



Jeremiah
Jacob Steinhardt woodcut

Service for the Lord's Day
January 3, 2009

Gathering Around the Word

Striking of the Hour

Welcome

Prelude *Draw Us Unto Thee* Johann Gottfried Walther

Stand at your discretion

Opening Sentences

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ;

Who chose us before the foundation of the world;

To be holy and blameless;

To have redemption through Christ's blood and the forgiveness of our sins, according to the riches of God's grace.

God has set forth a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things.

We who hope in Christ have been destined and appointed to live for the praise of God's glory.

The Holy Spirit is the guarantee of our inheritance, until we acquire possession of it.

Let us worship God.

Adapted from Ephesians 1:3-14

Opening Hymn 36 *In the Bleak Midwinter* CRANHAM

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

O God, when we fall down, we desire to get up again; and when we make a wrong turn we correct it and go on our way. So why do we not stand up to our sin; and why are we so far from repentance? We hold fast to deceit, and do not change. We pursue what is wrong with great stubbornness; we are like horses plunging headlong into danger. Other creatures keep to their appointed patterns, but we do not keep your commandments. Even the wise among us reject you, O God. What is the wisdom in that? Our leaders attempt to pacify us, saying "peace, peace," when there is no peace. The grief our sins have caused is beyond healing; there is no balm.

Forgive us, Lord. As once, our ancestors were delivered from ruin, deliver us. Give us time to amend our lives. In your great mercy, turn our sad self-destruction into joy again. *Adapted from Jeremiah's Judgment over Israel*
A period of silence is observed for personal confession.

Declaration of Good News

Response Hymn 394 *There Is a Balm in Gilead* BALM IN GILEAD
First Two Verses Only

Passing of the Peace

God's reconciling work in Jesus Christ and the mission of reconciliation to which he has called his church are the heart of the gospel in any age. Our generation stands in peculiar need of reconciliation in Christ.
The Book of Confessions 9.06

All Sit

Time with Young Disciples

Following this time, children in kindergarten through second grade may be excused for Children's Church.

Hearing the Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Jeremiah 30:23-31:6

Storm of Wrath and Grace of Renewal

You shall be my people, and I will be your God.

Look, the storm of the Lord! Wrath has gone forth, a whirling tempest; it will burst upon the head of the wicked.

The fierce anger of the Lord will not turn back until he has executed and accomplished the intents of his mind. In the latter days you will understand.

At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

Thus says the Lord: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness;

When Israel sought for rest, the Lord appeared to him from far away.

I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall take your tambourines, and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers. Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit.

For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim: "Come, let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God."

Solo *He That Keepeth Israel* Adolphe Schlösser
Eric Bigler, baritone

He that keepeth Israel slumbers not, nor sleeps. He will give His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. Put thy trust in Him and call upon Him, for His ears are open unto thy prayers.

Second Reading Jeremiah 31:7-14
Return and Restoration of Israel

Sermon *New Day; New Year* Matthew Covington

Responding to the Word

All Stand

Affirmation of Faith

A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

(Sing) **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.**

All Sit

Offertory *My Inmost Heart Now Rises* Johann Christoph Bach

All Stand

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Sealing the Word in the Sacrament

The Lord's Supper

Music at Communion *Now To Your Table Spread*
LOVE UNKNOWN

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Bearing the Word into the Created World

Closing Hymn 602 *Song of Zechariah* MERLE'S TUNE

Benediction

Visitors wishing to know more about the church or those with prayer requests may meet the ministers in the Chapel.

Response *Amen* DRESDEN

Postlude *O Bride of Christ, Rejoice* Johann Gottfried Walther

WELCOME VISITORS! The Presbyterian Church delights in welcoming visitors. In addition to recording information on the pew pads, we invite visitors to go to the Chapel upon leaving the service so that Dr. Covington, Rev. Hildebrandt or Ms. Haskins can give a personal greeting. The Chapel lobby may be approached from the hallway beside the sanctuary.

Announcements

ASSISTING IN THE LEADERSHIP OF WORSHIP TODAY:

GREETER: Arnie Petrus

LECTOR: George Dillingham

ACOLYTES: Ben and Peter Guthrie

MEDIA PERSONNEL: Ruben Flynn, David Muffett and Stefan Trickey

NURSERY ATTENDANTS: Dena Hill, Alisia Simmons,
and Kimberly Watkins

DEACONS OF THE WEEK this week will be Pam Bratcher and Caroline Hudson. Deacons assist the Pastors in caring for our congregation. You may contact them through the church office: 843-4707.

LECTIONARY FOR NEXT SUNDAY, January 10: Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22.

THE ROSE AT THE COMMUNION TABLE honors the birth of Jonah Eison, who is the son of Robert Eison and Michelle Draznin, and was born recently in Denver, Colorado. Jonah is the grandson of Herb and Diane Simmons.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION COLLEGE AGE SUNDAY MORNING DISCUSSION - College students will meet in Room 201 during the Sunday School hour starting the first Sunday in Advent. Are you a college student and want to discuss the liturgy on a deeper level? Come enjoy a cup of coffee and discussion time led by Kwabena Boateng.

HEALING AND WHOLENESS SERVICE Please consider coming to a Healing and Wholeness service. Another is to be held **today**, January 3 in the **Chapel** following the 10:00am worship service. You are welcome to invite any guests who might be interested in attending the service.

