

Service of Divine Worship – May 23, 2010
Ascension of our Lord Sunday

Bible Memory Verse: “While He blessed them, he parted from them, and was carried up to heaven, and they returned to Jerusalem with great joy praising God.” Luke 24-51

PRELUDE

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

We Gather To Worship our God

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BOB HOLLAND

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

#137 HE IS A HOLY GOD

ELDER, BOB HOLLAND

PRAYER OF WELCOMING

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+ HYMN OF PRAISE #3 “HOLY, HOLY, HOLY! LORD GOD ALMIGHTY!”

Ministry of Prayer and Grace

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (SILENT)

ELDER, RICH HOPKINS

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND OUR LORD'S PRAYER

ELDER, RICH HOPKINS

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

EXODUS 9: 22-29

ANTHEM

“YE SHALL BE WITNESSES”

JERRY KIRK

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

ELDER, RICH HOPKINS

BRINGING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

+ DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SECOND SCRIPTURE OF THE DAY

I THESSALONIANS 5: 17

+ HYMN OF PREPARATION

#563 “OPEN MY EYES THAT I MAY SEE”

GOSPEL LESSON

MARK 11: 20-24

PASTOR: The Word of the Lord

ALL: Praise be to God

MESSAGE

“PRAY WITHOUT CEASING”

ELDER, RICH HOPKINS

We Respond With Prayer and Thanksgiving

+ HYMN OF RESPONSE

#630 “WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS”

WORDS OF BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

+ Please Stand if you are Able

ELDER, RICH HOPKINS

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.

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

Lay Leader Elder, Bob Holland

Greeting today Mrs. Pat Buchanan

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

Nursery for church hour is provided for infants and children up to five years old. Mr. Don Pidcock is the Nursery helpers this morning.

Women's Fellowship will meet in the Adult Sunday School room after church.

Coffee Hour after worship

7 PM, Famalias de Hoy

9:30 PM, Soccer

MONDAY

6:30 PM, Deacons Meeting

7:30 PM, Scouts

9:30 PM, Soccer

TUESDAY

7:15 PM, Praise Band

9:00 PM, AA

WEDNESDAY

Lambertville Light articles are due – this is the last Light until September

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

7 PM, Famalias De Hoy

9:30 PM, Soccer

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

Memorial Day Celebrations: Pastor Gregory will be taking part in two public recognition ceremonies in the local area on Monday, May 31. At 10 AM at Washington Crossing State Park, outside New Hope on River Road, there will be a walk-on of historic enactors and wreath laying at the graves of Revolutionary War Veterans.

At 2 PM at the new Washington Crossing National Veterans Cemetery, there will be a formal dedication of the cemetery with featured speaker Senator Specter. The public is welcome to both events.

Interested in Learning More about the Church and Joining the Church?: Pastor Gregory will be meeting with any who wish to explore church membership and its meaning on Sunday, June 13, at 9 AM in his office.

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.

Farewell to Kurt: Please join us as we say good-bye to our Seminary Intern this past year, Kurt Pleim, at a church potluck lunch. It will be held after church on **June 13**. A sign-up sheet will be set up soon so you can let us know what you are bringing. Kurt has been a blessing to us; please take time to express our appreciation to him.

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; 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 30

Lay Leader Elder, Rich Hopkins

Greeting: Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pidcock

Deacon scheduled for stairglide: Mrs. Grace Reading

Church Hour Nursery: Mrs. Bonnie Manskopf