

The First Presbyterian Church of Dunedin
The Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 18, 2009
10:30 a.m.

Enter the church in silence. Through silence speak to God and let God speak to you.

PREPARATION: *The following are the scripture texts for this morning: Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35 (Pew Bible page 483); Job: 38:1-7, (34-41) (page 420) The Lord answers Job's complaints with marvelous images of the vastness of creation. Hebrews 5:1-10 (page 973) Jesus is superior to the high priests of the temple. Mark 10:35-45 (page 823) Jesus teaches that true greatness comes through serving others.*

PRAYER FOR THE DAY: *Lord Jesus, we are those who have heard you say, "Follow me." And we have responded. We have come to you as we are, to become who you would have us be, strong and faithful followers of the way. Challenge and correct us; make us and hold us as individual followers and as your church, that we may fulfill our potential and your intention. May our discipleship point clearly to you, the one we follow in love. Amen.*

THE GATHERING

BELL PEAL

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

PRELUDE "Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness" Johannes Brahms

***INTROIT (Borrowed Light)** "If All You Want, Lord, Is My Heart" St. Anne

CHOIR: If all you want, Lord, is my heart, my heart is yours alone,
providing I may set apart my mind to be my own.

ALL: **If all you want, Lord, is my mind, my mind belongs to you,
but let my heart remain inclined to do what it would do.**

CHOIR: If heart and mind would both suffice, while I kept strength and soul,
at least I would not sacrifice completely my control.

ALL: **But since, O God, you want them all to shape with your own hand,
I pray for grace to heed your call to live your first command.**

***OPENING SENTENCES**

LEADER: God of grace, who leads us into the challenges of everyday life,

PEOPLE: **refresh us with your mercy.**

LEADER: God of love, who calls us out of trouble into peace,

PEOPLE: **refresh us with your mercy.**

LEADER: God of the lost, the hurt, the oppressed,

PEOPLE: **refresh us with your mercy.**

LEADER: God of our successes and struggles,

PEOPLE: **refresh us with your mercy.**

LEADER: God of mystery, who calls us always into the unknown,

PEOPLE: **refresh us with your mercy.**

ALL: **Let us worship our God who refreshes us with mercy!**

***HYMN #481** "Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show" Llanfair

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

LEADER: The proof of God's amazing love for us is this:
while we were sinners, Christ died for us.

PEOPLE: **It is because we have faith in him,
that we dare to approach God in confidence.**

LEADER: Let us, then, make our confession to God together.

ALL: **Lord Jesus Christ, servant of all, how embarrassed we are when you call
us to be servants! We work very hard to get our own way. We want to
sit in the best seat and be respected by everyone. Even when we try to
follow you, we think about how good we will look. In your mercy,
forgive us. In the power of your Spirit, transform us. Shape us into
people who can love and serve others. Amen.**

RESPONSE (Hymn # 376) "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" Hyfrydol

ALL: **Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!**

Let us all in Thee inherit, let us find the promised rest;

Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;

End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

LEADER: To follow Jesus is to see ourselves in the light of his goodness and
faithfulness. But when we turn to him in repentance, we are assured that our
sins are already forgiven and forgotten by God, that nothing we have done or
ever may do can separate us from the love of God.

PEOPLE: **This is the good news of the Gospel!**

ALL: **Praise be to God!**

***GLORIA PATRI (Hymnal #579)** "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."

CHILDREN'S SERMON Eric Houghton

(At this time the children may leave for Sonshine Mountain.)

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
EPISTLE READING

Hebrews 5:1-10

The Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

“Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me”

K. Lee Scott

GOSPEL READING

Mark 10:35-45

The Gospel of the Lord!
Praise to You, O Christ!

SERMON

“Making Sense of Things”

Rev. Victoria ByRoade

THE RESPONSE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

COMMISSIONING OF CHURCH GROWTH TASK FORCE (see insert)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Confession of 1967 (9.31 adapted)

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as his reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God’s message of reconciliation and shares his labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to his call. Amen.

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

“Love Is Kind and Suffers Long”

Gerald Bales

*DOXOLOGY (Hymnal #591) “Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.”

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SENDING

*HYMN #477

“Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”

Hanover

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE (*Songs for Celebration*) “Awake, Awake to Love and Work”

Morning Song

CHOIR: Awake, awake to love and work the lark is in the sky,
the fields are wet with diamond dew the worlds awake to cry
their blessings on the Lord of life, as he goes meekly by.

