

September 11, 2011

Service of Worship

11:00 A.M.

Ten Year Remembrance of 9/11/2001

Lord, help us focus on you. May this time of worship be sincere and fulfilling.

PRELUDE

Dick Hippeard, Saxophone Solo

STRIKING THE HOUR

GREETING

CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

Announcements

Prayer Concerns

OPENING MUSIC

“Surely the Presence”

Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

P: Therefore we will not fear,

L: though the earth should change, and the mountains shake.

P: God is our refuge and strength.

L: Though the waters roar and our security threatened,

P: God is our refuge and strength.

L: The Lord is our strength and our might,

P: God has become our salvation;

L: This is our God. Come, let us praise the Lord.

***HYMN**

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

CB 151

***LITANY OF CONFESSION**

L: Creator God, with the breath of your word, you formed this good world, but we perverted your providence, and are born into a twisted world, bent by its way. Lord, in your mercy,

P: Make us new.

L: You made us to hunger after you, but we have become captive to selfish desires. We turn our eyes from those who are empty so we can stay gluttoned. Lord in your mercy,

P: Make us new.

L: You made us to be in communion with one another, yet we are so afraid of others' expectations that we shut them out before they can get too near. We see them as threat, label them bad, refuse their voice and presence as your children. Lord, in your mercy,

P: Make us new.

L: You alone are ruler of the universe, but we keep trying to take your job. We grab for power and seek control, doing violence to all who get in our way or challenge our truth. Lord in your mercy,

P: Make us new.

L: Basically, Lord, we want to be in charge, and we want it all, the way we want it, when we want it. In our dominance, we break communion with you as Lord and also with others. Lord in your mercy,

P: Make us new.

L: We stand exposed in the light of your eternal love, filled with death, yet longing for life. You alone have the power to break our bondage to sin.

P: Forgive us, O Lord.

L: Cover us with your compassion, and refashion us in your image. This we pray through Christ, our only hope.

P: Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

L: Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ. And Christ was born for us, Christ lived for us, Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

P: There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

L: Anyone who is in Christ is of the New Creation. The old is finished, gone! Behold! New life has begun. Friends, believe the good news:

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** “Cleanse Me” CB 657

Search me, O God, and know my heart today;

Try me, O Savior, know my thoughts, I pray.

See if there be some wicked way in me;

Cleanse me from every sin and set me free.

NT LESSON: Romans 12:14 - 13:5

Pew Bible p. 987

OFFERING

Offertory

Dick Hippeard, Saxophone Solo

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

***HYMN** "O God of Earth and Altar"

PH 291

SHARING IN PRAYER

Personal Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (*use "debts"*)

ANTHEM "Peace Like a River"

Chancel Choir

OT LESSON: Exodus 14:19-31

Pew Bible p. 58

SERMON "9/11 plus 10"

Dr. Williams

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Litany of Remembrance

L: Remember, O Lord, your steadfast love that has been of old.

P: Remember, O Lord, what has come upon us.

L: God remembers our making and knows we are but dust, divinely formed, Spirit infused. Remember, O Lord, the children of your making. When the earth was flooded, God remembered Noah and all the animals that were with him . . . And God made a wind blow over the earth, and the waters subsided. A rainbow appeared and the Lord said, "I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh.

P: God remembered.

L: When God's people sojourned to Egypt and found themselves enslaved, the Lord heard their groaning .

P: And God remembered the covenant made with Abraham and Sarah.

L: God led us out of slavery into freedom with a mighty hand, but we did not trust until Moses begged on our behalf, "Remember your servants, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; turn away from stubbornness of this people, and consider not their wickedness or sin.

P: And God remembered.

L: God gave us the Law and a good land, but we forgot our Sovereign and found ourselves in exile again. So we cried,

P: Remember not, O God, our former sin, but save us with your tender mercies.

L: And God said, "How can I forget my children? Though I spoke

against them, I remember them still. My heart yearns for them. I will surely have mercy on them,” says the Lord.

P: God remembered and established an everlasting covenant with us.

L: Pregnant with Jesus Christ, Mary praised God, “You have remembered the promise of mercy.”

P: In Jesus Christ, God remembers us.

L: So God’s promise became flesh and dwelt among us full of grace and truth.

P: God remembered.

L: You are a God who remembers us. In the risen Lord Jesus Christ, whom you did not forget in the grave, remember, now O Lord, the innocents who died ten years ago, Americans as well as 236 citizens from more than 90 other countries:

- 246 people on the four planes (excluding hijackers):
- 40 on United Flight 93 that went down in Shanksville, PA;
- 87 aboard American Flight 11, which was the first to hit the World Trade Center;
- 60 aboard United Flight 175, which was the second plane to hit the World Trade Center; and
- 59 aboard American Flight 77 that hit the Pentagon
- 2606 in New York City in the Twin Towers and on the ground
- 125 at the Pentagon, 55 of which were military personnel
- 411 emergency workers who responded to the scene, including 342 firefighters, 10 paramedics, 23 NYC police officers and 37 Port Authority officers

P: And God remembered.

L: God remembered.

P: God remembers.

