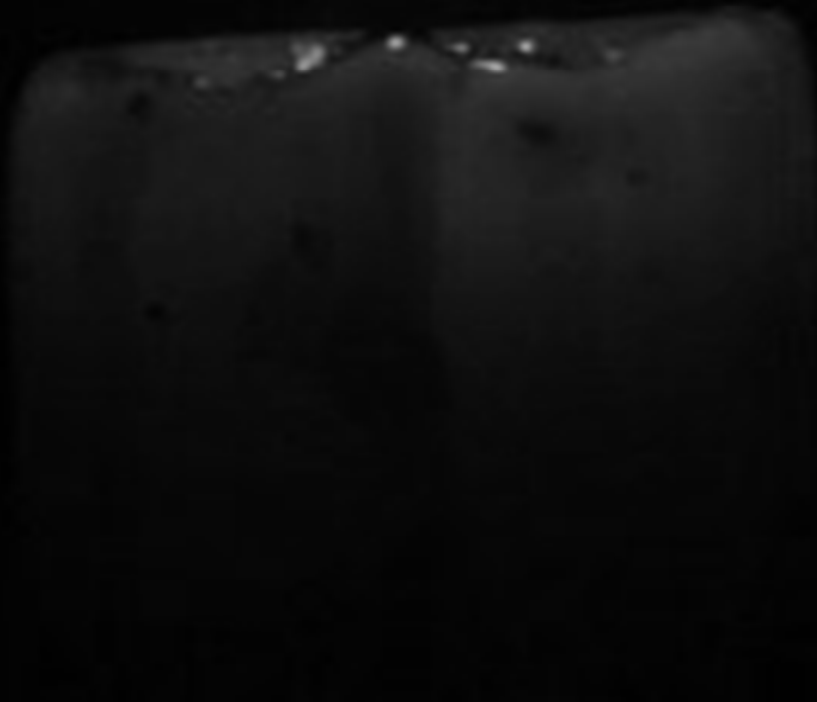


*You became
an example
to all the believers*

1 Thessalonians 1:7



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.

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).

SERVICE OF THE LORD'S DAY

October 16, 2011

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Congregation responsively reads lines in bold text.

† Those able, please stand.

GOD CALLS US TOGETHER TO WORSHIP AND PRAISE

CHIMING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign and pass the red friendship pads down your row, then pass back to center aisle.

† GREETING ONE ANOTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRELUDE

Love Divine, All Love's Excelling

arr. Don Hustad

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Each morning, God's grace awakens us,
each evening, God's peace cradles us.

People: **Compassion is our constant companion,
as we go through work, school, the day.**

One: In every moment, God is present with us;
God whispers words which can change our lives.

People: **Justice is our faithful teacher,
pointing to where we can carry out fairness.**

One: When we find ourselves groping in the shadows,
God's light will provide a way home.

All: **We turn the corner, and hope is waiting for us;
we return home, and find a feast prepared.**

† PRAYER OF INVOCATION

INVITATION TO CONFESSION OF SIN

SILENT CONFESSION

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 CONFESSION OF SINS (*People pray together*)

One: Holy God, we confess that we have fallen short of your way. We have become too busy with the world to be concerned about your reign. We have turned inward in our lives rather than outward to those in need. We confess our dependence upon things of this world: the stock market and the employment rate. Convenience and speedy satisfaction of our desires have overtaken our dependence upon you for all things.

All: **Forgive us, O God, for turning away from you, from hiding ourselves away from your sight to focus on our wants and desires. Forgive us, O God, for turning away from your ways and living out of greed and self-satisfaction. Turn us back to your ways, guide us back to your path. In the name of Jesus the Christ, who walks the path with us, we pray. Amen.**

RESPONSE TO CONFESSION (*Congregation sings*) *Come and Fill Our Hearts*

Two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly. Come and fill our hearts with your peace, al-le-lu-ia!"

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

DECLARATION OF PARDON

RESPONSE TO CONFESSION (*Congregation sings*)*Amazing Grace*

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
 I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.*

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING FROM THE PSALTER

Psalm 99 (Old Testament, page 552)

The scripture will be read twice with a time of silence at the end of each reading.

One: This is the word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

THE YOUNGER CHURCH

† **READING FROM THE EPISTLES**

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

One: Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Choir: *For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake.*

People: **And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.**

One: For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it.

All: **For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead – Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.**

One: This is the word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Tom Hagood

† **HYMN 29**

Go Tell It On the Mountain

GO TELL IT

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

TIME OF REFLECTION

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*Congregation says together*)

Romans 8:1, 28, 38, 39

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus;

for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose.

We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation,

will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

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.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

is the response of the congregation to the proclamation and hearing of God's Word in Scripture and sermon and to affirm its faith in God and God's actions in Jesus Christ.

PASTORAL PRAYER WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Congregation prays together*)

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.

