

First Presbyterian Church

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 1, 2010

8:30 and 10 a.m.

The Prelude *[A time to be silent in preparation for worship. Please turn off your cell phone.]*

“For the Beauty of the Earth” by Kocher
“Come, thou Fount of Every Blessing” by Wyrzten
Susan Calkins, piano & Cheryl Knight, organ

***Opening Hymn #592** “Jesus Call Us”

Minute for Stephen Ministry
Welcome and Announcements

Call To Worship

Give judgment for us, O God, and defend our cause against an ungodly people.

For you are the God in whom we take refuge, why have you cast us off?

O send out your light and your truth, that they may lead us to your holy hill.

Then we shall go to the altar of God, to the God of our joy and gladness.

The Anthem “Halle, Halle, Halle” by Hopson

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Faithful God, We confess our faithlessness. Our hearts are fickle, and our eyes wander, and we trick ourselves into serving false gods. We speak lies, and accept lies, and live lies, destroying ourselves along the way. Have mercy on us. Forgive our waywardness and lead us back to you. May your faithfulness embolden our trust in you, and may your truth settle in our souls.

Assurance

***Response to Assurance Gloria Patri #812**
The Pastoral Prayer

Children’s Sermon [No Children’s Church]

Offering “Every Valley” by Beck

***The Doxology #815**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Scripture Matthew 12:38-41 (pg. 13 N.T.)
8:30 a.m. LeRue Werner
10 a.m. Paul Wonacott

***Hymn #595** “I Give All to You”

Scripture Jonah 1: 1-10 (pg. 859 O.T.)

Sermon: “Into the Sea” The Rev. Russ Brant

***Affirmation of Faith: The Nicene Creed** (unison)

We believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father by whom all things were made; who for us, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And we believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

***The Closing Hymn see insert**

“You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore”

***Greeting One Another in Christian Love**

***The Benediction**

The Postlude “May Jesus Christ Be Praised” arr. by Wyrzten

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THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

NEXT WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

TODAY, August 1

Communion Sunday

- 8:00 a.m. Prayer Time
- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

MONDAY, August 2

- 1:00 p.m. Blood Drive
- 6:00 p.m. Ecumenical Worship & Picnic @ Memorial Park
- 6:30 p.m. Christian Education MT
- 6:30 p.m. PNC
- 7:00 p.m. Harbor Voices

TUESDAY, August 3

- 3:00 p.m. Outreach MT

WEDNESDAY, August 4

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study in MP
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 4:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, August 5

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Bulletin Items Due

FRIDAY, August 6

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

SUN., Aug. 8

- 8:00 a.m. Prayer Time
- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 9:30 a.m. Fellowship MT
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

MON., Aug. 9

- 5:00 p.m. Facilities Committee
- 6:30 p.m. PNC

TUE., Aug. 10

- 2:00 p.m. Nurture MT
- 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry

WED., Aug. 11

- 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
- 4:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

THU., Aug. 12

- 9:00 a.m. Bulletin Items Due
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Association

FRI., Aug. 13

- 9:00 a.m. Bulletin Print

GREETERS 8:30

May
GREETERS 10:00
Orzechowski
USHERS 8:30
Cameron

USHERS 10:00

Branding

Jim & Phyllis

Len & Thelma

Bob & Maxine

Nels Nichols & Penny Novarro
David & Shanna

Myrta Keelan & Roger Gehrt

PRAYER REQUESTS: Sgt. Matthew West (grandson of Bea West) deployed to Afghanistan, Diane Wagner

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SHUT-IN FRIENDS Omer Foret, Elinor Herrmann, Earl Morrison, Vern Oxender, Cecil and Irene Smith.

CHILD CARE facilities are available to keep our services in the spirit of worship. Infants and children through three years of age are invited. Liz & Katie Atkinson, JoEllen Gilreath and Sherry Boucher are assisting our Childcare Coordinator, Melissa West, today. Jane Lund is scheduled to assist next week.

MASON'S PANCAKE BRUNCH at the Masonic Hall today from 9 to 1 p.m. Cost is \$7. Everyone is welcome!

ANNUAL ECUMENICAL PICNIC IN THE PARK – AUGUST 2 AT 6 P.M., MEMORIAL PARK: What could be more delightful than a community-wide church service and potluck in beautiful Memorial Park on a lovely summer evening? Join with neighbors and friends in this meaningful annual event. This year's picnic will take place on Monday, August 2 (Harbor Days Week) at 6 p.m. Bring your spiritual and physical appetites, and a favorite dish to pass...and leave fully satisfied with delectable "food for thought," friendly fellowship, and the wonderful home cooking of our community. *Fellowship Ministry Team*

LOOSE CHANGE SUNDAY: During the month of August, all money placed in the Loose Change container will benefit the Rapid City & Good Samaritan food pantries. Thank you for your support.

GIFT CARD PROGRAM: The Outreach Ministry Team has created a Gift Card Program that allows you to send a greeting to a loved one and at the same time send a gift to a local agency. A Gift Card Board, located by the

The Mission Statement of First Presbyterian Church

In Christ, we share, grow, and live our Faith

*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*

water fountain at the north end of the Narthex, explains how to make a gift and how to use the card.

