

*** THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (Hymn 592)

*** THE HYMN 453** *O Holy City, Seen of John*

*** THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*** THE CHORAL RESPONSE** *May the Road Rise to Meet You* (Gaelic) Turner
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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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Counters: Bill Southwood and Lynn Hogue

Infant Nursery: Emy Riley

Two's Nursery: Dawn Bell

Three's Nursery: Ann Bowers and Maria Ragland

Preschool Program Volunteers: Martin Dunlap, Jill and Bryan Davis

Children's Worship Volunteers: Melisa Lawson, Carolyn Morton and Al Adams

Fellowship: The Brownlees

**Staff**

Joanna M. Adams.....Pastor  
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**WORSHIP SEPTEMBER 28, 2008**

**26TH 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: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

**\* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 478** *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

**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

God of compassion, have mercy upon us as we confess our sin. In Christ you bring light, yet we still dwell in darkness. Your word offers guidance, but we choose to ignore your counsel. You promise renewal, but we do not heed your wisdom. We bow to the gods of this world, choosing to hide from your truth. Speak to us again from beyond the clouds of our sinfulness; dazzle us anew with the light of Christ's love. Restore and forgive us, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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

## THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**\* THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** (Hymn 417)

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son, laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one; One in might and one in glory while unending ages run.

**\* THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

*(Children ages 2-11 are invited to leave after the **Passing of the Peace** 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 RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

**THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON** Romans 12:1-3 Sarah Mercer Chatel  
(page 151 in the Pew Bible)

**THE ANTHEM** *Rejoice in the Lord Alway* Purcell  
Trio - Tami Giusto, Chris Boggs, Chris Hawkins

Rejoice in the Lord alway, and again I say, rejoice! Be careful for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God; and the peace of God which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON** II Samuel 12:1-14 (page 272 in the Pew Bible)

**THE SERMON** **Sermon Series: Insights for Living from the Old Testament**  
Sermon IV: "Does Character Matter?" Joanna Adams

*But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord, and the Lord sent Nathan to David...II Samuel 12:1a*

**\* THE HYMN 306** *Fairest Lord Jesus*

**\* THE APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

**THE OFFERTORY** *Adagio Cantabile* Bach