

* THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Hymn 592)

* THE HYMN 277 O God, Our Faithful God

* THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* THE CHORAL RESPONSE Day By Day Somervell

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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 012.

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Ushers: Gloria Joiner, Sandy Jones, Collier Maxwell, and Greg Morton

Greeters: Cindy and Bill Humphries, Ellen Brown, Gail Kitchens

Coffee & Conversation Hosts: Lisa and Shannon Harris

Counters: Randy Parrish, Deb Fox

Infant Nursery: Valerie Baginski

Two's Nursery: Jo Ann Bertrand

Three's Nursery: Kendall and Jake Frank

Preschool Program Volunteers: Miranda Brownlee, Melisa Prevost

Children's Worship Volunteers: Jim and Melanie McKelvey

Fellowship: Deacons

Staff

- Joanna M. Adams.....Pastor
Christopher Henry .....Associate Pastor
Robert Gray.....Assistant to the Minister
Walter Huff.....Organist/Choirmaster
Melinda Sandkam .....Program Director
Martha Hartzell.....Preschool Director
Brittney Jaynes.....Children's Choir Director
Marcy Meredith.....Music Administrator
Anna Best.....Office Administrator
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WORSHIP JULY 19, 2009

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Our preparation for worship is as follows: Before the prelude begins, the liturgist for the morning will greet the congregation from the lectern, saying "The Lord be with you." The people will respond, "And also with you." At this point, the prelude will begin. After the prelude, the chimes will be sounded, and the call to worship will take place, followed by the processional hymn. Our goal is to make the sanctuary as worshipful as possible as the congregation gathers to honor God's holy name.

THE GATHERING

Christopher Henry

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

THE PRELUDE

Enter His Courts With Praise

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\* THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,

People: that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.

Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

People: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

Leader: for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

People: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Leader: The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

All: May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

\* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 263

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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

Almighty and most merciful God; We have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared unto humankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful God, for his sake; That we may hereafter live a godly and righteous life, to the glory of Thy holy name. Amen.

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

## THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**\* THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** (Hymn 466)

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.

**\* THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

*(Children ages 2-11 are invited to leave after the **Peace of Christ** 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 LESSON** Hebrews 1:1-4 (page 790 in the pew Bible)

**THE ANTHEM** *Piedad (Have Mercy, Lord, on Me)* Marcelino Montoya

**THE SECOND LESSON** Hosea 11:1-11 (page 794 in the pew Bible)

**THE SERMON** *Four of the Strangest Books in the Bible* Joanna Adams

IV: Hosea

*I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath. Hosea 11:9*

**\* THE HYMN 413** *All Who Love and Serve Your City*

**\* THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** A Brief Statement of Faith, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

We trust in God,  
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

In sovereign love God created the world good  
and makes everyone equally in God's image  
male and female, of every race and people,  
to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.

Ignoring God's commandments,  
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,  
accept lies as truth,  
exploit neighbor and nature,  
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.  
We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

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.

## 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** *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* arr. Charles Maggs  
Morningside Handbell Choir (James Klotz, director)