

**\* THE HYMN 418**                    *God, Bless Your Church with Strength!*  
(sung to the tune of *Crown Him with Many Crowns* - #151)

**\* THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\* THE CHORAL RESPONSE**    *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*                    arr. Hayes  
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*Children are always welcome in the Sanctuary during worship. Should you find that your child grows restless, there is child care available. Infants are cared for in the Nursery in Room 105, toddlers 18 months through two years in Room 112.*

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Greeters: Ellen Brown, Austin Davis, James Beasley, Grace Howard, Bill & Sanda Means

Coffee & Conversation Hosts: Ann Bowers and Maria Ragland

Counters: Michael Perez and Martin Dunlap

Infant Nursery: Robin Otte

Two's Nursery: Lele Ruby

Three's Nursery: Betsy and Jim Armstrong

Preschool Program Volunteers: Carol Senf and Brenda Fishpaw

Children's Worship Volunteer: Caroline Tanner

Fellowship: The Deacons

**Staff**

Joanna M. Adams.....Pastor  
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**WORSHIP    SEPTEMBER 21, 2008**

**25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Thank you for making sure your cell phone is off during the worship hour.

**THE PRELUDE**

Walter Huff

**\* THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Christopher Henry

Leader: There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling,

**People: One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.**

Leader: Praise the Lord.

**People: The Lord's name be praised.**

**\* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 220**    *All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

**THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

*\* (The asterisk indicates parts of the worship when the congregation is invited to stand as they are able.)*

### THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

**A MOMENT OF SILENCE** *(for examination of conscience and personal prayers of confession)*

### THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**\* THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** (Hymn 139)

To Thee, great One in Three, the highest praises be, hence evermore!  
Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

### \* THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*(Children ages 2-11 are invited to leave after the **Baptism** for special classes. Three-year-olds are in Room 204; Pre-K in G-11; K - 2nd grade in G-1; 3rd - 5<sup>th</sup> grades in G-3.)*

### THE CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

*(Visitors and members are invited to sign the blue friendship register pad and pass it down the pew.)*

### THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Leader: These children have now been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church through baptism. God has made them members of the household of God. See what love the Father has for us, that we should be called children of God, and so we are. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome these children into Christ's church. We are the family of God for we are all one in Christ.

**THE CHORAL RESPONSE** *Baptized in Water* Gaelic melody

**THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON** Psalm 67 (page 500 in the Pew Bible)  
Responsive

**THE ANTHEM** *Come, Peace of God* Butler

**THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON** Exodus 18 - selected verses (page 62 in the Pew Bible)

**THE SERMON** **Sermon Series: Insights for Living from the Old Testament**  
Sermon III: "The In-laws" Joanna Adams  
*Moses went out to meet his father-in-law; he bowed down and kissed him; each asked after the other's welfare...Exodus 18:7*

**\* THE HYMN 408** *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*  
(verses 1 through 4, 6)

**\* THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** A Brief Statement of Faith  
Presbyterian Church (USA)

In a broken and fearful world  
the Spirit gives us courage  
to pray without ceasing,  
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
to unmask idolatries in church and culture,  
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.  
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks  
and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,  
praying, Come, Lord Jesus!  
With believers in every time and place,  
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**THE OFFERTORY** *Cantilena on a Welsh Melody* arr. Jordan

**\* THE DOXOLOGY/PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND INTERCESSION** (Hymn 592)