

First Presbyterian Church

Trinity Sunday

May 30, 2010

8:30 and 10 a.m.

The Prelude *[A time to be silent in preparation for worship. Please turn off your cell phone.]*
Medley for French Horn Duet – Nathan Atkinson & Joey Perrault

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission VBS

Ringling Our Historic Church Bells

Opening Hymn #799 “America, the Beautiful”

The Call to Worship *(responsive)*

L: Sovereign God,

P: **How majestic is your name in all the earth.**

L: Moon and stars proclaim your glory.

P: **You’ve endowed humanity with honor and responsibility.**

L: Your trust and love surpass words.

P: **We offer you praise and thanks for this world and our life together.** Based on Psalm 8

The Anthem: “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace” by Hayes

Prayer of Confession *(unison)* Triune God - Father, Son, and Spirit - your very being is forged through relationship. How often we forget that we ourselves are also constituted through our relationship with you and with one another. When we turn against our neighbor, we simultaneously turn against you and ourselves. One God, three persons, your very community promises the restoration of broken relationships. Your deep mercy interpenetrates your divine nature, overflowing in hope and devotion to all creation. Trusting your merciful, relational character, we confess we have ignored, demeaned, and ruptured our relationships with our neighbors, you, and ourselves. We ask forgiveness and for your saving presence. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria Patri #812

The Pastoral Prayer/The Lord’s Prayer

Offertory As a tangible expression of our gratitude to God, we joyfully offer our monetary gifts to financially support God's work at First Presbyterian Church

Offertory Music “8:30 a.m. “My Country ‘Tis of Thee” organ solo
10 a.m. “Any Dream Will Do”

Soloist: Eli Cobb & Accompanist: Jeff Cobb

***Doxology # 815**

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayer of Illumination

First Readings of Scripture Romans 5:1-5 *(p. 155 NT)*
8:30 a.m. Carol Sinclair
10 a.m. Stan Holzauer

***Hymn of Preparation #445** “People Need the Lord”

Second Reading Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 *(p. 590 OT)*
Sermon “God Personified” *Rev. Shafer*

Affirmation of Faith *(unison)* 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 Closing Hymn vs.1,3,&5 #804** “Battle Hymn of the Republic”

***Greeting Each Other In Christian Love**

***The Pastoral Benediction**

The Postlude “God of Our Fathers” by Warren

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THE SESSION

2010
Brenda Corner
Melvin (Mel) Matchett
Sarah Miller
Nancy Muhlig
Dale Wagner

2011
Brandon Darin
Peter (Pete) Eckardt
John Moore
Ramona (Mona) Nelson
Betty Tezak

2012
David Branding
William Clark
Susan Cook
Penny Novarro
John West

THE BOARD OF DEACONS

2010
Shanna Branding
Mary Anne Frey
Denise Heeke
Eleanor (Ellie) Holdsworth
Adam Schuler

2011
Sandra (Sandy) Davids
Janet (Jan) Johnson
Leonard Orzechowski
Diane Thompson
Margaret (Marge) Weitschat

2012
Saundra Blackmore
Dianne Hall
Mark Haskell
Phyllis Staley
Cathy Weidman

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

2010
James (Jim) Goodall
Donald (Don) Shurte
Peter (Pete) VanDenBerge
Kenneth (Ken) Weitschat
Harry Widman

2011
Loyal Cobb
Jane Croftchik
Charlene Hansen
Jonathan (Jon) Heeke
Richard (Dick) Schurch

2012
Mark Blackmore
Thomas Calkins
Kenneth Cook
James Mottern
David West

PASTOR EMERITUS
The Rev. Dr. Daniel K. Herlein

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

TODAY, May 30

- 8:00 a.m. Prayer Time
- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 9:30 a.m. Youth "Brown Bag Lunch" fundraiser between services & after second service
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

MONDAY, May 31

- Memorial Day
- Office Closed

TUESDAY, June 1

- 8:30 a.m. 1st Place 4 Health @ LH Exercise
- 3:00 p.m. Outreach MT

WEDNESDAY, June 2

- 6:30 a.m. Breakfast Club at LH High School only
- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study in MP
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 4:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. Youth MT @ LH

