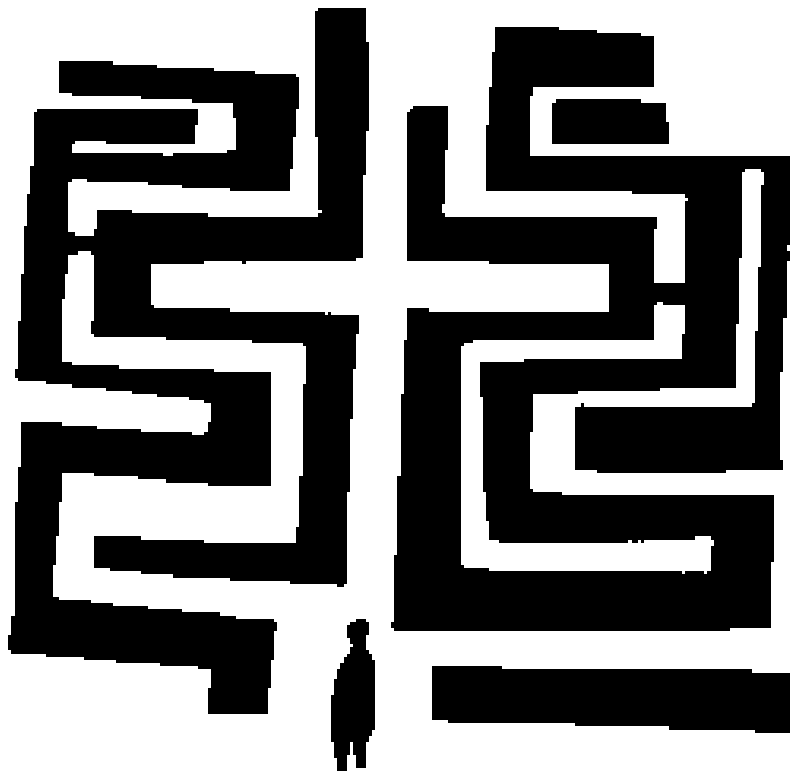


Service of the Lord's Day

September 13, 2009

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



"If any want to become my followers,
let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

Mark 8:34

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ORDINARY
TIME

*The periods from the Baptism of the Lord through the Transfiguration of the Lord and from Trinity Sunday through Christ the King Sunday are called ordinary time. The meaning of "ordinary" is a positive one. These Sundays are the ordinary Sundays that establish the norm for Christian worship. The Sundays of ordinary time are the foundation of the Christian year, the bedrock of the liturgical calendar. On them are built the special days and seasons that shape the liturgical pilgrimage of God's people. —Donald Wilson Stake, *The ABC's of Worship: A Concise Dictionary* (Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 1992), 135.*

THE PASSING
OF THE PEACE
OF CHRIST *is*
when we become the embodiment of the "peace of Christ" that is offered to us with the forgiveness of sins.

CALL TO
WORSHIP

The people are called to worship God. Words from scripture are spoken or sung to proclaim who God is and what God has done. We are thus reminded that our worship centers in God and not in ourselves. "Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth" (Ps. 124:8).

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Congregation responsively reads lines in bold text.

† Those able, please stand.

As the Opening Voluntary begins, listen quietly as we prepare to worship the Lord.

GOD CALLS US TOGETHER TO WORSHIP AND PRAISE

CHIMING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

† GREETING ONE ANOTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

GATHERING SONG *(As the organ begins the introduction, please be seated and join the choir in singing)*

Blest Be The Tie That Binds

DENNIS

*Blest be the tie that binds, our hearts in Christian love:
The fellowship of kindred minds, is like to that above.*

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Prelude on the tune "Ash Grove"

David Cherwien

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

† SUNG CALL TO WORSHIP *O Come, Let Us Adore Him*

ADESTE FIDELES

*O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

INVITATION TO CONFESSION OF SIN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION is intended to encourage people to lay down any burden of guilt or regret or any sense of failure and inadequacy, and to reaffirm their trust in Christ's unfailing love and forgiveness.

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION WITH TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

Spring of Wisdom, we confess that we have not denied ourselves and followed. We turn our backs on your outstretched hands of grace, and stumble into the arms of the world. We speak poisonous gossip about others, rather than tell of their glory as your child. We fire off words that find no rest until they pierce another's heart.

