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USHERS: Tom Lawall, Sue Lawall, Harry Dennis, Beth Kunkle

COMMUNION SERVERS: Ann Lowell, John Gill, Mike Yen, Chuck Waters, Debbie Lillegard

ALTAR FLOWERS:

Bob & Mary Gedney, in celebration of their 48th wedding anniversary.
Alicia Orbin, in celebration of her daughter Alia's birthday.

ELDERS:

Class of 2008—John Gill, Alicia Orbin, Sue Vitale, Mike Yen

Class of 2009—John Baittinger, Lyda Byers, Ann Lowell, Sam Wilber

Class of 2010—Dorothy Nicholas, Alicia Shussett

DEACONS:

Class of 2008—Jack Decker, Terry Eck, Andy Ingram, Diane Millick

Class of 2009—Carolyn Baittinger, Sally Heimbach, John Stewart, Chuck Waters

Class of 2010—Peter Ferguson, Marie Heffner, Debbie Lillegard, Melanie Shimer

FAITH ON THE ROAD TEAM: Jack Decker (*Vision Team*), Sam Han (*Vision Team*), Diane Millick, Susan Moring, (*Vision Team*), Diane Perry (*Vision Team*), Joanne Rath, Deanna Robinson, Louise Schaefer, Janie Slamon (*Vision Team*), Hallie Stewart, Darcy Trop, Dave Weber, and Chip Colson.

**THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
10:30 AM
SEPTEMBER 7, 2008**

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Master Teacher, thank you for being with us whenever and wherever we gather in your name. Lead us to be more intentional and spontaneous teachers and learners. Allow your children you and old, to experience education for all of life so that each life may be lived in faithful praise and joyful service. We pray these things through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(To continue preparation for worship, read the rest of page 253 in the 2008 Mission Yearbook in the pew.)

WE PREPARE TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE WELCOME

THE PRELUDE

"Built on a Rock"

LUDWIG M. LINDEMAN

THE SONG FOR ASSEMBLY

"For Surely I Know the Plans"

G. S. OATEN

For surely I know the plans I have for your, says the Lord,
Plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

*THE DOXOLOGY-HYMN #592

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Our teacher promised that where two or three agreed, it would be done.

WHY CAN WE NOT AGREE TO BE PEOPLE OF PEACE?

Why can we not agree to be people of justice?

WHY CAN WE NOT AGREE TO BE PEOPLE OF LOVE?

UNISON: WHY DO WE REJECT GOD'S VISION FOR US?

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*THE HYMN

"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

ST. THOMAS #441

THE PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Please use "debts & debtors".)
PRESBYTERIAN HYMNAL – PG. 16

THE CALL TO CONFESSION AND SILENT CONFESSION

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

GRACIOUS GOD, YOU COULD POINT OUT EVERY FAULT OF OMISSION AND COMMISSION AND LEAVE US IN DESPAIR. INSTEAD, YOU FORGIVE OUR SINS, AND LEAVE US WITH HOPE. GRANT US A HOLY HUMILITY OF SPIRIT SO THAT INSTEAD OF CONDEMNING OTHERS AND FORGIVING OURSELVES, WE WILL FORGIVE OTHERS AND RECOGNIZE WHERE WE DESERVE NOTHING BUT THEIR CONDEMNATION. THEN HELP US TURN, IN COMPANIONSHIP WITH THOSE WE HAVE SINNED AGAINST, TO RECEIVE YOUR BLESSING. AMEN.

THE KYRIE ELEISON
HYMN #572

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*THE GLORIA PATRI
HYMN #579

GOD DRAWS NEAR

*THE PASSING OF PEACE
FAITH CHURCH LIFE

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
PRAYER SONG
"Seek Ye First"
LAFFERTY #333
Verse 1

JOYS AND CONCERNS
INTERCESSIONS AND PETITIONS

PRAYER SONG
"Seek Ye First"
LAFFERTY #333
Verse 2

A WORD WITH THE CHILDREN

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON
ISAIAH 56:1-8
OT – Pg. 702 in the gray Bible, Pg. 645 in the blue Bible

⁵⁶Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. ²Happy is the mortal who does this, the one who holds it fast, who keeps the sabbath, not profaning it, and refrains from doing any evil. ³Do not let the foreigner joined to the LORD say, "The LORD will surely separate me from his people"; and do not let the eunuch say, "I am just a dry tree." ⁴For thus says the LORD: To the eunuchs who keep my sabbaths, who choose the things that please me and hold fast my covenant, ⁵I will give, in my house and within my walls, a monument and a name better than sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off. ⁶And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant— ⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. ⁸Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

THE PSALM-PSALM 15

OT – Pg. 500 in the gray Bible, Pg. 469 in the blue Bible (The leader will read the odd verses and the congregation will read the even verses. We will read Verse 5 in unison.)

¹O LORD, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?