THURSDAY, June 3

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 8:30 a.m. 1st Place 4 Health @ LH Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Bulletin Items Due

FRIDAY, June 4

- 9:00 a.m. Bulletin Print

NEXT WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

SUN., June 6

- Communion & Graduation Sunday*
- 8:00 a.m. Prayer Time
- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

MON., June 7

- 5:00 p.m. Facilities Committee
- 6:30 p.m. Christian Education MT
- 6:30 p.m. PNC in MP
- 7:00 p.m. Harbor Voices Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. VBS Meeting

TUE., June 8

- 8:30 a.m. 1st Place 4 Health @ LH Exercise
- 2:00 p.m. Nurture MT
- 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry

WED., June 9

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study in MP
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 2:30 p.m. Finance Meeting
- 3:00 p.m. Worship MT
- 3:00 p.m. Eastern Star in FH & LH
- 4:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

THU., June 10

- 8:30 a.m. 1st Place 4 Health @ LH Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Bulletin Items Due
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Association

FRI., June 11

- 9:00 a.m. Bulletin Print
- 9:00 a.m. Community Cupboard Del

SAT., June 12

- 9:00 a.m. Meadowview Condo Association Meeting in Fellowship Hall

GREETERS 8:30
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Jack & Joann Mayer
Bill & Ellie Holdsworth
Ron & Micky Kuite
Peggy Bushnell & Nels Nichols
Dick & Jean Schurch
Linda Sisson & Roger Gehrt

CHANCEL FLOWERS by Cathy Farmer in honor of her mother, Nilah Farmer, who became a member of our church one year ago.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Diane Klingler

CHILD CARE facilities are available to keep our services in the spirit of worship. Infants and children through three years of age are invited. Paul and Judith Wonacott are assisting our Childcare Coordinator, Melissa West, today. Katie Atkinson and JoEllen Gilreath are scheduled to assist next week.

THE STEPHEN MINISTERS invite you to the continuing education portion of their meeting on Tuesday, June 8 at 7 p.m. Lynnett Knapp will speak about abuse.

GRADUATION RECOGNITION SUNDAY, JUNE 6, 2010: We will be recognizing those men and women in our church family who are graduating from high-school, college, university, or from a specialized school, on Sunday, June 6, at the 10 a.m. service. A gift from the Board of Deacons will be presented to each graduating High School Senior. There will also be a reception following the service hosted by our Deacons. PLEASE SIGN-UP OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE (264-8167) TO PLACE THE NAME OF YOUR GRADUATE ON OUR LIST. (Sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.)

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is looking for any Rotarian to be in charge of picking up the tents, setting- them up and taking them down for VBS. Set-up will be on Sunday, June 20, after second service. Take down will be on Friday, June 25, after 1 p.m. If you can help, please contact Pam Bekkering at 264-8167.

AN EAGLE VILLAGE TRIP IS PLANNED FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 17. This is an opportunity to visit this residential treatment center for abused, neglected, and delinquent children that our Mission Outreach Ministry supports. The plan is to leave Elk Rapids at 9 a.m. and arrive about 10:30 for a tour followed by lunch. We would then work for a couple of hours on their scripture path before leaving around 3:30 p.m. and arriving back in Elk Rapids by 5 p.m. Please contact Peggy Bushnell (322-4926) or the church office if interested.

REMINDER: If you, or your group, are the last ones in the church, please make sure all the doors are locked and the lights are off, especially the restrooms.

NURSERY LOCATIONS

Toddlers (18 – 36 months)

Lower Level

THE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BIBLE STUDY AND BREAKFAST will meet this coming Thursday, June 3. We meet in the library (on the first Thursday of each month) at 7 a.m. for a brief Bible Study, after which those who wish to do so will gather at T.J. Charlie's for a quick breakfast and time of fellowship. Advance reading materials are located on the table near the library. Men of all ages, come and join us as we learn, grow, and fellowship together.

