



# First & Central

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)

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## A Service for the Worship of God

**August 1, 2010      A Service for the Worship of God      10:00 a.m.**  
**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### THE CHURCH GATHERS

GREETING AND WELCOME      Douglas D. Gerdt

SILENT MOMENT

VOLUNTARY      *Two Dances: Intrada and Was woln wir*      Anonymous, ca. 1600

OPENING SENTENCES      Psalm 107:1-9      Nancy Mahoney

One: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;  
for God's steadfast love endures forever.

**All: Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to an inhabited town;  
hungry and thirsty, their souls fainted within them.**

One: They cried to the Lord in their trouble, and God delivered them from their distress;  
God led them by a straight way, until they reached an inhabited town.

**All: Let them thank the Lord for God's steadfast love,  
for wonderful works to humankind.  
For God satisfies the thirsty,  
and the hungry God fills with good things.**

\*HYMN 476      *O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!*      LYONS

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**You have blessed us with much, O God – forgive us for striving after more,  
and yet sharing so little. Forgive our misplaced priorities, as we cling to that  
which does not really fulfill us. We have faced others' need with closed  
hearts and closed hands. We judge ourselves and one another by what we  
have or what we lack. Forgive us, O God, and may your mercy lead us to  
trust you as the one who is all that we need ...**

*A time for silent prayers of confession*

**Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.**

*Hymn 565*

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### \*RESPONSE TO THE ASSURANCE

*Hymn 333, Stanza 1*

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God And His righteousness,  
And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!**

### \*ACT OF PEACE AND RECONCILIATION

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

**All: And also with you.**

One: Let us greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

### GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

### UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Seeking to hoard wealth for ourselves as means of security is a false  
economy, O God, as the only value we have comes from you. Remind us of  
that today as we hear this story and give us the courage to live it always.  
Amen.**

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 12:13-20

*New Testament page 74*

One: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### CHILDREN'S GREETING

*Worship Bags are provided for children who remain in worship,  
and infants through 3 years old are invited to the nursery.*

### SERMON

More Closet Space

Dr. Gerdt

### THE PEOPLE RESPOND

### OFFERING OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

Offertory

*Two Dances: Daunce and Ungarescha*

Anonymous, ca. 1600

### CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer ("debts")

One: The Lord be with you.

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**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord**

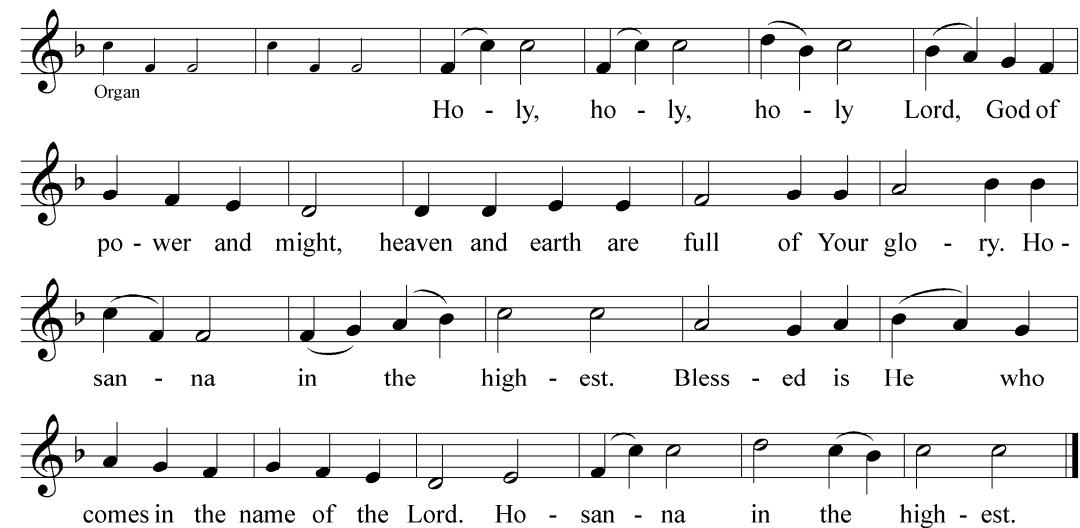
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

One: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O God our creator. In sovereign love you created the world good and made everyone equally in your image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebelled; we hid from our Creator. Yet you act with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, you chose Abraham and Sarah as a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, you delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, you make us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, you are faithful still.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**All:**



Organ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of po - wer and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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One: You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. Great is the mystery of faith:

**All:**



Organ Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

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One: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us. We trust in the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

Hear us now, O God, as we pray the prayer Christ taught us:

