A hearty welcome to all who have come to praise God. Let us lift up our hearts in sincerity and openness to our Creator that we may be filled with love and light to share with the world.

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.

ABOUT TODAY’S SERMON: “Valentine’s Day is a day set aside to help us recognize those we love. Most of us consider our spouses, children, parents or friends when we prepare for Valentine’s Day, but as Christians, we should also consider Jesus as one that we love, and who loves us. In our Gospel reading this morning, Jesus calls Levi (the tax collector) to become one of his disciples. Jesus did not only love those who were accepted in the Jewish community of faith, but also those rejected by it. Levi would not have expected to be loved by Jesus, but Jesus’ love was not restricted to those that followed all of the Jewish laws. Jesus said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.” Jesus agape (unconditional love) was contrary to what the Pharisees had taught. For the Pharisees, love and acceptance was restricted to those that followed the rules of their culture and society. They loved those that were like them, or trying to be like them. Do we only love those that look, and act as we do? If we do then we suffer from the same problem that the Pharisees did. Jesus calls us to a higher standard.” -- Kurt Pleim

If you are in need of pastoral care please call the church office (during office hours) 609-397-0650; 8 – 12 Monday thru Friday and 8 – 3 on Wednesday. If it’s after office hours please call one of the Elders on call for month of February: Dot Kitchin at 609-291-0752 or Dan Serlenga at 908-788-5997.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TODAY

Greeting today Ken and Carol Kusant
Sandy Lobley is the **Deacon** on stair glide duty
Nursery for church hour is provided for infants and children up to five years old. Danielle Griffiths is the nursery helper this morning.
Coffee Hour after worship
12:30 to 2:30, Church Officer Training
7:00 PM, Famalia De Hoy
9:30 PM Soccer

MONDAY

3-7 PM, Lambertville Basketball
7:30 PM, Boy Scouts
9:30 PM, Woman’s Futball (soccer) in gym

TUESDAY

11:00 AM, Staff meeting at the office
5 – 8 PM, Lambertville Basketball
7:15 PM, Praise Band
9:00 PM, AA

WEDNESDAY

5-9 PM, Lambertville Basketball in gym
7 PM, Ash Wednesday service
9:30 PM Soccer

THURSDAY

5-9 PM, Lambertville Basketball in gym
6:15 Bell Choir
7:30 PM, Adult Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY

5 to 8 PM, Friday Lenten Dinner
5:30 PM, AA
6-8 PM, Skating – helpers are Carol and Tucker Griffiths
8:15 PM, Friday Night Hang

SATURDAY

8 AM to 5 PM – Lambertville Basketball in gym

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 AM, Sunday School for all Ages
9:00 AM, New Members – Pastor's Office
10:30 AM, Morning Worship
Coffee Hour
7 PM Famalias De Hoy
9:30 PM Futball

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Interested in Joining the Church? Any who wish to explore church membership and what it means to be Presbyterian can meet with Pastor Gregory, Sunday, **February 14, 9 AM in his office.**

There is a 1-bedroom apartment for rent on the 2nd floor of the Studdiford building. It will be available on February 1. The rent is \$1,000 and includes heat. 1 ½ months security is required. Contact Dan Serlenga at 908-963-9617.

LENTEN SEASON AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Pastor Gregory will be marking the start of Len with an Ash Wednesday service, **February 17 at 7 PM.** This will be a service of shadows, prayer and distribution of ashes. Starting on Wednesday, **March 3 and every Wednesday night of Lent,** Pastor Gregory will be holding a Communion service in the sanctuary, 7:00 to 7:30 PM. This simple service will be one of prayer, scripture, meditation and communion by intinction or coming forward for the cup and bread. A blessing will be provided for all.

Come let us worship the Lord

PRAYER CHAIN If you have any prayer needs during the week that you want the prayer chain to pray for please call Karen Seymour at 215-862-9359 or e-mail the church office.

PRAYER CONCERNS: our senior saints; our military at home and abroad; Dorcas Thompson cancer treatments; Naomi (daughter of Ursula Chirico) undergoing cancer treatment; Josephine (mother of Grace Reading) health concerns.

HOME BOUND: Mr. Lowell Hunter, at home; Theresa Castle, at home

SCHEDULED FOR NEXT SUNDAY: February 21, 2010

Lay Leader: George Warner

Greeting: Esther Johnson

Deacon scheduled for stairglide: Gisbert Manskopf

Church Hour Nursery: Jim and LaNelle Gallagher