

**The First Presbyterian Church of Dunedin  
The Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
November 8, 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 127 (Pew Bible page 499); Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17 (pages 211-212) Naomi sends Ruth to the threshing floor. Boaz marries Ruth. Hebrews 9:24-28 (page 976) Christ is in heaven as his eternal temple. Mark 12:38-44 (page 825) Jesus condemns the respected scribes and honors a poor widow. Today's sermon is based on: Joshua 4:1-7.*

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** *Our loving God, you have given us so much for which to be thankful that our hearts are very glad. For your kindness to us and to all people, we give praise on this day. May we give our thanks in all we do. Give us faith, wisdom, patience and godliness; that we may live together in the spirit of love. We pray in the spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### THE GATHERING

#### BELL PEAL

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

**PRELUDE** "I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ" J. S. Bach

**INTROIT (Hymn #428)** "We Give Thee but Thine Own" Schumann

**CHOIR:** We give Thee but Thine own, whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee  
May we Thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,  
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, to Thee our first fruits give.

**\*ALL:** **And we believe Thy Word, though dim our faith may be;  
Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord, we do it unto Thee.**

#### \*OPENING SENTENCES

**LEADER:** What does our God ask of us in this place and time?

**PEOPLE:** **To worship with our whole hearts.**

**LEADER:** What does our God seek in our lives?

**PEOPLE:** **To care for one another with compassion and mercy.**

**LEADER:** What service does God invite from us?

**PEOPLE:** **To give what we have, with open hearts.**

**LEADER:** What blessing does God seek for the world?

**PEOPLE:** **That we share in raising up the poor, the lost and the broken.**

**ALL:** **Let us worship God here, that we might grow  
in love and service everywhere.**

**\*HYMN #2236 (Sing the Faith)**

**"Gather Us In"**

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#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**LEADER:** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**PEOPLE:** **But, if we confess our sins, God who is merciful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

**LEADER:** Let us, then, ask God to forgive us.

**ALL:** **Gracious God, you bless us with all we need. Time and time again, we hold back in our giving; we fear there will not be enough. We withhold our time; we withhold our money, saying, "Who know what will happen?" Your mercies never cease. Forgive our fears and refusals. Help us to be like Joshua and the children of Israel as they prepared for a blessing from God. Help us be like the poor widow, giving all because we trust you. Help our gratitude be a witness to you grace. Amen.**

**RESPONSE (Hymn #276)** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" Faithfulness

**ALL:** **Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!  
Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided;  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**LEADER:** The greatest gift is faith, faith in God's amazing, unconditional love and forgiveness and in our opportunity for new life in Christ.

**PEOPLE:** **This is grace poured out in glorious reality for all who sincerely repent of their sin and desire to grow into the fullness of potential in Christ Jesus.**

**ALL:** **Praise be to God for such assurance and hope!**

**\*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

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*The Word of the Lord!*  
Thanks be to God!

Joshua 4:1-7

Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I'm come;  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

**ANTHEM**

“Standing on the Promises”

Young

**GOSPEL READING**

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

Mark 12:22-28

O to grace how sweet a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee;  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

**SERMON**

“We Are Not Alone”

Rev. Victoria ByRoade

**\*POSTLUDE**

“Prelude and Fugue in F”

J. S. Bach

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

**THE RESPONSE**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(from Jesus Christ, The Life of the World:

A Worship Book for the Sixth Assembly of the World Council of Churches)

**NEXT SUNDAY, November 15, 2009 will be the Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time.** *The scripture readings will be: Psalm 16 (Pew Bible pages 430-431); Samuel 1:4-20 (page 213) Hannah is blessed with the child, Samuel. Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18), 19-25 (page 976) Forgiveness of sins is possible through Christ's sacrifice. Mark 13:1-8 (pages 825-826) Jesus foretells the conflicts that will come in his name.*

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

**PRAYER FOR PEACE – VETERANS** November 11, 2009 is Veterans' Day. Originally a date to celebrate the hurriedly signed armistice arising from the Treaty of Versailles between Germany and the Allies in 1918. President Wilson in 1920 named the nearest Sunday as Armistice Day in the interest of international peace. In 1938, Armistice Day November 11<sup>th</sup> was established as an official federal holiday. Just as the date and name have been changed over time, the meaning changed to include veterans of all wars. As we look back over the last century, it is even more important that we honor our veterans who fought and died in numerous conflicts and continue to risk their lives today in Iraq and Afghanistan. It is also important to remember the support and service groups who supply our troops, who make sure they have the equipment, fuel, clothing, and food to sustain themselves in sometimes remote areas, and the families who wait at home for safe return of their loved ones. *Father in Heaven, keep us aware of the sacrifice of our men and women as they defend and protect our homeland and our peace. Give us strength to endure their loss and their injuries and give us the patience and will to support them on their return. Bless the work of all those responsible for sending, supplying, supporting, and caring for our soldiers, and for burying our dead. Keep our soldiers and their families in our thoughts and prayers as we make policy decisions for the future. Amen.*

**OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS**

**OFFERTORY**

“Trio on NETTLETON”

arr. Harris

**\*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**

**INVITATION TO COMMITMENT**

**\*CHARGE**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*COMMITMENT RESPONSE (Hymn #356)** “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” Nettleton

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!