ALL: To give and give, and give again, what God has given thee;
to spend thyself nor count the cost, to serve right gloriously
the God who gave all worlds that are, and all that are to be.

*CHARGE

*POSTLUDE

“Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices”

Max Reger

**The congregation stands. If standing is difficult for you, please feel free to remain seated.*

NEXT SUNDAY, October 25, 2009 will be the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The scripture readings will be: Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22) (Pew Bible pages 441-442); Job 42:1-6, 10-17 (page 424) Job speaks to God with humble words, and God restores his fortunes. Hebrews 7:23-28 (page 974) Jesus is our high priest, who has offered himself as the sacrifice. Mark 10:46-52 (page 823) Jesus heals a blind man named Bartimaeus.

PRAYER FOR PEACE - THE RIGHT TO FOOD During the Mission Fair last week, we had several exhibits describing what we can do to provide food to poor people. Those missions included SHARE, RCS, HEP, the Society of St. Andrews, and the Beth-El Farmworker Ministry. Many in our congregation work every day to assist others in getting enough food for their families. The first week of October was in fact named by the Presbyterian Church (USA) as a “week of action” on the right to food when food prices are pushing millions of people into poverty. There is a strong relationship between trade, agriculture, food and human rights. It’s a focus of the meetings that were held in Turkey and that we all saw on television where people threatened the representatives of the World Bank and the IMF to find solutions to the global economic crisis that has caused the prices of food to rise so high that families are going bankrupt and children are dying. The short phrase for all these tensions is “trade justice” but there are many, many ways to say that people should be able to purchase food at a fair price. Trade justice touches us all, both here and abroad. *Father in Heaven, bless the leaders of agro-industry and banking who are working so hard to find ways to get food at affordable prices to the various markets around the world. Help families locate food sources that will sustain them and their children. Bless the missions of the world who are trying to bridge the gap to protect the families who have no resources to purchase food. Help them survive this crisis. In your precious name we pray, Amen.*

IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME and are interested in joining First Presbyterian Church of Dunedin, please indicate your desire to Pastor ByRoade so we can arrange a gathering of our Session.

WE WELCOME ALL WHO WORSHIP HERE TODAY – Coffee is available in Hager Hall following both services. Coloring pages for children to use during the worship hour are available from the ushers. Before “THE WORD”, girls and boys PK4 through 5th grade are invited to attend Sunday school on “Sonshine Mountain”. Our nursery, for infants through age 3, is in the Christian Education Building, downstairs in Room 103. Large print bulletins and large print hymnals are available from the ushers. Hearing devices are also available. Please ask for one at the sound booth.

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

USHERS: Don Shaffer, Jamie Poppler, Iris Poppler, Margie Skinner
LITURGIST: Jynx Bailey
ACOLYTE: Jonathan G.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS THIS WEEK ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD BY

Richard and Laurie Closson in memory of Laurie’s father, Linscott A. Hall

TODAY’S OPPORTUNITIES

8:45 a.m. – Worship Café
9:30 a.m. – Sunday School/Fellowship
10:30 a.m. – Traditional Worship

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Monday (19 th)	10:00 a.m.	Strong for Life
	7:00 p.m.	Financial Peace University
Tuesday (20 th)	2:00 p.m.	Koinonia
	7:00 p.m.	Session
	7:30 p.m.	Transit (Young Adult Group)
Wednesday (21 st)	10:00 a.m.	Strong for Life
	6:00 p.m.	Family Night Dinner
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study – Doyle
	7:00 p.m.	Video Club
	7:00 p.m.	Handbell Rehearsal
Thursday (22 nd)	8:00 p.m.	Worship Café Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME BETTY DETHMERS ORGANIST/DIRECTOR TODAY! Stephen Allen is on vacation this week.

SESSION MEMBERS please remember to pick up the Session Docket in your mailbox. Session meets Tuesday, October 20th at 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT DINNER – this week the meal will be salisbury steak w/mushroom gravy, roasted red potatoes, house salad, breadsticks, chocolate cake. The cost is \$6.50 per adult; \$4.00 12-18; \$3.00 2-12; \$18.00 max per family with children under 12. We gather at 6:00 p.m. (to pay) and eat following the blessing at 6:15. Sign up today on the friendship register!

3 CENTS A MEAL will be collected today. Thank you for sharing your abundance with others as Jesus has challenged all of us to do. If each member at FPC gave 3 cents a meal for one year, their individual contribution would be \$32.85 – what a positive impact that would be for helping others! Make this part of your overall mission support.