**All: Our Father ...**

*Front of Hymnal, page 16 (Traditional)*

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Communion Music

Organ: *Deck yourself, my soul, with gladness (Hymn 506)*

J. Brahms

Prayer

**LEAVE TO SERVE**

\*HYMN 436

*We Are Your People*

WHITFIELD

\*BENEDICTION

VOLUNTARY

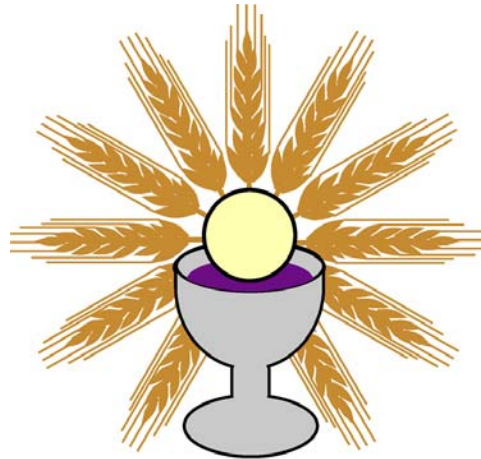
*Dance: Bassa imperiale*

Anonymous, ca.1600

*You are invited to remain for the closing voluntary.*

*Please feel free to leave if you need to.*

**\*Please stand if you are comfortably able.**



# This Week at First & Central This Week at First & Central

**Welcome to First & Central Presbyterian Church!** If you are a visitor this morning, please know that you are welcome and that the collective prayer of this congregation is that all who worship will know the loving presence of God.

**The Chancel Flowers** are given by JM Reinbold to the Glory of God and in memory of long time member and good friend, Florence Broomall Lovell.

**Would you like to give flowers for the Chancel?** Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup> is available, as well as Sundays, September 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. Please call (654-5371) or email the church office (reinbold@fandc.org) with your order and dedication.



**The Labyrinth at First & Central** is open on Wednesdays from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. Our Chartres/medieval style portable labyrinth is set up in Memorial Hall on the church's lower level. Information on walking a labyrinth is available on the table outside Memorial Hall. If you have questions or need assistance, please ask for Joanne at the Church Office.

**WOMENSREAD V is here!** All women of First & Central are invited to read The Help by Kathryn Stockett this summer. We will gather on Monday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 p.m. at Nancy Mahoney's to discuss it together. This is our 5<sup>th</sup> summer of uniting our heads and hearts around a common book – each year gets better and better! Join us!

WomensRead V

Join Us!  
August  
23rd



Nashville  
Mission Trip

**THERE'S NEED IN NASHVILLE – AND WE'RE ONLY HALF WAY TO FILLING IT!!** Won't you **PLEASE** consider joining in the Nashville Mission Trip November 14-20? Following the devastation of this spring's flooding, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has made arrangements for work groups to come and help with clean up and repair. Westminster Presbyterian Church has renovated space and can accommodate up to 30 people. First & Central has reserved 15 spots for the week – **and we have only 8 signed up so far!** If you've wished you'd been able to go on a mission trip before, here's a new opportunity to try it! A check for \$100 (payable to F & C, marked "Nashville") will secure your spot. Join us in making a difference with your hands and your hearts for those who need help putting their lives back together. Any questions – give Jenny a call!

## American Cancer Society: *Road to Recovery*

Are you looking for a way to help? Maybe you have two days to spare, maybe two hours. Either way, you can help cancer patients get the help they need!

**Who:** We are in need of volunteers with cars who are willing to drive cancer patients to and from their treatments.

**What:** Our program, *Road to Recovery*, teams volunteer drivers with cancer patients to help them get to and from their chemotherapy and radiation appointments. We provide the training and work with our volunteers on a flexible schedule.

**Why:** By driving a patient to an appointment they might otherwise have missed, you have contributed to improving their chances of survival.

If you are interested in volunteering or have questions about our program, please call: 302.324.4227 or check our website at [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)

## *Calendar for the Week of August 1, 2010*

### ***Sunday 8/1:***

9:45 a.m. Nursery Care: (Infant – 3 yrs) – Nursery  
10:00 a.m. Worship and Communion Service – Sanctuary  
11:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship – Sanctuary

### ***Monday 8/2***

11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting – Pastor's Office  
4:00 p.m. RSTTA Summer Program – Third Floor

### ***Tuesday 8/3:***

4:00 p.m. RSTTA Summer Program – Third Floor  
6:00 p.m. Family Fellowship Bible Study – Chapel  
6:45 p.m. Yoga Class – DuVal Room

### ***Wednesday 8/4:***

11:00 a.m. Labyrinth Walk – Memorial Hall  
4:00 p.m. RSTTA Summer Program – Third Floor  
5:30 p.m. Basic Text Narc-Anon– DuVal Room  
7:00 p.m. Adult Education Council – Pastor's Office

### ***Thursday 8/5:***

1:30 p.m. Pakistan Project (Rotary Sub-Committee) – DuVal Room  
4:00 p.m. RSTTA Summer Program – Third Floor  
5:30 p.m. Klunk/Ubele Wedding Rehearsal – Sanctuary  
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### ***Friday 8/6:***

5:30 p.m. Klunk/Ubele Wedding – Sanctuary

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