Forgive us, Rock and Redeemer. Give us speech which flows like cool water through another's parched spirit; give us silence with which to witness your wonders; give us words to proclaim Jesus is the Christ, our Lord and our Savior, the One who leads us to life.

† RESPONSE TO CONFESSION (Congregation Sings) *Standing in the Need of Prayer* PENITENT
It's me, it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer,
It's me, it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

With gentleness, God speaks to us;
 with graciousness, God forgives us;
 with joy, God embraces us.
 With our lips, we praise God;
 with our words, we thank God;
 with our silence, we find God in our hearts.
 Thanks be to God. Amen.

† RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE *We Are Foregiven* Hal Hobson

All, unison
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We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to
 God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en. We are for -
 giv - en. Thanks be to God. — Thanks be to God.

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SINGING THE PSALM

Psalm 19

ELLACOMBE

From *Psalter for Christian Worship*, Michael Morgan

*The heav'ns unfold your glory, Lord, In ev'ry realm of space,
The outmost bounds of all that is, resound Your wondrous grace.
Succeeding days to day confess, And nights to night record
In words, beyond our sense to hear, The greatness of the Lord.*

*The earth's imagined cornerstones acclaim with joy their Source,
Who sets the gleaming stars ablaze, And gives the sun its course.
In ev'ry place within the sphere your craft is ever found;
Majestic mountains, seas, and skies with ordered might resound.*

*Your Word is sure and perfect still, A source of light and life;
Your Law is right and reason-filled, Your peace the end of strife.
Your everlasting truth and love can scarce be fully told;
More sweet than honey from the comb, More precious yet than gold.*

*You know the secrets of our hearts, But deign to love us here;
Preserved from pride and self-conceit, We meet You without fear.
May all the words our tongues shall speak, And all our thoughts in store
Find grace with You, Redeemer, Rock, Now and for evermore.*

THE YOUNGER CHURCH

SERMON

When the Bible has been read, its message is proclaimed in a sermon or other form of exposition of God's Word. The God who speaks in scripture speaks to us now. The God who acted in biblical history acts today. Through the Holy Spirit, Christ is present in the sermon, offering grace and calling for obedience.

READING FROM THE GOSPELS

(Pew Bible, p. 43, New Testament)

Mark 8:27-38

One: This is the word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Scolding God

Rev. Tom Hagood

† HYMN 343 (Congregation Sings) *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

BEECHER

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

PASTORAL PRAYER

In response to the Word, prayers are offered. In these prayers, we acknowledge God's presence in the world and in daily life.

PASTORAL PRAYER WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

A time of silence will be offered during the Pastoral Prayer in which you may lift prayer concerns.

If you would rather not say your concern aloud, you may speak to the pastor or an elder following the service.

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

THE OFFERING
is also a significant part of our response to the Gospel. As we present the money which represents our commitment to the work of the church, we resolve to maintain this community of worship, fellowship and service.

THE CHARGE
A charge to the people to go into the world in the name of Christ may be included. The charge renews God's call to us to engage in obedient and grateful ministry as God's agents to heal life's brokenness. By the power of the Spirit, we are to be in life and ministry what Christ has redeemed us to be. God calls the church to join the mission of Christ in service to the world. As the church engages in that mission, it bears witness to God's reign over all of life

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Take Up Your Cross

Hal Hopson

"Take up your cross," the Savior said, "If you would my disciple be; deny yourself, the world forsake, and humbly follow after me. "
Take up your cross, let not its weight fill your weak spirit with alarm; God's strength will bear your spirit up, and brace your heart and gird your arm.
Take up your cross, nor heed the shame, nor let your foolish pride rebel; the Lord for you the cross endured, to save your soul from death and hell.
Take up your cross and follow Christ, Nor think till death to lay it down; for only those who bear the cross may hope to wear the glorious crown.

† **DOXOLOGY** (Congregation Sings)

Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise God all creatures here below, Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts, praise Jesus Christ whose pow'r uplifts, Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit; Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

† **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

† **HYMN** (Choir and Congregation Sings)

Lift High the Cross

Refrain: Choir and Congregation

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till
 all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

Stanzas

Choir 1. Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod, the
Choir 2. Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied bears
Choir 3. O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree, your
Choir and Cong. 4. So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be: Praise

to Refrain

Lamb vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 on the brow the seal of Christ who died.
 death has brought us life e - ter - nal - ly.
 to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

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SENDING

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

CHARGE AND BLESSING

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Toccata in a minor

Alessandro Scarlatti

Please remain quietly seated for the playing of the Closing Voluntary or move quietly to the Narthex for a time of fellowship.