THE OWNERS OF PEARL'S RESTAURANT have generously established a program called **HELP EVERYONE EAT**. The first Thursday of each month, 5% of their total sales will be donated to the Elk Rapids Community Cupboard. **Also new for 2010**, if you bring in a can of non-perishable food on any day, you will receive a free appetizer. Please take advantage of this opportunity to support the Community Cupboard and enjoy an excellent meal. Let all of your friends know of this generous program provided by Pearl's.

VBS TEAM MEMBER MEETING! If you have volunteered to be a VBS Crew Member on the "High Seas" or are considering this wonderful opportunity to be a part of changing a child's heart plan on attending one of the four meetings, in the Fellowship Hall.

Monday, June, 7 @ 7:30 p.m., Sunday, June 13 @ 11:15 a.m.

Monday, June 14 @ 10 a.m., Monday, June 14 @ 1 p.m.

Each meeting will be approximately 1 hour. If you are working with a partner you can coordinate your schedule to allow for some planning time after the initial meeting. I will be there as long as you have questions or need my assistance.

The week of VBS is very hectic. It is easier for everyone and provides the best possible quality programming if we are all on the same page before Monday morning. Sailing Instructions are necessary! If you have already agreed to be a team member, attending **one** of these informative meetings is a **MUST!** If you have any questions, or are not sure this is for you, or how best your gifts could be used, come to a meeting and see what we are all about!!! *Those doing set up and take down are not required to attend a meeting.

We are so grateful to everyone for their dedication to this BIG event. We could not do God's wonderful work without your help!

Yes, there will be treats! If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to call me at church 264-8167, or e-mail me at pbekkering@hotmail.com I will be happy to help in any way that I can!

Pam Bekkering CE Director & Captain

THE CHERRY CAPITAL MEN'S CHORUS 44th ANNUAL JUNE NIGHT

OF HARMONY 2010, "A Night in June", Thursday, June 10, and Friday, June 11, at 7:30 p.m. Performance will be held at Bay Pointe Community Church, 6880 Secor Rd., Traverse City. See poster on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall for ticket information.

SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER TEAM is now praying during each service. We need additional volunteers to ensure coverage each Sunday. Is God nudging you in this direction to serve Him, His church and His people? If so, please call Carol Sinclair, 264-5874, or Jan Bellingham, 264-9813.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: The Christian Education Ministry team is looking for a wonderful person or persons to lead our Children's Church program for this summer. Children's church is held during the 10 a.m. service on Sunday mornings. The children attend church with their parents/grandparents. After the Children's Sermon, children are excused for class, which meets in the lower level of the church. Children 4 years old through the 5th grade enjoy a short lesson and activities prepared by the teacher. Christian Education would be happy to help gather material or give guidance. We need someone to take the reins and head this very important ministry. We would love to hear your ideas...don't be shy. Please call Pam Bekkering for further information at 264-8167.

SERMON POINTS

- Wisdom comes only from God, and witnessed in God's creation.
- This Memorial Day on Trinity Sunday we acknowledge all those who have died in service to the United States of America.
- God has hedged this country with wisdom through its men and women serving in the armed services.

The Mission Statement of First Presbyterian Church

SHARING, GROWING, AND LIVING OUR FAITH IN CHRIST

This we seek to accomplish by

Introducing Jesus Christ to those who do not know Him;

Deepening the faith and commitment of those who already know Him;

Demonstrating Christ's way of love in service to the world

Needed For VBS 2010

The congregation has always helped generously with supplies and donations for our Vacation Bible School program. Here is a list of supplies needed for this year's VBS. Please leave supplies in VBS box in Fellowship Hall.

The list will be up-dated from week to week.

11 Crystal Light (or store brand) canisters

8 pkgs. of purse size hand wipes

500 paper cups

110 clear plastic drinking cups 9 oz.

10 pkgs. of Tac-N-Stick to put posters up on the walls

150 large dinner size BLUE paper plates

12 pkgs. of reward stickers

18 boxes colored pencils

2 boxes of gallon size ziplock bags

13 bags of Hershey's Kisses PLAIN

Cash donation to support VBS –

[Please put VBS on Memo Line]

Donation for Bibles (\$15 each)

Thank you so much for your support!