

Service of Divine Worship – May 9, 2010
6th Sunday of Easter

Bible Memory Verse: “Cast your bread upon the waters, for you will find it after many days.” Ecclesiastes 11: 1

PRELUDE

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

We Gather To Worship our God

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOANNE DiBLASI

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 #538 MY FAITH, MY HOPE

JOANNE DiBLASI

PRAYER OF WELCOMING

JOANNE DiBLASI

+ HYMN OF PRAISE #539 “MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE”

Ministry of Prayer and Grace

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (SILENT)

REV. DR. PETER W. GREGORY

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

ACTS 10: 44-48

ANTHEM

“A JOYFUL ALLELUIA”

GORDON YOUNG

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

REV. DR. PETER W. GREGORY

BRINGING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

+ DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SECOND SCRIPTURE OF THE DAY

PSALM 98

+ HYMN OF PREPARATION

#385 “WHERE THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS”

GOSPEL LESSON

JOHN 15: 9-17

PASTOR: The Word of the Lord

ALL: Praise be to God

MESSAGE

“DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT STILL MATTER?”

REV. DR. PETER W. GREGORY

We Respond With Prayer and Thanksgiving

+ HYMN OF RESPONSE

#384 “SPIRIT SONG”

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 - Presbyterians through the ages have been described as the "frozen chosen". In that, Reformed theology gives us a strong doctrine of divine election and the Sovereignty of God. We have not been known as a place or a community where the Holy Spirit, the giver of life, the aspect of God that causes faith, has been honored or given fair due. So how has the Holy Spirit affected your life? Does the Holy Spirit still matter? Is the Holy Spirit alive in this church, or are we more like the "dry bones" in the desert?" --- Pastor Gregory

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, Joanne DiBlasi

Greeting today Mrs. Joan Yannarella

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.

Heather McIntyre is the Nursery helpers this morning.

Coffee Hour after worship

7 PM, Famalias de Hoy

9:30 PM, Soccer

MONDAY

7:30 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

SATURDAY Eagle Scout Ceremony – in Sanctuary and in gym 1-5

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 AM, Sunday School

10:30 AM, English/Spanish Joint Worship

Cookout after church

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 20th 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 Coocie. 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.**

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.

On Sunday, May 23rd, at 7 PM, Mt. Airy Presbyterian Church will be presenting Barbara Trent in concert, the Tickets are \$5 at the door. Come and enjoy an evening of music with Barbara Trent.

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 16

Lay Leader Dan Serlenga

Greeting: Mr. and Mrs. Alison Dudick

Deacon scheduled for stairglide: Gisbert Manskopf

Church Hour Nursery: Mrs. Sue McCloughan

Hymn Tyme

"My Faith Looks Up To Thee"
Ray Palamer (1808-1887)

Today's hymn was written by Ray Palmer, a 22 year old school teacher. Several months after his graduation from Yale University, while still living with the family of the lady who directed the girls' school where he taught, Ray wrote the text for this hymn. He had experienced a very discouraging year in which he battled illness and loneliness. Ray later wrote about this time:

The words for these stanzas were born out of my own soul with very little effort. I recall that I wrote the verses with tender emotion. There was not the slightest thought of writing for another eye, least of all writing a hymn for Christian worship. It is well remembered that when writing the last line, "Oh, bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!" the thought of the whole work of redemption and salvation brought me to a degree of emotion that brought abundant tears.

Two years later, Ray chanced to meet his friend Lowell Mason, a well known name in musical circles during this time. Upon seeing Ray's text, Mason stated, "Palmer, you may live many years and do many good things, but I think you will be best known to posterity as the author of 'My Faith Looks Up To Thee'. Mason composed a melody for the text and published the song in one of his hymnals. From that time on this hymn has had an important place in nearly every hymnal that has been published.