²**THOSE WHO WALK BLAMELESSLY, AND DO WHAT IS RIGHT, AND SPEAK THE TRUTH FROM THEIR HEART;**

³who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends, nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;

⁴**IN WHOSE EYES THE WICKED ARE DESPISED, BUT WHO HONOR THOSE WHO FEAR THE LORD; WHO STAND BY THEIR OATH EVEN TO THEIR HURT;**

Unison: ⁵WHO DO NOT LEND MONEY AT INTEREST, AND DO NOT TAKE A BRIBE AGAINST THE INNOCENT. THOSE WHO DO THESE THINGS SHALL NEVER BE MOVED.

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

MATTHEW 18:15-20

NT – Pg. 19 in both Bibles

¹⁵"If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

THE SERMON

"New Cathedral"

REV. DR. CHARLES E. COLSON

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

THE OFFERTORY

"Living Stone"

MARY LOUISE BRINGLE
Senior Choir Anthem

*THE DEDICATION HYMN

"Freely, Freely"

CAROL OWENS

Freely, freely, you have received.
Freely, freely give.
Go in my name and because you believe
Others will know that I live.

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES' CREED

PRESBYTERIAN HYMNAL – PG. 14

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*THE HYMN

"Welcome"

AVERY & MARSH

Welcome! Welcome! Welcome to our family table,
In the name of him who was born in a stable,
Who lived and died for you and me,
Who rose again to set us free and bind us together as a family,
Holy, holy, glory be to God and Welcome!
Welcome! Welcome! Welcome! Peace be with you!

Welcome! Welcome! Welcome to our family table,
Living side by side through all kinds of weather,
To learn to love, to watch and see what God can do
Through you and me when we work together as a family,
Holy, holy, glory be to God and Welcome!
Welcome! Welcome! Welcome! Peace be with you!

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*(The custom at Faith Church is to hold the Bread and Cup
until every one is served, and partake of it together.)*

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

LEADER: Friends: This is the joyful feast of the people of God!

PEOPLE: PEOPLE WILL COME FROM EAST AND WEST, AND FROM NORTH AND SOUTH, AND SIT AT TABLE IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

LEADER: This is the Lord's table. Our Savior invites those who trust him to share the feast, which he has prepared. According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, he took the bread, and blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognized him.

THE THANKSGIVING

LEADER: Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE: WE LIFT THEM TO THE LORD.

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

PEOPLE: IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE HIM THANKS AND PRAISE.

LEADER: Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Everlasting God: (the proper prayer for Season of the Church Year.)

Great and wonderful are your works, Lord God Almighty. Your ways are just and true. With people of faith from all times and places, we lift our hearts in joyful praise, for you alone are holy.

PEOPLE: HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD, GOD OF POWER AND MIGHT, HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY. HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST. BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD. HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST.

LEADER: Holy Father: we thank you for your son, Jesus, who lived with us sharing joy and sorrow. He told your story, healed the sick and was a friend of sinners. Obeying you, he took up his cross and was murdered by people he loved. We praise you that he is not dead, but is risen to rule the world; and that he is still the friend of sinners. We trust him to overcome every power to hurt or divide us, so that, when you bring in your promised kingdom, we will celebrate victory with him.

PEOPLE: REMEMBERING THE LORD JESUS, WE BREAK BREAD AND SHARE ONE CUP, ANNOUNCING HIS DEATH FOR THE SINS OF THE WORLD, AND TELLING HIS RESURRECTION TO ALL PEOPLE AND NATIONS.

LEADER: Great God: give your Holy Spirit in the breaking of bread, so that we may be drawn together, and, joined to Christ the Lord, receive new life, and remain his glad and faithful people until we feast with him in glory.

PEOPLE: O GOD, WHO CALLED US FROM DEATH TO LIFE: WE GIVE OURSELVES TO YOU; AND WITH THE CHURCH THROUGH ALL AGES, WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SAVING LOVE IN JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN.

The minister shall break bread in the presence of the people, saying:

The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, broke it and said: "This is my body, which is for you; do this, remembering me."

The minister shall pour the wine in the presence of the people, saying:

In the same way, he took the cup after supper, and said: "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this, remembering me."

As the minister gives the bread and the wine, he may say:

Jesus said: "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst."

And,

Jesus said: "I am the vine, you are the branches. Cut off from me you can do nothing."

(It is the custom at Faith Church to hold the bread and the cup until all are served.)

When all the people have received, the minister shall say:

LEADER: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

PEOPLE: AMEN.

UNISON: ALLELUIA! FOR THE LORD OUR GOD, THE ALMIGHTY, HAS COME INTO HIS KINGDOM! LET US REJOICE; LET US BE GLAD WITH ALL OUR HEARTS. LET US GIVE HIM THE GLORY FOREVER AND EVER. AMEN.

LEADER: Let us pray:

UNISON: GOD OUR HELP: WE THANK YOU FOR THIS SUPPER SHARED IN THE SPIRIT WITH YOUR SON JESUS, WHO MAKES US NEW AND STRONG, WHO BRINGS US LIFE ETERNAL. WE PRAISE YOU FOR GIVING US ALL GOOD GIFTS IN HIM, AND PLEDGE OURSELVES TO SERVE YOU, EVEN AS IN CHRIST YOU HAVE SERVED US. AMEN.

