

**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Dedication Sunday**

Worship Service **November 15, 2009**

Prelude Let All Things Now Living arr. K. Hildebrand

Striking of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements
The Lord be with you!
And also with you!
Welcome, and grace, and peace in the name of the Lord.

Minute for Mission Chrismon Dedication and Refurbishment
Mike Martin, Worship Committee

ADORATION

Call to Worship (adapted from Matthew 5)
One: Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.
Many: Jesus said, "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid.
One: No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house.
Many: In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."
One: Brothers and sisters in faith, let us dedicate ourselves to worship, praise, and songs of thanksgiving which cry out with trust in our gracious Lord. Let us worship our light-giving God!

*Hymn # 455 All Creatures of Our God and King (verses 1-4)

*Prayer of Adoration

CONFESSION

The Act of Confession
Almighty God, you alone can bring order to our unruly wills and affections. You are the God of grace, love, and Light eternal. We confess that far too often we have set the agenda for our lives and failed to love you with all heart, soul, and might. Too often we have chosen darkness. Forgive us when we have trusted other lords instead of trusting in your Light. Give us grace to love what you command and desire what you promise. Give us courage to share as you have called your people to share. And most especially, O God, have mercy on us and forgive our sin in the name of your Son, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Hymn 455 (verses 5 and 6)
**And everyone of tender heart, forgiving others take your part.
O sing ye! Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God and cast on God your care.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**All creatures your creator bless, and worship God in humbleness.
O sing ye! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit three in one!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The Assurance of Forgiveness
Minister: Hear and believe the Good News!
People: **IN JESUS CHRIST WE ARE FORGIVEN!**

*Response to Forgiveness *Gloria Patri* Hymn #579

PROCLAMATION

Time with Children

Prayer for Illumination

The Prophets Isaiah 58: 6-11
(pew Bible page 49)

Anthem Clap Your Hands L. Stanley Glarum

The Gospel Lesson John 3: 16-22
(pew Bible page 94)

Sermon The Calling of Giving and the Light of Sharing

*Hymn #554 Let All Things Now Living

*Affirmation of Faith (from Romans 8)

Minister: What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us?
All: Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am 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.

DEDICATION

Prayers of the People

Presentation of Gifts
Minute for Stewardship and Dedication—Mrs. Ashley Anderson, Stewardship Committee
A Service of Dedication – Dedication Sunday 2009
(At this time, in gratitude to God and in support of Christ's church, members of the congregation will bring their 2010 commitment cards forward to the basket on the communion table.)
Offertory Sentence
Organ Offertory Hear My Prayer F. Mendelsshon
*Doxology
Prayer of Dedication and the Lord's Prayer

#Hymn #464 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

*The Benediction

Postlude Now Let The Heavens Resound arr. D. Johnson

*Welcome to Howard Memorial Presbyterian Church!
We are glad you are worshipping with us today. New members are received throughout the year by profession of faith, transfer of church membership, or reaffirmation of faith. Christopher Edmonston or Peggy Rodgers Leggett, 823-4138, will gladly answer any questions about membership.*

THE USHERS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER ARE:

Pat Petruzzello, Chairperson
Steve & Cindy Brittian, Bill & Tiffany Clark,
Jim Marrow, Anne & Ben Mayo,II,
C.W. Mayo, and John Keck Moore

*The flowers in the Sanctuary today
are given to the Glory of God
and in memory of
Almond Dupree Stallings*

*The Greenery in the Sanctuary today
is given to the Glory of God
and in memory of
William G. Clark, III*



Children's Corner

So this week we faced the "Green-eyed Monster" and came up with strategies for when we want/desire something and when we don't get it. And next week in both **Little Lambs & Wondrous Wednesdays** we'll wrestle with the times when we are angry or frustrated and how we can find kindness instead: LL 3:30 – 4:15 p.m. and WW 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Please join us!
Parents of **Alleluia Singers** please contact **Katie Schultz** about the **Community Thanksgiving Service, November 22, 2009.**

Youth Group Chrismon Party Tonight: Open to teenagers through adults, the festivities will begin at 5:30 and go until 7:00pm.

A big "thank you" to the youth for the great work they put into the talent show. Thank you also to the great acts that performed. It was a great night out!
The Youth Bible study on 1st Wednesday's from 6:30-7:15 with Adam Schultz in the Youth Room.

Awesome Fair Trade Coffee is still available in Gail's Office. Proceeds from the sale go to HMPC Youth Ministries 2010. All coffee prices are \$9.00 for a 12 oz. bag.

Men's Bible Study, Tuesdays at 7:30am at the church.

Prayer Meeting, Wednesdays at Howard Memorial 9:30am & 10:30am at the Albemarle.

Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study, 8:30am at the church.

Women's Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study, 2:30pm. at the home of Sherry Lovette

Vespers each Sunday at The Albemarle, 4:30pm – service spoken by Peggy R. Leggett

No Choir rehearsal on November 25th.
No Hand Bell rehearsal on November 26th.

Committee Meetings

The Session will Monday, November 23rd at 7:00pm.

The Christian Education Committee will meet today, at 4:30pm in the Session Room.

The Worship Committee will meet today, at 12:15pm, following morning worship in the Session Room.

The Presbyterian Men will meet November 16th at 6pm. Subject of this meeting will be to discuss Christmas decorations, planning events for 2010, and establishing a 2010 calendar. For more information please contact Mike Martin at mikemartinots@gmail.com or by phone at 252-241-5773.

The Guatemala Mission Team will be meeting tonight at 6:00 in the Upper Room room with Rev. Mary Jane Winter who has completed more than 20 trips to Guatemala.

HMPC will be hosting local AA meetings on Tuesday's and Thursday's. The time will be 6:30-7:30 up in the youth room. For more information, please contact Rawls Howard at 883-2962.

Operation Christmas Child

Boxes due today! They ship tomorrow! Thank you for all your wonderful support!

The church will once again be having poinsettias in the church for the Christmas season. We will have room for 50 plants this year at a cost of \$9.00 each. If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in memory of or in honor of, please call the church office.

The Worship Committee will be refurbishing our Chrismon ornaments on our Christmas Trees this year. If you would like to dedicate a Chrismon (in memory or in honor of) please contact Mike Martin at 252-241-5773 or the church office. The prices for the ornaments are from \$10.00 up.

Newsletter articles for December are due no later than November 16th (due to the Thanksgiving Holiday). Please have your articles into the church office by this date.

The annual Thanksgiving Service will be November 22nd at 7:00 at the First Baptist Church.

The church office will be closed November 26-27 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

The sympathy of the Congregation is extended to the family of Terry Coley who passed away, November 10, 2009. Terry was the Organist and Choir Director here at HMPC from 1961-2006.

The sympathy of the Congregation is extended to the family Anne McFadyen in the loss of her mother, Doris King.

Fall Albemarle Luncheon
Wednesday, November 18, 2009
12 noon until 1:30p.m.
(Sign up sheet in the church office)