KOINONIA – Tuesday, October 20 at 2:00 p.m. Leah Hayes, guest reviewer, will enthusiastically present Ghost Train to the Easter Star – on the Tracks of the Great Railway Bazaar by Paul Theroux. If you have traveled in Europe, you will really enjoy Leah’s presentation. Bring a friend!

HARVESTFEST 2009 *Introducing the SECOND ANNUAL HARVESTFEST!* On Wednesday, October 28th at 6:00 PM you want to be here! This is an event unlike any other. Start by dressing up, decorate your treat bag, take a guided "trick or treat" tour but keep an eye out for surprises along the way! Finish up the night with carnival style games and you have a recipe for FUN! Don't forget to invite your family and friends. See Luke Phillips for more details. See you there!

PIPESCREAMS – ORGAN CONCERT (FOR HALLOWEEN!) Join the Clearwater Chapter of the American Guild of Organists and chapter Dean, Stephen Allen, on Friday, October 30 at 7:00 p.m. in our sanctuary as they conjure up melodic “trick or treats”! This *frightfully* popular event will be followed by a reception in Hager Hall. Costumes are welcome and you are encouraged to bring a canned food donation for RCS (Religious Community Services). The program is free and open to the public (a free-will offering will be taken to benefit the scholarship fund of the AGO).

FIRST FRIDAY CONVERSATION November 6 – 11:45 a.m. Hager Hall - Join us for an art demonstration in Mixed Media. Learn how to create unusual art, easily. Come prepared to be inspired! Brown bag your lunch and please bring a friend and together we will all have fun!

FIRST SUNDAY BOOKS November 1, 7:00 p.m. in the church library. Florida’s Farmworkers by Nano Riley. Join the conversation about housing and working conditions, family life, health, the challenges of education and the migrant lifestyle. Discussion leader: Eric Houghton; Special Guest: Rev. Ramiro Ros, Pastor, Beth-el Farmworkers Ministry

DO YOU LIKE LITTLE CHILDREN? First Friends, the Preschool of First Church, is in need of a volunteer (or volunteers) willing to give of their time Monday thru Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. serving as a hall monitor/shepherd. For more information call Cori at 733-2111.

PRAYER REQUESTS the names of people who have requested prayer are listed in italics the first week of their request and any time there are changes in their condition or place of recuperation. A complete listing of the people for whom we need to lift our prayers will also be provided for you in each edition of THE VOICE. (Please call the church office if you have a prayer concern.)

- *Family and friends of Carolyn M., sister of Thelma P., who died October 13 in Charlotte, NC*
- *Family and friends of Jim B. who died October 9*
- *Marge V. diagnosed with a recurrence of cancer*
- Don H., father of Donna D., recuperating at home
- Jean J. at home preparing for back surgery 10/21
- Barbara F., mother of Malena F., recovering from surgery at Mease Dunedin
- Monica A., friend of the church, dealing with recurrence of breast cancer
- Sandi G., family friend of Dave and Bobbie E., following surgery
- Anne T., mother of Betsi L-K., following cancer treatment
- Thelma P. recuperating at home following knee surgery
- John E., nephew of David and Bobbie E., following an injury in Afghanistan
- Paul K. recovering from cancer surgery
- Fran I., mother of Jeff Iosa, being treated for cancer
- Edna-Ann Z. of Virginia, cousin of Frances D., diagnosed with lung cancer
- For improved health: Marion G., Jim B., Su R., Martha B., Betsy P., Bill V., Sharyn R., Lois K., Dotsie D., Peg H., Dee F., Walter B., Dave D., Eva M.
- All our members who reside in skilled nursing homes
- The Transfiguration Faith Community of St. Petersburg, a new church development in the Presbytery of Tampa Bay
- Luke Phillips, our contemporary worship leader, as he begins the process toward ordination
- First Presbyterian Church in our desire to be responsible stewards of our talents and finances

**October 14,
2009**

First Church Financial Status on:

<i>Operating Funds</i>	<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Expenses</i>	<i>Surplus (Deficit)</i>
Church	\$ 289,960	\$ 359,433	\$ (69,473)
Pre-School	\$ 173,515	\$ 164,943	\$ 8,572
Totals:	\$ 463,475	\$ 524,376	\$ (60,901)

Tithes and other contributions to First Church are almost 10 percent below expectations for this point in the year.

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