This Week At Columbia Presbyterian Church

*Please remember to recycle your bulletin
in the recycle baskets in the narthex and breezeway entrance.*

Sunday, September 13

- 9:30 am Nursery opens
- 9:45 am Sunday School for all ages
- 10:30 am Chancel Choir warm-up
- 11:00 am **Worship service**
- 12:15 pm Youth work day
- 3:00 pm Youth / parents meeting

Tuesday, September 15

- 4:30 pm Kids Club
- 7:00 pm Taize worship

Wednesday, September 16

- 6:45 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal

Thursday, September 17

- 11:30 am Men's luncheon

Friday, September 18

- 8:00 pm AA meeting

Saturday, September 19

- 5:00 pm Game Night
- 8:00 pm AA meeting

Sunday, September 20

- 9:30 am Nursery opens
- 9:45 am Sunday School for all ages
- 10:30 am Chancel Choir warm-up
- 11:00 am **Worship service**
- 12:15 pm Potluck luncheon
- 12:30 pm Dessert in youth room / youth room open house
- 1:15 pm Confirmation orientation

Volunteers for this Week

Visitation Coordinator: Sharon Reardon

Ushers: Bob Reardon, captain; Helen Woods, Kathy Woods, Lyman Wray

Sound System: Wesley Upshur, Arnie Van Wyk

Welcome! We are glad that you are here!

Columbia Presbyterian Church is a place where members and guests gather to worship and serve God in a caring, inspiring, mission-directed environment. We hope you feel a fresh expression of God's love for you here today.

- If you would like a large-print hymnal, please see an usher.
- Childcare is available in the nursery downstairs during worship and Sunday School.
- Children five and under may leave worship after Time With the Younger Church and go to the nursery. Children six and older are asked to stay for worship. Worship activity bags are available.

Announcements

Game night this Saturday, September 19, 5:00 p.m. in Hazelwood Hall! Pizza and salad will be provided for dinner. Please bring your favorite drinks, snacks, or desserts. Also bring your favorite games to play. Everyone is invited!

Garden of Eatin' Saturday, September 26, 4:00-7:00 p.m., at the Holiday Inn Conference Center Atrium in Decatur. More than 20 restaurants participate in this event, which benefits the Decatur Cooperative Ministry. For more information, call 404-377-5365, or go to www.decaturoperativeministry.org. *See Pastor Tom for Tickets!*

CPC Prayer List		
Bob and Helen Golden	Margaret Bloodworth	Dorothy Clark
Arkeya Harris	Michael Lacey's dad	Rev. Thomas Livengood
Lloyd Grizzle (Wendy Dewberry)	Ruata's family	Arthur Avery
The Mulrines (Dorothy G's sister)	Diane (Russ Hiner)	Gloria Williams
Bernie Granger	Laurel Stapinski	Tom Day (Kay Potter)
Terry Lochman (Dru Carter's daughter)	Jan Scalaro (Marian Hassler)	Dr. Hubert Taylor
Bill Emerson (Bo's dad)	Earl S. (Sandy Love's brother)	Sharon Reardon's mother
Cora Jones (Tom Reagin)	Ruth Williams (Jerry Artopoulos)	Laura Bordeaux's cousin Kitty
Carlos Cordoza-Orlandi's mother	Amelia Hawkins (Steve Cowan)	Courtney Kimball's uncles
Richard Fedderm (Woods)	Ricky Summers (Cromwells)	Seige Erikson
The Dois	Earl Polk (Kay Potter)	Jean Phillips
Teenie Peters	Sarah Jones (volunteering in India)	Ethan -15 year old with bone cancer
Susan McKay (Hassler)	Josh Wilhite (Afghanistan)	Martha Clinkscales' mother
Eloise Jones (Woods)	Rehoboth Presbyterian Church	Orlando Rachele
Worldwide missionaries	The Wellers: Ethiopia	The McGills: Malawi
	Church Session & Staff	

WORSHIP LEADERS THIS MORNING:

Rev. Tom Hagood Wendy Dewberry, *Liturgist*
 David Flick, *Organist and Choirmaster*
 Columbia Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir
 Acolytes: Jack Brock and Jorge Lehman-Gonzalez

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