

November 18, 2007

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:45 a.m.

GATHERING PRAISE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

BOWING BEFORE GOD IN PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Philippians 4:4-9

SERMON

“Choosing Joy”

CELEBRATION SONG

UPDATE FROM THE PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

BLESSING

DEPARTING IN FAITH AND HOPE

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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:15 a.m.

Today we use *The Presbyterian Hymnal (blue)*

PRELUDE

“Prelude on *Ash Grove*”

...arr. David Lowe

CHIMES

The Congregation Stands

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #551 (stanzas 1-3)

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Psalm 100)

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

People: **Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing.**

Leader: Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

All: **Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name. For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.**

GLORIA #579

GREATOREX

The Congregation is Seated

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Gracious and Holy One, Creator of all things and all emptiness.

People: **Empty us now from gnawing dissatisfactions,
of anxious imaginings,
of fretful preoccupations.**

Leader: Empty us now from nagging prejudices,
of old scores to settle,
and the arrogance of being right.

All: **Hollow out in us a space in which we will find peace,
a forgiving spirit,
the springs of laughter, and
the will to reach boldly for the abundant life offered to us and the
whole human family through Christ Jesus, our Lord.**

A Time for Silent Prayers of Confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Minister: Rejoice in the LORD always! For the LORD has dealt wondrously with us and will not put us to shame. In the name of Christ Jesus, I declare to you that your sins are forgiven!

All: **In Christ Jesus, we are all forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

The Congregation Stands

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING #551 (stanza 4)

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

(The people greet fellow worshippers with the peace of Christ)

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WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

A MOMENT FOR THANKSGIVING

John Price

GATHERING HYMN I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart,
down in my heart, down in my heart.

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart,
down in my heart to stay.

I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus down in my heart,
down in my heart, down in my heart.

I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus down in my heart,
down in my heart to stay.

CHILDREN IN THE CHANCEL

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING FROM THE GOSPELS

John 6:25-35

The Congregation Stands

HYMN #554

Let All Things Now Living

ASH GROVE

READING FROM THE EPISTLES

Philippians 4:4-9

SERMON

“Choosing Joy”

ANTHEM

Make a Joyful Noise

Allen Pote

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all ye lands.

Serve the LORD with gladness: come before His presence with singing.

Know that the LORD is God:

Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise:

Alleluia! Bless His name; know that the Lord is God.

It is He that hath made us, not we ourselves; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever and His faithfulness to all generations.

--Psalm 100

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Heidelberg Catechism (1563)

Leader: Q. 1. What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

People: A. **That I belong—body and soul, in life and in death—not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

Leader: Q. 2. How many things must you know that you may live and die in the blessedness of this comfort?

People: A. **Three. First, the greatness of my sin and wretchedness. Second, how I am freed from all my sins and their wretched consequences. Third, what gratitude I owe to God for such redemption.**

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PASTORAL PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer (...forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us)

Musical Amen

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory Sentence

Offertory

The Congregation Stands

Doxology #592

OLD HUNDREDTH

Prayer of Dedication

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UPDATE FROM THE PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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RECESSIONAL HYMN #555

Now Thank We All Our God

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Westminster Carrillon"

Louis Vierne

The Flowers today are given by Jane Pilcher in honor of her twin brother, James Krech for their shared 82nd birthday on November 22nd.

WELCOME VISITORS: In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you to worship today. Please sign the fellowship pad during the announcements so that we may have a record of your presence.

DAY TRIPPERS: Day Trippers will be visiting the Buford Pusser Museum in Adamsville, TN, Tuesday, November 27. We will also visit his Sheriff's Office in the McNairy Court House. Pusser, made famous in the Walking Tall movie, was the sheriff who attempted to clean up the corruption in McNairy County, TN. We will be leaving the church at 9:00 am. Reserve your seat in the van by calling Byron or Diane at 386-6779

KARDS 4 KIDS CAMPAIGN 2007 - Our church is again participating in the Orphanos Foundation campaign to put smiles on faces of orphaned children in Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Jamaica, Mexico, and Peru by sending Christmas Cards. What a joy for a child to receive an envelope with his/her name on it! These cards are so treasured by the children that they may still be seen on the walls of their rooms months later. You may pick up a packet of instructions and names in the Christmas box marked "Kards 4 Kids". Please return by Wednesday, **Nov. 28** - or earlier! Please put **name** and **orphanage** on each envelope. Call Jean Markham 754-7481 for questions.

The following are the announcements from the insert.

As we begin a new liturgical year on the First Sunday of Advent (December 2, 2007), We are going to move the "Welcome and Announcements" part of our 11:15 am worship service to the beginning of that service. We believe that God calls us to worship and greets us as we enter the sanctuary. We, then, want to acknowledge God's presence by putting away worldly distractions and offering to God "an acceptable worship with reverence and awe". (Hebrews 12:28)

Fifth Friday Game Night: The Congregational Life committee is sponsoring the Fifth Friday Game Night, November 30 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Reservations are not required. Just bring snacks, chips or drinks for all to share during the fellowship period. You are encouraged to bring your favorite game.

AWANA: Do you like children? Do you have time to spread God's message? If you answered yes to these questions, then being an Awana assistant is just right for you. Awana is fun with a purpose. It is designed to reach and train kids for Jesus Christ. Games, fellowship, awards and other activities transform our program into a lively weekly experience where fun and learning go hand in hand. If you are interested in helping please call Margie Gray @ 382-5414.

FOOD BASKETS: It is time to start collecting for the Christmas food baskets that we give to families in need at Christmas time. You

can bring can goods, dry foods, or any non-perishable foods and place them in the boxes in the front hallway. We furnished baskets for five families last year. If we are to help that many families (or more) this year we will need your help with the collecting.

FAMILY NAMES: Any member can submit a name of a family in need for the Christmas food baskets. If you know of a family please call the office and give Emily the family's name, address, phone number (if available) and the number of people living in the household. We will furnish baskets to the first family names that we receive.

MAGI FAMILY AND SALT SHAKER DINNERS: Don't miss the deadlines to sign up for two fun activities. MAGI FAMILY deadline is November 25th. SALT SHAKER DINNERS deadline is December 30th. Both activities help you to know our church family better. Read page 15 in the November newsletter for details or call Jane McGoldrick at 388-4456. Forms are on the table in the front hall.

LIFEBLOOD: Lifeblood is opening a new location at Stage and Appling. They are hoping to beat the need by being proactive; the holiday's always bring a shortage of blood. The two most critical times of year for the blood bank are Thanksgiving and Christmas. They are opening the new location this Sunday the 18th from 12:00 – 5:00 pm. So take the time to save some lives by giving blood this weekend.

COOKIE EXCHANGE AND LUNCH: The Holidays are quickly approaching. Need a little quiet time before all the running around. Please join the Presbyterian Women for some fun. Bring a box lunch and then a homemade cookie exchange on December 15th. You will get a great assortment of cookies for the holidays. Sign up will be November 25th to December 2nd. You will need to bring some type of container to carry your cookies in. If you cannot make it for lunch And want to participate in the cookie exchange let me know and I will let you know what time to arrive. The time will be 11:30am to 1:00pm. (no children please)
Any questions please call Susan Smith 251-4510

Estimate of Giving Cards 2008: If you have not yet turned in an estimate of giving card for next year, please do so at your earliest convenience. You may place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office if you prefer. It is hoped that all pledge cards will be received within the next few weeks so that the church can complete budget plans for the coming year. The church greatly appreciates all those who have already made a financial commitment for 2008 in support of the work and witness of Grace Presbyterian Church.