B.Y.O.B. - Bring Your Own Brain to the Bowling Green Public Library. Come with your brain and your heart, as we seek to facilitate community dialogue on various topics about the intersections of faith, diversity and community. Join in on **Monday, January 11, Monday, February 1 and Monday, March 1 @ 6:00-7:00p.m.** Come and explore an understanding of 'just hospitality' as we seek to connect action and reflection by asking about all the ingredients in our theology: experience, social reality, tradition and action. We will explore the concept of guest and host and engage in a dialogical process to recover, uncover and discover the call and challenge of what it means to provide welcome to those unlike ourselves. Join Clemette Haskins at the table of welcome and feast together on what it means to say that "riotous difference is God's gift to the church."

CEWS Casual Evening Worship will be on hiatus until January 10, 2010 due to other holiday and worship activities. Please join us in the new year (January 10) at the 5:00pm evening worship service.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLE 3 will meet on Monday, January 4 at 11:45am in Fellowship Hall. Please bring a sandwich. The **SUNDAY MORNING CIRCLE** will meet on Sunday, January 10th at 9:45am.

YOUTH MINISTRY JR/SR HIGH YOUTH GROUP We will not meet on Jan. 3 due to the holidays. For those interested, our coastal Carolina mission trip signup deadline is Jan 4 (\$60 deposit). Join our church Facebook page and follow the church on Twitter /bgpres. Keep better connected to what's going on!

ARTS ART NEWS A new exhibit, titled "Moments of Discovery", will open in Fellowship Hall on Friday January 8, 2010 and run through February 5, 2010. The exhibit will consist of photographs taken by several members of the Sunny 16 Camera Club. Sunny 16 is a local club open to anyone in the community who is interested in photography. The club meets at our church at 7 pm on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. For more information, visit the website at www.sunnysixteen.org.

CONCERT Organist Ken Stein from Christ Episcopal Church will present a concert, "Winter Light," on January 10th at Christ Church as a fundraiser for the Churches United in Christ Help Ministry. Tickets will be \$10 with all proceeds going to the HELP ministry. Please let friends know about this concert and help us encourage people to attend!

FELLOWSHIP GORDONEERS will be Friday, Jan 8 at 6:00 pm (please note time change) Good Hot Soup will be the main course. The program will be a rousing 1950's musical, The West Point Story, a 21-fun salute to the U.S. Military Academy starring Jimmy Cagney, Virginia Mayo, Doris Day and Gordon MacRae. Feel free to bring lawn chairs for comfy seating. If you would like to attend and are not on the Gordoneer calling list please call the office by Wed. pm. and make a reservation. Gordoneers is pot luck and there is a \$2.50 charge, but first time attendees are welcome- guests do not need to bring a dish or pay. See you at dinner and a movie!!!

MISSION CHURCH PANTRY - Appreciation is expressed to all - individuals, circles, families, WKU students and fellowship groups for your bounteous donations to the food pantry. The shelves have been overflowing and the recipients of pantry items are so grateful for your generosity. Please know that their Christmas season has been made brighter because you have blessed them with kindness.

MISSION CHURCH PANTRY - Our church pantry has a new look. Thanks to Paula McMahan for donating a cabinet and to Tom Moody, David Muffett and Arnie Petrus for muscle power to achieve the new look! By relocating many items not related to the pantry, there is more storage space for pantry items. The generosity of the congregation is essential to maintaining our pantry. If you would like to participate, we need the following items: meats such as canned chili, tuna or beef stew; canned fruit such as peaches, pears, pineapple, mandarin oranges or fruit cocktail; bags of beans such as great northern or pintos; and personal care items such as bar soap and tissues. If you prefer, direct financial contributions can be made to The Presbyterian Church with a notation for the Church Pantry in the memo line. *As we are fed spiritually at the Lord's Table, we offer physical nourishment for those in need.*

OTHER NEWS SUPPERS FOR SIX In the coming months, we will mix up the fellowship notion of Suppers for eight. "Suppers for Six" will encourage couples and singles to sign up to meet in groups of six in a local restaurant. The responsibility for choosing the restaurant and a time will rotate between three couples (and/or pair of singles) over a three month period. Each couple will pay for their own meals. We will begin in January. Please sign up with Cheryl at the church (843-4707). Questions? Please contact Ann Covington at macovington@earthlink.net or 846-4325.

FLOWER CALENDAR Worship Ministry reminds the congregation that a 2010 Flower Calendar is installed on the bulletin board (Tenth Street Lobby). Members are encouraged to place floral offerings in the Sanctuary for the enhancement of Sunday Services.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, January 3

9:30 a.m. Coffee in Fellowship Hall
10:00 a.m. Worship
11:00 a.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness
4:00 p.m. Rainbow Ringers
6:00 p.m. Jr. / Sr. High Youth

Monday, January 4

11:45 a.m. Circle 3
7:00 p.m. English Country Dancing

Tuesday, January 5

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
11:00 a.m. Special Care
4:30 p.m. Peacemaking
7:00 p.m. Deacons

Friday, January 8

10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
6:00 p.m. Gordoneers

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SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES RESUME ON JANUARY 10

Confident Christian Parenting in the 21st Century, 3rd floor Library
Biblical Exploration, Room 203
Floyd Hayes Ellis Class, Room 202
Couple's Class, 10th St. Parlor
Calvin on the Christian Life, 3rd floor Conf. Room
Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations, Rm 207
College Sunday School class, Room 201.