

*Service of Divine Worship – February 21, 2010*  
*First Sunday of Lent*

**Bible Memory Verse: “And he will come to Zion as Redeemer. To those in Jacob who turn from their transgressions.” Isaiah 59:20**

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

*We Gather To Worship our God*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** ELDER, GEORGE WARNER

**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 #223 THE HOUSE OF THE LORD** ELDER, GEORGE WARNER

**PRAYER OF WELCOMING** ELDER, GEORGE WARNER

**+ HYMN OF PRAISE #221 “ALL PRAISE TO OUR REDEEMING LORD”**

*Ministry of Prayer and Grace*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (SILENT)** REV. DR. PETER W. GREGORY

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND OUR LORD’S PRAYER** REV. DR. PETER W. GREGORY  
**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** GENESIS 9: 8-17

**SPECIAL MUSIC** “JUBILATE DEO” ALTHOUSE

**TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES** REV. DR. PETER W. GREGORY

**BRINGING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**  
**OFFERTORY**  
**+ DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING** I PETER 3: 18-22

**+ HYMN OF PREPARATION #175 “O LORD, OUR LORD”**

**GOSPEL LESSON** MARK 1: 9-15

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

**MESSAGE** “OPEN THE UMBRELLA – IT’S RAINING” REV. DR. PETER W. GREGORY

*We Respond With Prayer and Thanksgiving*

**+ HYMN OF RESPONSE #377 “ALLELUIA! SING TO JESUS”**

**DEDICATION OF NEW STAIR-LIFT**  
**(ALL ABLE, PLEASE JOIN US AT THE STAIRS TO THE RIGHT OF THE NARTHEX)**

**WORDS OF BLESSING AND BENEDICTION** REV. DR. PETER W. GREGORY

+ Please Stand if you are Able

**WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
On this First Sunday in Lent, we happily welcome you to the Lord’s house. May the risen Christ be our Guest, and may every heart be open to receive him.

**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:** *"The narrative of Noah and the Ark has been reduced in the modern church to a children's lesson or movie. Yes, we all know Noah built an Ark with the commandment from God, and we all know he gathered the animals 2 by 2. We all know about the rain and the rainbow. But the implications of why he built the Ark, the destruction of the world, and the death of all living creatures outside the Ark sort of gets passed over in modern theology. The implications of the narrative are quite adult and quite serious. Maybe it's time we open the umbrellas."*

--Pastor Gregory

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

### OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

#### **TODAY**

**Lay Leader,** Elder, George Warner

**Greeting** today is Esther Johnson

Gisbert Manskopf is the **Deacon** on stair glide duty

**Nursery for church hour is provided** for infants and children up to five years old. Jim and Lanelle Gallagher are the nursery helpers this morning.

**Coffee Hour after worship**

7:00 PM, Famalia De Hoy

9:30 PM Soccer

#### **MONDAY**

7:00 PM, **Deacons Meeting**

7:30 PM, Scouts

9:30 PM, Soccer

#### **TUESDAY**

5 – 8 PM, Lambertville Basketball

7:15 PM, Praise Band

9:00 PM, AA

#### **WEDNESDAY**

5-9 PM, Lambertville Basketball in gym

7 PM, Women's Bible Study

7 PM, Men's Bible Study

#### **THURSDAY**

5-9 PM, Lambertville Basketball in gym

6:15 PM, Bell Choir

7:15 PM, Easter Choir Rehearsal

7:30 PM, Adult Choir Rehearsal

7 PM, Famalias De Hoy

9:30 PM Soccer

#### **FRIDAY**

**5 to 8 PM, Lenten Dinner**

5:30 PM, AA

**6 to 8 PM, Skating**

**8 PM, Friday Night Hang**

#### **SATURDAY**

8 am to 5 pm, Lambertville Basketball

#### **NEXT SUNDAY**

**9:00 AM, Sunday School for all Ages**

**10:30 AM, Morning Worship**

**Coffee Hour**

**7 PM, Famalias De Hoy**

**9:30 PM, Soccer**

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There is a 1 bedroom apartment for rent on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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** – Starting on Wednesday, March 3 and every Wednesday evening 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.

**We're looking for someone to be in charge of the Church Hour Nursery.** Responsibilities would include: Making sure there are drinks and snacks for the children, clean-up and replace toys as necessary (throw out broken ones, etc.). Coordinate volunteers to help on Sunday mornings (Carol has a list of volunteers through May). Please call Carol at the office if you can help out.

**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; Barbara Hendricks (sister-in-law of Grace Hendricks) recuperating after hip surgery.

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

**SCHEDULED FOR NEXT SUNDAY: February 28, 2010**

**Lay Leader:** Joanne DiBlasi

**Greeting:** Joan Yannarella

**Deacon scheduled for stairglide:** Gisbert Manskopf

**Church Hour Nursery:** Katie Gregory

### Hymn Tyme

"Alleluia! Sing To Jesus!"  
William Dix (1837-1898)

A hymn, which praises Christ the Lord for His salvation, glory, honor, and power, is "Alleluia! Sing To Jesus!". The text was written by William Dix, who was born in Bristol, England on June 14, 1837. The hymn expresses praise to Jesus for what He has done and what He is doing for us. Stanza 1 praises Christ for His victory. Stanza 2 praises Christ for His promise. Stanza 3 praises Christ for His intercession. In general, it is a great song of praise as we raise our voices together and say "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!".

William Dix managed a marine insurance company in Glasgow, Scotland, but his heart was in the poetry of worship. He wrote more than 40 hymns over the course of his life, including "What Child Is This?", "As With Gladness Men Of Old", and this morning's hymn.