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 DOXOLOGY is sung, ascribing glory to God. It usually reflects the Trinity — praising Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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.

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS**OFFERTORY ANTHEM***Sweet Harmony*

Pepper Choplin

Lord, we assemble for worship and prayer.
When two or three are gathered we know You are there.
Send Your Spirit over us so we may be living in the Spirit of sweet harmony, sweet harmony.
Though we are many, O Lord, make us one.
Blend our many gifts 'til Your holy work is done.
Send Your Spirit over us so we may be working together in sweet harmony.
O come, Lord, make us one, Lord, as we lift a prayer for unity.
O come, Lord, make us one, Lord. Fill our hearts and our minds with sweet harmony, sweet harmony.
When we disagree and conflicts arise, keep truth on our lips and love in our eyes.
Give us understanding and lead us to peace, once again to live in sweet harmony.
Give us sweet harmony. Let us lift a song together in one harmonious chord,
singing in the Spirit the music of the Lord.
Let the song of love be our legacy as we live together in sweet harmony,
sweet, sweet harmony, give us sweet harmony.

† **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 432***Song of Hope*

ARGENTINA

SENDING† **INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP**† **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

CHORAL RESPONSE TO BLESSING *This Little Light of Mine*

arr. Mark Hayes

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine!
Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine!
Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Won't let anybody blow it out. No, I'm gonna let it shine!
Won't let anybody blow it out. No, I'm gonna let it shine! Won't let anybody blow it out.
No, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Shine my light across the land, yes, I'm gonna let it shine!
Shine my light across the land, I'm gonna let it shine!
Shine my light across the land, yes, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine!

Let your light shine, oh, let it shine! Let your light shine, oh, let it shine!
Let your light shine, oh, let it shine! Let your little light shine, let it shine!

POSTLUDE

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

arr. Cindy Berry

WORSHIP LEADERS THIS MORNING

Rev. Tom Hagood, *Pastor*
Jeff Funderburk, *Interim Organist/Choirmaster*
Columbia Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir

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This Week at Columbia Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 16

- 9:30 am Nursery opens
- 9:45 am Sunday School for all ages
- 10:30 am Choir rehearsal
- 11:00 am **Worship service**
- 12:15 pm Potluck luncheon
- 1:00 pm Session meeting
- 1:00 pm **Mizo worship service**
- 6:00 pm Youth group high school night

Tuesday, October 18

- 9:00 am Staff meeting
- 7:00 pm **Taize worship**

Wednesday, October 19

- 6:00 pm Worship at Coventry Place
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal

Thursday, October 20

- 7:00 pm Joyseekers Women's Circle meeting

Friday, October 21

- 7:00 am People to Resources
- 8:00 pm AA meeting in Hazelwood Hall

Saturday, October 22

Waldorf School of Atlanta's 25th anniversary celebration

- 8:00 pm AA meeting in Hazelwood Hall

Sunday, October 23

- 9:30 am Nursery opens
- 9:45 am Sunday School for all ages
- 10:30 am Choir rehearsal
- 11:00 am **Worship service**
- 12:30 pm **Mizo worship service**
- 6:00 pm Youth group middle school night

Volunteers for this Week

Visitation Coordinator: Kate Schulz

Ushers: Jerry Artopoeus, *captain,* Russ Hiner, Bob Reardon, Glenn Simpson

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.

The beautiful flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Julia Davis by her family.

All high schoolers are invited to High School Youth Group: Grilled Cheesus Edition tonight, at our regular time, 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the youth room (main floor of the education building). **Middle schoolers, stay tuned** for hints about what will happen during Middle School Youth Group next Sunday, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Happy anniversary to the Waldorf School! As most of you know, we share our buildings during the week with the Waldorf School of Atlanta. This Saturday, October 22, they will have their 25th anniversary celebration. For more information about the school, you may go to their website at waldorfatlanta.org.

Columbia Presbyterian Church Prayer List

Our Prayer List is no longer an information list. Our Prayer List is now simply that . . . a Prayer List. In the past, we often saw names on this list and did not know who the people were or what their particular needs were. But God knows what each person needs. So we now ask that you lift these names in prayers . . . with the assurance that God will empower and provide what is needed. We will, however, at the request of the person being prepared for, still share information about people's life events in the church newsletter, separate from the prayer list.

Ed and Evelyn	Evelyn	Lal
Wendy C's mother & grandmother	Peggy	Jan
Diane	Gene and Michael	Ken
Geneva	Dorothy	Julio
Justo	Bill	Novice
Carole and Judith	Linda	Marguerite
Elton	Pam	Alex
Scott	Mulrine family	James
Drew	Oty	Sarah
Joe	Pat's mother	Earl
Arch	Mary and John	Barbara
Corrinne	Beverly	Lawanda's mother
The McGills (Malawi)	The Wellers (Ethiopia)	Worldwide missionaries