

Service of Divine Worship – May 2, 2010  
5th Sunday of Easter

*Bible Memory Verse:* “Because you have made the Lord God your refuge, no evil or scourge will befall your home.” Psalm 91:9

**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 #42 CROWN HIM LORD OF ALL**

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**PRAYER OF WELCOMING**

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**+ HYMN OF PRAISE #43 “ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS’ NAME”**

*Ministry of Prayer and Grace*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (SILENT)**  
ASSISTANT

KURT PLEIM, SEMINARY

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND OUR LORD’S PRAYER** KURT PLEIM, SEMINARY ASSISTANT  
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 22: 25-31**

**ANTHEM** *NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD/OH, THE BLOOD OF JESUS* ARR. WARNER  
HANDBELL ENSEMBLE

**TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES** KURT PLEIM, SEMINARY ASSISTANT

**BRINGING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**OFFERTORY**  
**+ DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**SECOND SCRIPTURE OF THE DAY I JOHN 4: 7-21**

**+ HYMN OF PREPARATION #157 “THE LOVE OF GOD”**

**GOSPEL LESSON JOHN 15: 1-8**  
**PASTOR: The Word of the Lord**  
**ALL: Praise be to God**

**MESSAGE “WHAT’S LOVE GOT TO DO WITH IT?”** KURT PLEIM, SEMINARY ASSISTANT

**SPECIAL MUSIC “YOU ARE MY KING”** PRAISE BAND

*At the Table of the Lord*

This is an open table; all who confess Jesus Christ as Lord, regardless of past or background are welcome. Parents are reminded to exercise good judgment and common sense in distribution of the elements to younger children. Please hold elements until all are served

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

All things are governed by the Providence of God. We confess and believe that all things in the heavens, and earth, are governed and cared for by the Grace and Mercy of our Lord God. For the

Holy Scriptures bear witness, "The Lord is High above all nations, who is like our God, glory be to God in the highest." --Second Helvetic (Swiss) Confession 1566

*We Respond With Prayer and Thanksgiving*

+ HYMN OF RESPONSE #349 "O HOW HE LOVE YOU AND ME"

WORDS OF BLESSING AND BENEDICTION KURT PLEIM, SEMINARY INTERN

+ 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.*

**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** Our culture today is more connected than ever before. We connect with each other verbally when we are together, through email, facebook, and twitter when we are apart, through the telephone when we are at home, through cell phones when we are away from home and for many teenagers through text messages all the time! Staying connected is important. In today's gospel reading Jesus says that he is the vine, and we are the branches. We need to stay connected to the vine for life. We need to stay connected to Jesus. --Kurt Pleim, Seminary Assistant

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 May are: Dot Kitchin at 609-291-0752 and Bob Holland at 609-397-2688.

**OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**TODAY**

**Greeting** today 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. Dana Garrenger is the Nursery helpers this morning.  
**Coffee Hour after worship**  
7 PM, Famalias de Hoy  
9:30 PM, Soccer

**MONDAY**

7 PM, Session Prayer Time  
7:30 PM, Scouts

9:30 PM, Soccer

**TUESDAY**

7:15 PM, Praise Band  
9:00 PM, AA

**WEDNESDAY**

7:00 PM, Women's Bible Study  
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 - Mother's Day  
Coffee Hour  
7 PM, Famalias De Hoy  
9:30 PM, Soccer

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**March Financial Report**

<u>Annual Budget Requirement in 2010</u>	<u>Income as of 3/31/10</u>	<u>YTD Requirements</u>
\$185,386.00	\$50,145.00	\$46,346.50

**Joint Spanish and English Praise and Worship Service: We will once again host our brothers and sisters in the Lord, Famalias De Hoy on Sunday May 16 in the 10:30 AM service. We are one in Christ, those who confess His name, regardless of where we came from, or the language we speak. Let us honor our Lord God together.**

**We will also be opening up the grill for the season on May 16 for a special care and share in the church yard, weather permitting. The Deacons will set up tables and chairs on Sunday morning. The church will provide the burgers and hot dogs and drinks. We are asking that you please bring a side dish to share with others – there is a sign up sheet in the downstairs entry way for your name and what you will be bringing.**

**Our quarterly** Mission Offering will be received on **Sunday, May 23 and May 30**. Please prayerfully consider your participation in this ministry of growing the Kingdom of God through our faithful missionaries.

**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.

**The Summer Season, June 20<sup>th</sup> to September 12, Pastor Gregory will once again preach on your requested themes and topics. The request form is in the April *Light*, and included as an insert today. Please return to the church office by May 15.**

**The Gym roof repairs are almost complete.** Your help is needed! We will be putting the finishing touches on the most excellent work done by Nate and Coonie. We need to sweep the roofs of all stones and double coat with roof paint. Minimum of six people working in crew of two each. Saturday May 22, 9-12AM first coat of paint Monday Memorial Day May 31, 9-11AM finish coat of paint. **If you can help out there is a sign up sheet on the coffee table in the church library.**

**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; Naomi (daughter of Ursula Chirico) undergoing cancer treatment; Barbara Hendricks (sister-in-law of Grace Hendricks) recuperating after hip surgery; Marian 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: May 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Lay Leader** Joanne DiBlasi

**Greeting:** Mrs. Joan Yannarella

**Deacon scheduled for stairglide:** Ken Kusant

**Church Hour Nursery:** Mrs. Heather McIntyre

### Hymn Tyme

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Edward Peronnet (1726-1792)

Edward Peronnet came from a family of distinguished French Huguenots (the Protestant Reformed Church of France) who had fled to Switzerland and then England to escape religious persecution. Edward was ordained to the ministry of the Anglican Church, but was always more sympathetic to the evangelical movement led by John and Charles Wesley. Soon Edward left the state church to join the Wesleys in their evangelistic endeavors. Although he wrote a number of other hymns, this is the only one for which he will be remembered.

We can be thankful that God moved Edward to write this stirring hymn that reminds us so forcibly that the angels in heaven and ransomed souls from "every kindred, every tribe" on earth are worshiping with us even now. And one day we will all join together in singing "the everlasting song" when Christ is crowned "Lord of all".