

*Welcome to this service of worship on the  
Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time.*

As Jesus Christ welcomes each one of us, we hope you sense the friendly welcome of this congregation of God's people.

[\*]If you are comfortable doing so, it is appropriate to stand.  
**Bold type** signifies congregational response.

**WE GATHER IN JESUS' NAME**

HYMN SING Ed Carty, Leader  
#469 Morning Has Broken (vs 1 & 3)  
#455 All Creatures of Our God and King (vs 1 & 3)  
#467 How Great Thou Art (vs 1 & 4)

(Those who have announcements are asked to please move to the front pews at this time.)

CHORAL INTROIT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing praises to the Lord, O you faithful ones, and give thanks to God's holy name.

**For God's anger is but for a moment; God's favor is for a lifetime.**

Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

**Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to us! O Lord, be our helper!**

God turns our mourning into dancing and clothes us with joy, so that our souls may praise God and not be silent.

**O Lord our God, we will give thanks to you forever.**

\* HYMN #464 *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Forgive us our sins, O God. Forgive us the sins of our youth and the sins of our age, the sins of our soul and the sins of our body, our secret and our whispering sins, our deliberate and our careless sins, the sins we have done to please ourselves, and the sins we have done to please others. Forgive us the sins that we know, and the sins that we know not; forgive them, gracious God, forgive them all because of your great goodness. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*GLORIA PATRI Avery and Marsh Hymnal p. 577

\*LIGHTING A CANDLE FOR PEACE

We light a candle in our midst to stand as a beacon of hope, calling us and all the world from darkness to light, from violence to peace.

**Lord make us instruments of your peace.**

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

FIRST LESSON James 5:13-20 Pew Bible NT p.96

ANTHEM *Bless the Lord, O My Soul* Nygard

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, all His kindness, bless the Lord, He forgives all your sins, and heals your sickness and crowns you with love. Bless the Lord, O my soul...

GOSPEL Mark 9:38-50 Pew Bible NT p. 45

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE "A One-Eyed World" Rev. Martha Highsmith

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

\* HYMN # 339 *Be Thou My Vision*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER  
*The Lord's Prayer is found on the top of page 16 of the Hymnal, traditional version using "debts" and "debtors"*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (see insert) *Down to the River to Pray* Curry

\*INCLUSIVE-LANGUAGE DOXOLOGY (see insert)

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**God of extravagant mercy, with hands outstretched you have poured out wonder and pleasure and delight, goodness and beauty and bounty. So take these offerings, we pray, as our protest against all that is evil and ugly and impoverished, trivial and wretched and unjust, in our world and in ourselves— and thus may all creation come to know your blessings. Amen.**

\*HYMN # 420 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

\*BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Go With Us, Lord*  
for music see hymn 535

**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day, that in Your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to You.**

POSTLUDE *To God Be the Glory* Doane/Burkhardt

## SERVICE

- Flowers:** The flowers are given today by Sam & Sandy Hamilton in memory of Evelyn Crabb Gordon.
- Acolyte:** TBA
- Greeters:** Jane Murray, Shirley Dudley
- Liturgist:** June O'Neil
- Ushers:** Michael Adzenyah, Joan Grant, R. Sherwood Marchant, Rusty Spears.



Members, friends, and visitors are invited to join us as our guests for coffee and fellowship in Hodge Hall immediately following worship

*This is a welcoming Church, embracing sisters and brothers without regard to age, race, ethnic background, sexual orientation, family status, economic situation or theological viewpoint. We want our visitors to feel a part of the family. "Following the risen Christ, and seeking to make the Church a true community of hospitality, the mission of More Light Presbyterians is to work for the full participation of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people of faith in the life, ministry and witness of the Presbyterian Church (USA)."*

There is a variety of materials near the entrance to acquaint you with the Church. We encourage you to sign the guest book in the entry and to use the yellow card in the pews to register your attendance and enable us to add you to our newsletter mailing list. Please place yellow cards in the offering plates.

**Membership:** All of our services and activities are open to non-members. We invite people to commit themselves to membership as a witness to their faith in Christ, and the mission of Christ as lived out in the life of this congregation. We receive members by affirmation of faith, or by reaffirmation or transfer of membership. You may speak with the pastor or one of the elders about membership.

*Offering Envelopes* are available in the pews for the convenience of those who may have forgotten their assigned envelope or for those who wish to use an envelope for a cash

gift. If you wish your contribution to be used for a specific cause, please indicate that on the envelope.

## ASSISTED LISTENING SYSTEM AVAILABLE

Anyone who has difficulty in hearing and understanding the service is encouraged to use the assisted listening system. This is a wireless system so users can sit anywhere in the sanctuary. Receivers are available near the entrance to the sanctuary. Many of you have used a similar system at the Bushnell or Hartford Stage.



*During the service* we provide **Nursery Care** in the Buchanan Room for children **up to age 4**. An usher will direct you to the location. **Shannon Hopkins** is the nursery director and **Augusta Jara** is the assistant.

**The Abiding Memorials Book** is open to the abiding gift given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Harriet G. Bassett**, born October 6, 1907, died December 6, 1983, by those listed, perpetuated in the Presbyterian Foundation, June 1983.

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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First Presbyterian Church  
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Worship 10:30 am  
Sunday, September 27, 2009