***HYMN** “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past” PH 210

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE** “Bind Us Together” CB 425
w/congregation

POSTLUDE

*Congregation please stand, if able

CB – *The Celebration Hymnal*; **PH** – *The Presbyterian Hymnal*
The liturgy this morning is from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) web site. All figures cited are from that site.

THIS WEEK AT SECOND CHURCH

Sunday, September 11

- 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study Class
10:30 AM Chancel Choir rehearsal – Choir Room
11:00 AM Worship

Lay Reader: Paul Wolfe

Greeters & Ushers: James Mader (*Head Usher*), Kay Mader, Jason Mader, & William Jack,

Flower Coordinator: Jean Flower

Monday, September 12

~~10:00 AM Circle 5 – Lucille Sanger Classroom~~

Please note that Circle 5 will meet next Monday, Sept. 19th, at the same time & in the same place.

Tuesday, September 13

- 10:00 AM Morning Circle – Lucille Sanger Classroom
10:00 AM Circle 4 – Church Parlor
11:00 AM Bible Study – Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM Bible Study – Lucille Sanger Classroom
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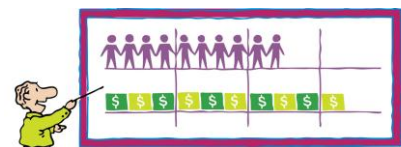
Next Sunday, September 18

- 9:30 AM Rally Day Patio Party - Patio
10:30 AM Adult Choir rehearsal – Choir Room
11:00 AM Worship

Lay Reader: Nancy Swisher

Greeters & Ushers: James Mader (*Head Usher*), Kay Mader, Jason Mader, & Beth Ramsey

Flower Coordinator: Jean Flower



Attendance & Offering

Attendance last Sunday: 51
Offering last Sunday: \$2,155.00
Total Deposit: \$2,223.00

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Many thanks to Dick Hippeard for sharing his talent with us today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Christian Education and Worship and Music Committees invite all to a "Rally Day" Patio Party, on Sunday, September 18, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

We will be honoring our Sunday Bible Study teachers and our Chancel and Bell choirs for their faithful support and dedication to the enrichment of our worship here at Second Church.

Please take this opportunity to thank Kathy Holsinger and Jean Flower for their leadership in the Adult Sunday Bible Study class which meets each Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m., and meet the members of our class who warmly invite you to join us as we study the Bible, one book at a time.

We are truly blessed each Sunday as Allen Archer and Pam Snyder lead our Chancel and Bell Choirs, celebrating the Lord with song and praise. We invite you to come and meet our choir members and thank them for their dedication and talents. They would welcome you to join them as they resume their practices beginning on **Thursday, September 22nd, at 5:45p.m. (Handbells) and 6:45 p.m. (Chancel Choir).**

We hope to see everyone on the Patio (Fellowship Hall in case of inclement weather), Sunday, September 18th, 9:30 a.m., for fun, food and fellowship!

Mac and I want to thank all of our church family for the cards and kind expressions of sympathy on the passing of his brother, Ray.

Kay Moyer



BIBLE STUDY Bible Study will return on Tuesday, September 13, with a study on the Book of Deuteronomy. The study will be offered at 11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall, and at 7:00 p.m. in the Lucille Sanger Classroom. (See Schedule page).

PRAYER CONCERNS

- Health concerns:

- Joanna Sheets: broken bone in right shoulder
- Bobby Dale: Augusta Health
- Jim Shiflett (Pat Shiflett's son): still at UVA Medical Center
- Hazel Cason, Homer Cain, Evan Arbogast, Ben Brown; Bobby Dale, Charlotte Dale; Florence Pfeiffer; Scott Holsinger, Tad Grisham, Emily Sterrett.



Prayer Requests

- Our nation on this tenth anniversary of the 9/11 attacks
- Prayers for those in need of rain and suffering wild fires
- Celebrating a birthday this week: Paul Wolfe (11); Robert Lightner (13); Ann Ridle (13); Mike Herold (16); Kay Moyer (17).
- Celebrating an anniversary this week: Lisa and Scott Hippeard (13); Olen and Leah Swisher (15).
- Persons connected to Second Church in the military:
Ian Hippeard – Iraq (grandson of Talitha and Dick Hippeard); Nathan Wade – (grandson of Anita and Bill Haessly); Nick Dubyk – Army: Belgium (grandson of Betty/Willis Clemmer); Heath Minnick, USAF, Sacramento, CA – (son of Brenda Cason); Wilmer Carl Varner III – Navy – (grandson of Betty Casiday); Kevin Goodrow , Army MP, Fort Stewart, GA – (grandson of Ken and Lois Sensabaugh); Ben Carter, Coast Guard – (grand-nephew of Gennivee Carey); Patrick W. Brown – Air Force – (grandson of (the late) Marie Wiseman); Christopher Todd – USAF – (grandson of Ruth and Ralph Weller); Heather Williams – National Guard: Kosovo – (granddaughter of Darlene Mason) ; Forrest Lee Wallace –Afghanistan, (grandson of Joe Wallace); Nathan Hartley (grandson of Patsy and Bannock Easley) – Afghanistan



The September Church Night covered dish supper will be Wednesday, September 21. Andy Easley and Dan Williams will report on this past July's Baja Mission Trip. Please bring a food item to share. Beverages and table service will be provided.