

Trinity Sunday – May 18, 2008

Bible Memory Verse of the Week: I will extol thee, my God and King, and bless they name for ever and ever." Psalm 145: 1

++++

PRELUDE "PRELUDE IN G MINOR"
(Please take this time for quiet reflection and prayer.)

J. S. BACH

We Enter Into God's Presence

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ELDER, DONALD PIDCOCK

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CALL TO WORSHIP

#7 PRAISE THE ALMIGHTY KING

PRAYER OF WELCOMING

ELDER, DONALD PIDCOCK

+ HYMN OF PRAISE #435 "GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY"

The Ministry of the Church

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (SILENT)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PASTORAL PRAYER AND OUR LORD'S PRAYER

REV. DR. PETER 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.

ANTHEM "JESUS, LORD TO ME"

TOM FETKE

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

BRINGING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY "SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD"
+ DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ARR. SHELLY HOUSER

Ministry of the Word

+ HYMN OF PREPARATION #79 "MY JESUS, I LOVE THEE"

SCRIPTURE READING ACTS 11: 1-18

MESSAGE "NO RISK – NO REWARD"

REV. DR. PETER W. GREGORY

+HYMN OF RESPONSE #393 "BREATHE ON ME, BREATH OF GOD"

+ WORDS OF BLESSING

POSTLUDE: "TOCCATA FOR A CELEBRATION"

GENE CLARK

+ Please Stand If You Are Able

About the Sermon Today: *The Early Christian Church was not the harmonious place we tend to think it was. There were many different forces and many different points of view about who was of Christ, and what did it take to be a member of the faith. Peter was recalled in a sense to the home office in Jerusalem and explain just why he was about bringing non-Jews, or those who have not gone through the Jewish rituals like most of the early believers had done. He took a risk in baptizing gentiles, he took a risk in going back to Jerusalem, but such is the faith. Little risked, little gained.*

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

You are accepted! You are worthy! You are welcomed with joy! Please enter fully into our worship experience. May God's presence be real to us all.

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 Monday thru Friday and 8 – 3 on Wednesday. If it's after office hours please call one of the Elders on call for May are Russ Topping at 609-397-4856 or Dot Kitchin at 609-291-0752.

We care about your needs and believe in the power of prayer. If you would like prayers for wholeness in any area of your life, elders of the church will be available to pray with you at the front of the sanctuary immediately after today's service.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TODAY

Lay Leader, Elder Donald Pidcock

Greeting this morning, Miss Joanne DiBlasi

Ken Kusant is the **Deacon** on stair glide duty

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

Danielle Griffiths is the Nursery helper this morning.

Care and Share

Blessing of the Animals: We will hold a blessing of the animals today at 2 PM in the Westminster Garden

MONDAY

7:00 PM, **Session Meeting**

7:00 PM, **Deacons Meeting**

7:30 PM, Boy Scouts

TUESDAY

10:00 AM, **Staff Meeting at Jamie Hollanders in New Hope**

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

9:00 PM, **AA**

WEDNESDAY

6:30 AM, **Promise Keepers will meet at Sneddons**

7:00 PM, **Women's Bible study meets in the Westminster House**

7:00 PM, **Men's Bible study**

THURSDAY

6:15 PM, **Bell Choir**

7:15 PM, **Adult Choir**

FRIDAY

5:30 PM, **AA**

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 AM, Sunday School for all ages

10:30 AM, Morning Worship

Coffee Hour

11:45 AM, Meeting for those involved in Youth Sunday

E-mail: lambertvillepresbyterian@verizon.net

Web page: www.lambpres.org

Phone: 609-397-0650 * * Fax number: 609-397-2185

New Members: Ever considering uniting with this fellowship of Christ in membership? Pastor Gregory will hold a two week class for new members, or those who week to know more about the church on **Sunday, June 8 and 15 at 9:00 AM in his office in the Westminster House.**

Memorial Day Sunday: On Sunday, May 25, we will recognize and remember those who serve and those who have served our nation in the military. If there is a Veteran in your family, or you know of someone who is currently serving please forward those name to Carol in the office by **May 20.**

Sunday School Teacher Appreciation and Youth Sunday, June 22: We will conclude the church program year this Sunday with appreciation of all who contributed to make our Christian Education program a success, hand out our annual scholarship awards, and have special contribution from our youth.

SUMMER SCHEDULE: Please note that the church will go into its summer hours with the service on **June 29. Worship will be at 9:30 AM, there will be no Sunday School. We will return to our normal schedule on September 7 with Sunday School at 9:00 AM and Worship at 10:30 AM.**

New Way of Doing Pastoral Prayer Requests: Effective Sunday, June 29 Pastor Gregory will no longer ask for pastoral prayer requests from the pulpit, prior to the Lord's Prayer. if you desire to have a prayer request you will be invited to fill out a prayer request card that will be located in the pews and the bulletin. You are encouraged to fill out the cards and pass to the usher on duty at the time of the passing of the peace and Pastor Gregory will pray as requested on the cards.

Volunteer Opportunities in the Church:

- The church is in need of about 3 hours per week of anyone who would like to keep our Westminster Gardens weeded and watered. Please call Carol in the office if you have the time and interest.

Request a Sermon: Once again this summer Pastor Gregory will preach on your requests the weeks of June 29 to September 7. Please take a few minutes and fill out the enclosed request form and place in the offering plate or drop it by the church office.

Congregational Meeting: there will be a called Congregational Meeting following the worship service on **June 29.** Subject will be mid-year review and update on the church budget. all are encouraged to stay for this brief, but important meeting.

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.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Sadie Lopez – baby with a brain tumor; Cecil Witkowski – health concerns; Beth Sandford (daughter-in-law of Konni Sandford); Norma – for major health concerns

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

SCHEDULED FOR NEXT SUNDAY: May 25, 2008

Lay Leader: Russ Topping

Greeting: Mrs. Amy Rowen

Deacon scheduled for stairglide: Ken Kusant

Church Hour Nursery: Donald Pidcock

Hymn Tyme

HYMN TYME

"My Jesus I Love Thee"

William R. Featherston (1846-1873)

The spiritual depth of this hymn is made all the more remarkable by the knowledge that it was written by a teenager. William Featherston, from Montreal, Canada, is thought to have written these lines to his new Savior at the time of his conversion at the age of 16. It is believed William sent a copy of this poem to his aunt in Los Angeles. Then, somehow, the words appeared in an English hymnal called "The London Book" in 1864.

Several years later, a well-known American Baptist pastor, Dr. A. J. Gordon, discovered the hymn and composed a new melody for it. This hymn has since been included in nearly every evangelical hymnal.

How marvelous are the workings of God in bringing together a hymn such as this. Sing this hymn today as a prayer of thanksgiving to Jesus. May these words cause each of us to renew our devotion to God so that our love for Jesus may be reflected in all that we do.