**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 5<sup>th</sup> 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: Doug Davis, Chuck Jones, Margie Skinner, Ann Sabo  
 LITURGIST: Cheryl Small  
 ACOLYTE: Jonathan Gibbs

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

Candy Barnette in loving memory of her father, L. P. McKibben

**TODAY’S OPPORTUNITIES**

8:45 a.m. – Worship Café  
 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School/Fellowship  
 10:30 a.m. – Traditional Worship  
 11:30 a.m. – New Member Conversation  
 11:45 a.m. – Growth Task Force Meeting

**OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK**

Monday (9 <sup>th</sup> )	10:00 a.m.	Strong for Life
	7:00 p.m.	Financial Peace University
Tuesday (10 <sup>th</sup> )	7:00 p.m.	Sarah Circle
	9:30 a.m.	Martha Circle
	1:00 p.m.	Esther Circle
	3:30 p.m.	Pre-School Committee
	7:00 p.m.	Property
Wednesday (11 <sup>th</sup> )	7:30 p.m.	Transit (Young Adult Group)\
	<b>DECEMBER/JANUARY VOICE DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES!</b>	
	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 (12 <sup>th</sup> )	8:00 p.m.	Worship Café Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY DINNER** – this week the meal will be Caesar salad, chicken marsala w/wild mushroom sauce, rice pilaf, vegetable melody, dinner rolls, peanut butter pie. 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 eat at 6:15, so please come a little early to pay. Sign up today on the Friendship Register!

**SUNDAY BRUNCH IS COMING!** Please join us next Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup> after the traditional service for a buffet style all-you-can-eat brunch to welcome our snowbirds back for the season! We will have sausage, scrambled eggs, potatoes, fruit, and juice. Tickets are \$5.00 each for adults and \$3.50 for children and are available at the welcome table.

**WE’RE GOING TO CHIP** (Clearwater Homeless Intervention Project) this coming Friday, November 13. Can you prepare a cold dish for delivery to our homeless friends? Please sign up for meat, salad, fruit or cookies at the CHIP table in Hager Hall after the service. If we all do a little, we can make a lot of difference!

**WEB HELP WANTED** Would you like to put your technical skills to work for the Lord? You don’t have to be the world’s foremost genius. If you have a way with Photoshop or can put together a simple HTML web page and can spare a bit of time, you can definitely help. Let’s meet to kick ideas around: Tuesday, November 10, 7 p.m. in the church library. RSVP: John Brockman, [webservant@fpcdunedin.org](mailto:webservant@fpcdunedin.org). Can’t make the meeting? Send me an email to suggest how you might like to help. With your ideas and collaboration our church website could be so much better. Help is needed to post bulletins, sermons, monthly calendar, announcements, plus whatever you have in mind.

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS** – Sunday, November 22 at 2:00 p.m. We will gather to thank God for putting special creatures into our lives and to ask God to bless them and us as we care for each other.

**IT’S TEA TIME!** High Tea at High Noon on Saturday, December 12 in Hager Hall hosted by Sarah Circle. We are excited to have Emily Harris, Teaching Artist/Storyteller as our guest. Tickets for the tea are \$6.00. Reservations can be made through your circle leader or by calling Lynn Steuernagle at 736-3850. The deadline for reservations is Monday, December 7. We hope you will join us for a delightful and special afternoon.

**VOICE DELIVERY** Due to printing “glitch” the November VOICE was unable to be mailed. Please pick up your copy of the VOICE in Hager Hall at your convenience.

**UPDATE YOUR ADDRESS/PHONE!** Snowbirds and members, please remember to notify the church office of changes in your mailing address and/or phone numbers. Thank you!

**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.)

- Ron McDermott at Mease Dunedin recovering from an infection
- Blanche Kirchoffer recovering at Baytree Rehab
- Mae Harrington, daughter of Leona Baker Everitt, following surgery on November 2
- Jean Joiner at home recovering from surgery
- Marge Vilsoet, Don Hart, and Monica Adams undergoing cancer treatments
- Sandi Geller, family friend of Dave and Bobbie Eichenberger, following surgery
- Anne Trahan, mother of Betsi Lewis-Knapp, following cancer treatment
- Thelma Powell recuperating at home following knee surgery
- John Eichenberger, nephew of David and Bobbie Eichenberger, following an injury in Afghanistan
- Paul Kuehner recovering from cancer surgery
- Fran Iosa, mother of Jeff Iosa, being treated for cancer
- For improved health: Barbara Frett, Marion Guthrie, Martha Brinklow, Betsy Perkins, Bill Vilsoet, Sharyn Ramirez, Lois Krebs, Dotsie Dauble, Peg Harvie, Dee Faust, Walter Brashear, Dave Dauble, Eva Marcantel
- 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

**November 4,  
2009**

**First Church Financial Status on:**

<i>Operating Funds</i>	<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Expenses</i>	<i>Surplus (Deficit)</i>
Church	\$ 315,241	\$ 403,813	\$ (88,572)
Pre-School	\$ 195,869	\$ 185,216	\$ 10,654
Totals:	\$ 511,111	\$ 589,029	\$ (77,918)

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

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**THE SESSION OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF DUNEDIN**

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