

Service of the Lord's Day

September 20, 2009

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me,
and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

Mark 9:37

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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)*

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT
There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face, And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

O Jesus, I Have Promised

Finnish

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

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

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

ADESTE FIDELES

† PRAYER OF INVOCATION

† HYMN 477 (*Congregation Sings*) *Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim*

HANOVER

INVITATION TO CONFESSION OF SIN

PRAYER OF
CONFESSION is
intended to
encourage people to
lay down any bur-
den 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

We confess how much we are like those first disciples of Jesus, Wisdom from on high. Our cravings for more and more toss us about like leaves in the fall winds. We boast of our great wisdom, yet do not understand your ways of peace and gentleness. We do not plant ourselves in your hope and grace, and so reap harvests of disorder and conflict.

Draw near to us, Gracious God, and forgive us. Draw us into your tender arms, and teach us peace, gentleness, the willingness to put the other first, the wisdom to serve instead of seize, so we might bring forth a harvest of righteousness, justice, and peace in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

† 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

This is the wisdom from above: God plants in us the forgiveness and healing we need, so we might share the good harvest of joy and mercy with everyone we meet.

Bathed in the living waters, fed by the Bread of life, we are given new life and hope. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

† RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

SOLID ROCK

*My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid Rock I stand; All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.*

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE PSALTER READING *(Choir and Congregation sing the refrain)*

Psalm 1

1 Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; 2 but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night.

Martin Luther
Arr. Hal H. Hopson

REFRAIN



God's word shall be our last - ing joy, a lamp and light for - ev - er - more.

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper. 4 The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Refrain

5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; 6 for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Refrain

THE YOUNGER CHURCH

READING FROM THE GOSPELS

(Pew Bible, p. 45, New Testament)

Mark 9:30-37

One: This is the word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Scolding God

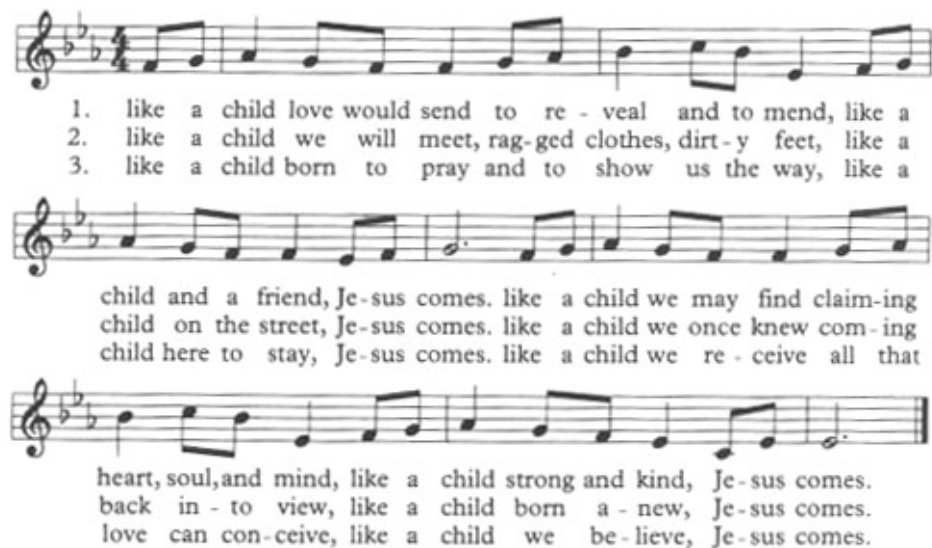
Rev. Tom Hagood

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.

† HYMN *(Congregation Sings)*

like a child



1. like a child love would send to re - veal and to mend, like a
2. like a child we will meet, rag-ged clothes, dirt - y feet, like a
3. like a child born to pray and to show us the way, like a
child and a friend, Je-sus comes. like a child we may find claim-ing
child on the street, Je-sus comes. like a child we once knew com-ing
child here to stay, Je-sus comes. like a child we re - ceive all that
heart, soul, and mind, like a child strong and kind, Je-sus comes.
back in - to view, like a child born a - new, Je-sus comes.
love can con-ceive, like a child we be-lieve, Je-sus comes.

WORDS: Daniel Charles Damon (Matt. 19:13-15; Mark 10:13-16; Luke 18:15-17)
MUSIC: Daniel Charles Damon

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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.

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.

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Congregation Affirms 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.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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

CONGREGATIONAL CHOIR ANTHEM *The Servant Song*

David Schwoebel

The Chancel Choir sings verses one and two. The congregation joins in the singing of verse three.

3. I will weep when you are weep - ing, When you
laugh, I'll laugh with you; I will share your joy and sor - row,
Till we've seen this jour - ney through, When we sing to God in
heav - en, We shall find such har - mo - ny, Born of all we've
known to - geth - er Of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

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† 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

SENDING

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

CHARGE AND BLESSING

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

A Rejoicing

Alfred Fedak

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

WORSHIP LEADERS THIS MORNING:

Rev. Tom Hagood

David Flick, *Organist and Choirmaster*

Becky Wallace, *flute*

Columbia Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir

Acolytes: A. J. Durden and Mapui Hmar

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This Week At Columbia Presbyterian Church

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

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

Tuesday, September 22

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

Wednesday, September 23

- 6:45 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal

Friday, September 25

- 8:00 pm AA meeting

Saturday, September 26

- 4:00 pm Garden of Eatin' at Decatur Holiday Inn
8:00 pm AA meeting

Sunday, September 27

- 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 Session meeting

Volunteers for this Week

Visitation Coordinator: Sharon Reardon

Ushers: Jerry Artopoeus, captain; Sam Artopoeus, Glenn Simpson

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

Please bring food for our food pantry. In these hard times, more hungry people come each week than we have ever seen before. Items needed are *canned meats, tuna in oil, beef stew, chunky soups, canned pasta / meats such as spaghetti, peanut butter, cereals that kids like, boxes of individual packets of dried milk, and other items that are full meals in a can (need no extra ingredients)*. Thank you for your generosity.

Blessing of the Pets and Adoptions: All creatures big and small: Join us for our annual Blessing of the Pets and pet adoptions on Saturday, October 3, through Animal Action Rescue Group in Decatur. We start with pet adoptions from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. and then hold our annual blessing at 10:00 a.m. There will be pet and human treats, as well as lots of animals looking for good homes.

Fall Outing at Calvin Center on Wednesday, October 7, 8:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., sponsored by the Senior Adult Ministries of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta. The theme is "Finishing Strong...Meant to be Mentors." The cost is \$15, including lunch. The deadline for registration is tomorrow, September 21. See Sharon Reardon for more information.

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

