

Service of Divine Worship – May 30, 2010

Memorial Day Sunday

Bible Memory Verse: **“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called son of God.” Matthew 5: 9**

PRELUDE

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

We Gather To Worship our God

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RICH HOPKINS

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

783 KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS

PRAYER OF WELCOMING

RICH HOPKINS

+ HYMN OF PRAISE

#10 “MAJESTY”

Ministry of Prayer and Grace

SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

Faith Njoki Thuku, daughter of Harrison and Mona Thuku

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (SILENT)

REV. DR. PETER W. GREGORY

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

COLLECTION AND POSTING OF PRAYER REQUESTS ON THE MEMORIAL DAY BOARD

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

ANTHEM

“GOD BLESS AMERICA”

IRVING BERLIN

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”

GOSPEL LESSON

MATTHEW 6: 25-34

PASTOR: The Word of the Lord

ALL: Praise be to God

MESSAGE

“THE BEST LESSONS I EVER LEARNED WAS IN BOOT CAMP”

REV. DR. PETER W. GREGORY

We Respond With Prayer and Thanksgiving

+ HYMN OF RESPONSE

#799 “AMERICA, THE BEAUTIFUL”

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: *I have to confess I was never the best of students, either in my undergraduate or graduate level areas of work. Though I finally did earn a Doctorate in my profession, the best lessons I have ever learned have been through life experience. The best teacher I ever had in any walk of life was Marine Corps Gunnery Sergeant Crawford at Officer Candidate School, Naval Station Newport, RI. The most important of them were no man is an island, take care and trust the other man you go to war with, and when all else fails, even the best laid plans, pray, and pray hard. And you should have prayed prior to making plans in the first place. Good lessons to learn, any day or age.” –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 June: Joanne DiBlasi 215-862-9832 or Rich Hopkins 609-397-9324

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TODAY

Lay Leader Elder, Rich Hopkins

Greeting today Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pidcock

Mrs. Grace Reading is the **Deacon** on stair glide duty

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

Bonnie Manskopf 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

Memorial Day – Office Closed

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

7 PM, Famalias De Hoy

9:30 PM, Soccer

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MEMORIAL DAY SUNDAY: Today we take a few moments to remember all our veterans and those who currently are serving in our Armed Forces. If you know anybody currently who are serving, or remember a veteran who has served we ask that you write the name of the slip provided in the bulletin today. Prior to the Prayers of the People you will be invited to come forward and attach their names to the memorial board at the front of the Sanctuary.

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 the 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 is located in the downstairs entryway for you to sign up and let us know what you want to bring. 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: June 6 - Communion

Greeting: Miss Esther Johnson

Deacon scheduled for stairglide: Mrs. Grace Reading

Church Hour Nursery: Mrs. Danielle Griffiths

Hymn Tyme

"My Country, 'Tis Of Thee"
Samuel Smith (1808-1895)

Moved deeply by the desire to create a national hymn that would allow the American people to offer praise to God for our wonderful land, a 24 year old theological student penned these lines on a scrap of paper in less than 30 minutes in 1843.

Following his graduation fro Harvard and the Andover Theological Seminary, Samuel became an outstanding minister in several Baptist churches in the east. He composed 150 hymns during his 87 years and helped compile the leading Baptist hymnal of his day. He was also editor of a missionary magazine through which he exerted a strong influence in promoting the cause of missions.

The emotionally powerful ideas that Samuel expressed in this hymn had an immediate response. Soon it became a national favorite. The stirring tributes to our fatherland in the first three stanzas lead to a worshipful climax of gratefulness to God and a prayer for his continued guidance.