

Service of Divine Worship – June 13, 2010

9th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Bible Memory Verse: “Thus says the Lord, Keep Justice, and do what is right, for soon my Salvation will come”. Isaiah 56: 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 #114 “THE HEAVENS DECLARE HIS GLORY REV. DR. PETER W. GREGORY

PRAYER OF WELCOMING

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+ HYMN OF PRAISE #128 “I SING THE MIGHTY POWER OF GOD”

Ministry of Prayer and Grace

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (SILENT)

KURT PLEIM, SEMINARY INTERN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND OUR LORD’S PRAYER

KURT PLEIM, SEMINARY INTERN

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 LESSON

I SAMUEL 3: 1-10

SPECIAL MUSIC

“GO INTO THE WORLD”

NATALIE SLEETH

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

KURT PLEIM, SEMINARY INTERN

BRINGING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

+ DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

PSALM 139: 1-6, 13-18

+ HYMN OF PREPARATION

#562 “BE THOU MY VISION”

GOSPEL LESSON

MARK 2: 23 – 3: 6

PASTOR: The Word of the Lord

ALL: Praise be to God

MESSAGE

“HOW’S YOUR VISION?”

KURT PLEIM, SEMINARY INTERN

We Respond With Prayer and Thanksgiving

+ HYMN OF RESPONSE

#343 “AMAZING GRACE”

CHORAL BENEDICTION

“THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU”

PETER LUTKIN

WORDS OF BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

REV. DR. PETER W. GREGORY

+ Please Stand if you are Able

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

“Welcome! We pray that as you worship this day you will be strengthened by His love and Grace.

About the Sermon: “When we think of vision we either think of eyesight, or we think of seeing into the future clearly (visionary). Two weeks ago was Memorial Day weekend and I was thinking about how the Founding Fathers of this country were great visionaries. They were great visionaries because they used hindsight (what they did not like about living under a Monarchy) to help them with their foresight (what they envisioned this country to be). Today many fail to appreciate this vision or even to see the beauty of it. In our scripture verses today, we see examples of people with poor physical vision and poor spiritual vision. Poor physical vision can be corrected with the proper prescription. Poor spiritual vision can also be corrected by a change in attitude or behavior (prescription). Let us take a spiritual vision test to see if we need a new prescription!” – Kurt Pleim

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 June: Joanne DiBlasi 215-862-9832 or Rich Hopkins at 609-397-9324

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TODAY

Greeting today Miss Debbie Crow

Tucker Griffiths is the **Deacon** on stair glide duty

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

LaNelle Gallagher is the Nursery helpers this morning.

Kurt’s farewell potluck. Following church today all are invited to remain for a potluck lunch in the gym where we express our thanks and gratitude to Kurt and his family for their year with us here. We have all been blessed by Kurt and his ministry, and we wish Him and his family, “fair winds and following seas” as he embarks on new horizons and new callings.

7 PM, Famalias de Hoy

9:30 PM, Soccer

MONDAY

Flag Day

7:30 PM, Scouts

9:30 PM, Soccer

TUESDAY

7:15 PM, Praise Band

AA in gym and kitchen for Anniversary party

WEDNESDAY

7:00 PM, **Open volleyball night in the gym from 7 to 9 PM. All are invited to come out and try to keep the ball over the net at least once. This is open to all.**

9:30 Soccer

THURSDAY

6:15 PM, Bell Choir

7:30 PM, Adult Choir Rehearsal

7 PM, Famalias De Hoy

9:30 PM Soccer

FRIDAY

5:30 PM, AA

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 AM, Sunday School

10:30 AM, Morning Worship

Christian Education Sunday

7 PM, Famalias De Hoy

9:30 PM, Soccer

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Couples Relationship Enrichment Retreat: Does your relationship need a tune-up? Would you like to enhance your relationship with your beloved? Would you like to know how to solve everyday communication issues about marriage and family. Pastor Gregory will be leading a couples retreat at Harvey Cedars Bible Conference Center, Long Beach island, NJ – **Friday to Sunday, November 19-21.** Total cost for a couple, including private accommodations, bath and 4 meals is \$300 a couple. Payments of \$150 will be requested in July and October. This will be open to 6 couples from the church on a first come, first served basis.

Almira Holcombe Scholarship: It's that time of year again, do you know a deserving graduating High School Senior that could use a little bit of help going forward. Please see or call Carol in the church office for a scholarship form (forms are also in the church library). Any forms are due back to the church office by June 1. The scholarships will be awarded at the June 20 Christian Education recognition Sunday.

Fourth of July Sunday: Please join us after church as we place small American flags on the grave markers of those who fought in the American Revolution and those who were with General Washington.

From Kurt – “When I came to Lambertville Presbyterian Church almost a year ago I had no idea just how much I would learn, or how much I would come to admire, to respect and to become attached to the people of this congregation. You have a lot to be proud of. Your deep knowledge of Scripture and understanding of theological concepts surprised me. You also understand what it means to reach out to the least of these through the many missions of the church. There are so many that I cannot list them all here. I pray that you will continue to be the hands and feet of Jesus to the hurting and the needy people in your community and I look forward to worshiping with you again periodically in the future.”

*With a great debt of gratitude; your humble servant,
Kurt*

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; Joyce Hayes (mother of Pat Buchanan), health issues.

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

SCHEDULED FOR NEXT SUNDAY: June 20 – Christian Education Sunday

Lay Leader: Rich Hopkins

Greeting: Miss Addie Andino

Deacon scheduled for stairglide: Tucker Griffiths

Church Hour Nursery: Mrs. Dana Garrenger

Hymn Tyme

"I Sing The Mighty Power Of God"

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Should we sing psalms or hymns in our church services? This was the controversy stirring many congregations during the 17th and 18th centuries. Isaac Watts was a life-long champion of the "humanly composed" hymn while the majority of the English-speaking churches insisted on singing only ponderous metrical psalms. Tempers frequently flared, and some churches actually split in the heat of this unharmonious musical conflict. In some churches a compromise was reached. The psalms would be sung in the early part of the church service with a hymn used at the close, during which time many parishioners either refused to sing or simply left.

Isaac showed unusual talent at an early age, learning Latin when he was 5, Greek at 9, French at 11 and Hebrew at 12. As Isaac grew up, he became increasingly disturbed by the uninspiring psalm singing in the English churches. He commented, "The singing of God's praise is the part of worship most closely related to Heaven. But its performance among us is the worst on earth." Isaac wrote over 600 hymns and is known as the "father of English hymnody".