HOW BLESSED I AM to have the support of this congregation. Thank you to those who were able to attend my mother's service at St. Paul's, for all the cards of sympathy and for your prayers of comfort. With God's love and yours, I am not alone.

Peggy Bushnell

NURSERY LOCATION

(birth – 36 months)

Lower Level

THE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BIBLE STUDY AND BREAKFAST

will meet this coming Thursday, August 5. 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. 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.

THE ELK LAKE COMMUNITY CHOR will be singing once again as the Harbor Voices during Harbor Days Festival this year. Performances will be on Thursday, August 5, and Friday August 6, at 7:30 p.m. each evening at Peterman Auditorium. Bringing back old favorites such as "Phantom of the Opera" will be featured this year as it is our 15th year performing for Harbor Days. A new Beatles medley will also be featured. Area singers and musicians will participate as well as dancers from the Alden Dance Academy directed by Lana Rowe, Cheryl Knight, music director and Paul Rajala, accompanist. We welcome all of you to attend. A free will offering will be taken following the concert.

CONFIRMATION CLASS 2011 - Time sure flies; it's that time of year again...the planning of Confirmation 2011. We wanted to find out who may be interested in Confirmation this year. Confirmation will take place during the school year; a day has not been decided yet. This is an exciting period in our church's history and we are looking for kids that want to commit themselves to this program. Confirmation will help you in your walk and journey of faith, to see how God will use you. Confirmation will also help you understand the history of the church universal and the history of First Presbyterian Church. Parents and kids, who are interested, please contact the church office (264-8167), or feel free to speak with Pastor Hal, Pastor Sandy or Gary.

Stephen Ministers are the "After People."

They come alongside a hurting person . . .
after a loved one has died, . . .
after the divorce papers have been served, . . .
after the layoff or forced retirement, . . .
after the cancer diagnosis is given.

Stephen Ministers provide people with one-to-one, Christ-centered care and support for as long *after* as they are needed.

A fall training class of 50 hours will enable YOU to enter into a caring relationship with confidence. Pick up an application form in the Narthex and return it to Pastor Sandy by August 15.

WELCOMING VISITORS: One of the goals of the Worship Ministry Team is to make guests at our worship services feel welcome. With that in mind, we have placed name tags in the red attendance books for anyone without a name tag to fill in and wear. You, too, can help by making a special effort to greet anyone you do not know before, during or after our church service. *Thanks, the Worship Ministry Team*

A NOTE OF THANKS AND A GENTLE REMINDER: Thank you for remembering that the expenses of our church continue even when you cannot be present for worship on a particular Sunday. Thank you for keeping this in mind before you leave or when you return. Your faithfulness is important and very much appreciated.

CONTINUOUS, ONGOING, YOUTH FUND RAISER: You can donate your returnable (only) bottles and cans to help fund scholarships for mission trips and retreats for our Youth.

THE SILENT AUCTION WHICH IS HELD AT THE HARVEST DINNER IS COMING UP! If you have an item or service to donate please call Connie Riddell at 264-5732 as soon as possible. All donations need to be identified by August 30. The event will be held on Saturday, October 2, 2010, in our Narthex. **Need an idea:** brunch, art work, jewelry, paintings, or quilted jacket.

BLOOD DRIVE - MONDAY, AUGUST 2, 1-7 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall. Michigan Blood's Pure Michigan Summer sweepstakes gives you more reasons to give. Check out the poster in Fellowship hall for more information.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks, for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and forever.

Fountain of all life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day, and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we glorify your name and lift our voices in joyful praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

We acclaim you, holy God, glorious in power; your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did

not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Almighty God, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and rising from the grave, destroyed death and made the whole creation new.

And that we might live no longer for ourselves but for him who died and rose for us, God sent the Holy Spirit, God's first gift for those who believe, to complete God's work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

Holy God, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

**We praise you, we bless you,
We give thanks to you,
And we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and this cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your name.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

We thank you, O God,
that through Word and Sacrament
you have given us your Son
who is the true bread from heaven
and food of eternal life.

So strengthen us in your service
that our daily living may show our thanks;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT

Those wishing to receive Holy Communion are invited to come down the center aisle, returning to their seats by the side aisles. The choir will receive Communion first, continuing with the congregation, starting with those in the front pews. Please take an unleavened wafer from the tray, dip it into the cup and partake of the Sacrament. Holy Communion will be brought to anyone unable to come forward.

YOUNG CHILDREN: Young children may receive Communion at the discretion of their parents who are asked to please explain the meaning of the Bread and Cup, and the sacred nature of the Sacrament. Parents should feel free to bring young children with them, even if the children are not receiving Communion.

OPEN COMMUNION: The Sacrament of Holy Communion in our church is open to all Christians who have confessed their sins before God, and, with God's help, intend to turn away from those sins, living in a way that is pleasing to God and of service to others.