

Service of Divine Worship – July 4, 2010
Communion Sunday

Bible Memory Verse: “The earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof.” Psalm 24: 1

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 Presence

CALL TO WORSHIP

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Leader: Praise the Lord! O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

Congregation: The Lord is near to all who call upon him, to all who call upon him in truth.

Leader: But they who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Congregation: God calls us together to worship this morning. From our work and play within the world, God gathers us to give thanks for creation’s goodness. For the strength to labor, for the wisdom to relax.

PRAYER OF WELCOMING

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+ HYMN OF PRAISE #809 “GOD OF OUR FATHERS”

Ministry of Prayer and Grace

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (SILENT)

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND OUR LORD’S PRAYER

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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

SPECIAL MUSIC

“THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER”

FRANCIS SCOTT KEY

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

REV. DR. PETER W. GREGORY

BRINGING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

+ DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+ HYMN OF PREPARATION

#807 “MY COUNTRY, ‘TIS OF THEE”

SCRIPTURE LESSON

MARK 12: 13-17

PASTOR: The Word of the Lord

ALL: Praise be to God

MESSAGE

“IS AMERICA A CHRISTIAN NATION?”

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At the Table of the Lord

This is an open table, all who confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, regardless of background or past are welcome to the table. Parents and grandparents are reminded to use good common sense and judgment in sharing the elements with younger children. Please retain all elements until all are served.

We Respond With Prayer and Thanksgiving

+ HYMN OF RESPONSE

#805 “IF MY PEOPLE’S HEARTS ARE HUMBLED

DISMISSAL TO THE CHURCH LAWN FOR PLACEMENTS OF AMERICAN FLAGS

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

“On this Fourth of July, we joyfully celebrate our nation’s birth. We are pleased that you’ve come to praise God, who richly blesses our beloved country.”

About the Sermon: “From the time of the Declaration of Independence in 1776 and the Constitution in 1787 people have debated whether Americas was founded as a “Christian” nation with Christian principles. Jesus Christ as a name nor Christian as a religion is to be found in any of the founding documents of the Nation, nor is confession of Jesus Christ as Lord ever been required for citizenship or to hold public office. So what is the big fuss about? “God” or “Creator” appears over 9 times in both the Declaration and Bill of Rights. Something is afoot here, and what were the intentions of the Founding Fathers?” --Pastor Gregory

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 – 12 Tuesday through Friday. If it’s after office hours please call one of the Elders on call for month of July will be: Bob Holland at 609-397-2688 and Dan Serlenga at 908-963-9617.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TODAY

Greeting today Miss Joanne DiBlasi

Mrs. Joyce Topping is the **Deacon** on stair glide duty

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

Donald Pidcock is the Nursery helper this morning.

7 PM, Famalias de Hoy

9:30 PM, Soccer

MONDAY

7:30 PM, Scouts

9:30 PM, Soccer

TUESDAY

9:00 PM, AA

WEDNESDAY

7:00 PM, **Open Volleyball in the gym – open to all**

9:30 Soccer

THURSDAY

7:15 PM, **Praise Band Practice**

7 PM, Famalias De Hoy

9:30 PM Soccer

FRIDAY

5:30 PM, AA

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 AM, Morning Worship

Congregation Budget Meeting

7 PM, Famalias De Hoy

9:30 PM, Soccer

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Open Volleyball Nights will be: July 7 and 21 and August 11 and August 25. This open to all.

Called Congregational Meeting: Notice is given that after worship **next Sunday, July 11** a Congregational meeting is called for mid-year church budget and finance review.

Bike-a-thon Hosted by Stockton Presbyterian Church. Their 2nd annual Bike-a-thon will take place on **Sunday, July 18 at 3 PM** (rain date will be July 25th). This year the bike-a-thon will be open to walkers and bikers. All monies raised will go the Lambertville Food Pan try. We will travel the towpath starting from the church parking lot down to Lambertville and back. Water will be provided at the half way point. A signed release form is essential to participate in this event. Please visit <http://stocktonpresbyterian.org> to download the form and for a sponsor form. If you have questions please call the church office at 397-0130.

Second Annual Hawaiian Shirt Sunday: On Sunday, August 8, wear your best tropical and Hawaiian shirt to worship. Special prices will be given t the best and most colorful.

Church 2010-2011 Calendar Planning: If you represent a program or activity that uses our church facilities please note that on **Thursday, August 12 at 7 PM** in the Westminster House we will be holding a church calendar planning meeting to get on schedule all you wish to do from September 2010, through June 2011.

“**Head teacher** wanted for local Christian nursery school class for three and four year olds. Hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays 9 am until 1 pm, plus prep time and clean up. Teaching certificate and experience working with young children required. Contact 609-466-6511 or director@stpeterns.org.”

Wednesday Worship Service

One of the most beautiful spots in all the world is located a mile from the Stockton Church: the Riverview at the Wing Dam, at Prallsville Mills. Each **Wednesday in July**, we will gather at 7:30 at the river view for **Wednesday Worship: Down By the Riverside**. The worship service will be an informal and brief service that allows us to connect with God our Creator while enjoying the river view. If traveling by car, you can take route 29 north past the town of Stockton, and you will see a "Prallsville Mills, Stockton Visitor Center" parking lot on your left. If you are walking the towpath from town, turn left right past the new Prallsville Mill Office. **If it is raining, there will not be a service.**

“**New Mommy and Me Class** at St. Peter Lutheran Nursery School – 10 week sessions on Thursdays from 9:30 – 10:45 am, starting September 16. The 10-week sessions are \$99. Class is for parents/caregivers along with 2 and 3 year olds and offers music, art, hands on activities, snack and playground time in a Christian environment. Our school is located in Hopewell Township, just minutes away at Rt. 518 and Rt. 579. Call 609-466-6511 or e-mail director@stpeterns.org.”

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

PRAYER CONCERNS: our senior saints; our military at home and abroad; Naomi (daughter of Ursula Chirico) undergoing cancer treatment; Marian and Harry Hartpence, Health issues; Rayanna Marrero (6-year-old neighbor of the Kusants) undergoing massive Chemo before her bone marrow transplant.

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

SCHEDULED FOR NEXT SUNDAY: July 11, 2010

Lay Leader: Elder, Dan Serlenga

Greeting: Mrs. Helen Jane Baker

Deacon scheduled for stairglide: Heidi Galloway

Church Hour Nursery: Mrs. Sue McCloughan

Hymn Tyme

Daniel C. Roberts (1841-1907)
"God of Our Fathers"

Today's hymn reminds us that concerned citizens of the heavenly kingdom should also be involved citizens of their earthly kingdom. Daniel Roberts had served in the Civil War with the 84th Ohio Volunteers. He wrote these words in 1876, the year that America was preparing to celebrate its 100th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Daniel was the rector of a small Episcopal church in Brandon, Vermont. He felt that the country should have a new national hymn for the occasion. Daniel's new song was sung for the first time by the parishioners of the Brandon village church for their worship service on July 4, 1876.

Later, at the time of the actual National Centennial Observance commemorating the adoption of the Constitution, Daniel's hymn was chosen as the official hymn for the event. These words remind us that the God who has so richly blessed our land in the past is the God we still need to be "our ruler, guardian, guide and stay".