*THE CLOSING HYMN

"O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"

MARYTON #347

*THE CHARGE

*THE CHORAL BENEDICTION

"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS

*THE POSTLUDE

"The Solid Rock"

WILLIAM B. BRADBURY

*Those who are able are invited to stand.
* * * * *Latecomers may be seated at this time

COMMUNION NOTES

This morning we continue the practice of including children throughout the entire worship service including Communion. Parents have the responsibility to determine when their children are ready to receive this Sacrament.

Announcements

Daybreak – September 9

Needed: 1-2 persons to bake 2 doz. cookies each. If you can help, please sign up in Fellowship Hall. Cookies need to be in the church kitchen by 12 noon.

(Faith Church cooks and serves a meal at Daybreak on the second Monday of each month, from 2:30 to 4:30 pm. The rewards of helping with this Mission service cannot be measured. Daybreak is a drop-in center for people recovering from mental illness. Donations of homemade cookies are always welcome, even preferred. Sugar-free cookies are also appreciated. *NOTE: Because of possible nut allergies, please mark cookies that have nuts in them.* Drop them off in the kitchen by noon of that Monday. Helpers are also needed, especially cooks, from approx. 2:30 to 4:30 pm. For more information, see Barbara Newman, Jean Scott or Pastor Colson. Don't pass up this very easy opportunity to "do unto others.")

Congregational Help Wanted!

Plans are well underway for some guest ministers to fill our pulpit in October, November and December. But, we still need your help regarding some details of these services. It has been a tradition at Faith Presbyterian Church to match up our guests with a host or hostess who has the responsibility of showing them the building, reviewing the order of worship for the day, and briefly introducing them to the congregation. In addition, we may be in a situation where the guest minister is not comfortable leading the Children's Time.

So, if you have any interest in serving as a **host/hostess** and/or leading a **Children's Time**, please contact Ann Lowell at 610-398-8267 or lowellga@ptd.net.

Thank you!

Noon Bible Exploration

Let's Get Organized!

Anyone interested in Bible study, is asked to meet in the Adult Sunday School Class (Room 7) at noon on Wed., Sept. 17th. Up for discussion is what we'll study and who a rotation of leaders will be. You need not fear being pushed into leading if you don't want to lead. This

is a study that relies more on discussion than leadership. Come one, come all, and let's get started. *(All those in the mood for lunch usually go together afterwards.)*

Are you ready to join our church?

Conversations for New Members on October 12 & 19

If you have not yet become a member of Faith Presbyterian, we invite you to make our church your home, your place of worship; to become an integral part of our community, and to join us for the Conversations on October 12 and October 19, from 11:45 AM to 2:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be provided.

Membership Conversations are hosted by the Membership Committee to give prospective members and long time members an opportunity to talk together about what we look for in a church, what Faith Church offers, what Presbyterians believe, and what commitment to Faith Church entails.

Please speak to Pastor Colson or Alicia Orbin to let them know you are coming, or call Alicia at 610-481-9618 or e-mail her at aruizorbin@aol.com

Attention All High School Students at Faith Church!!

GLUE picnic

September 21 from 4-7:30pm

At the DECKER home

Come and enjoy good fellowship with your friends at FPC. We will review the scheduled times for 2008-09 and the ideas we talked about in the spring.

All welcome!!

Our new digital frame is up and running today!

Please check it out!

Please take notice of our new digital picture frame in the narthex! This will serve as yet another way for us to communicate events/happenings within our church! If you have notices or pictures for display, please submit to our secretary, Lynda Scheirer, a few days in advance of the Sunday that you would like it posted.

The Roads to Mission

An invitation to our congregation through Worship, Sunday School and Fellowship. We wish to expose the needs of both strong and vulnerable communities, while encouraging a responsibility to serve.

September 21

10:30 am Worship

“Speaking of Change”

Sermon Dialogue with Diane Millick, Faith on the Road

September 28

9:15 am – Sunday School – *Christians in the Middle East*

10:30 am – Worship

“In the End, it’s all Mission”

Sermon Dialogue with Louis Yako, insight into Christians in the Middle East

October 5 9:15 am – Sunday School – *Christians in the Middle East*

10:30 am – Worship

Peacemaking Sunday – *The Road to Emmaus*

World Communion

Guest Minister: Rev. Mark Southard

Following Worship in Fellowship Hall

Mission Fair (sponsored by Stewardship Committee)

October 12 9:15 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship

Workcamp Sunday

1:00 pm – Crop Walk

Birthdays this Week

September 8—Courtney Kemps

September 10—Bruce Kunkle, Joel Shimer

September 11—Barbara Wisler

September 12—Sarah Hillanbrand, John Perella

September 13—Robert Barnes

Childcare on Sundays.

Childcare is provided in the Nursery for infants and children up to age 3 during Sunday School and worship.

Volunteers are needed to assist our paid childcare provider. Adult and teen volunteers are needed during worship **time**. Sign up on the sign-up sheet on the nursery complex door.

Contributions to help defray the cost of this care are welcome. Please place them in the offering plate and clearly mark them "Nursery Care Provider"

Do you have a question...

...about Faith Presbyterian Church?

...or about the Christian Faith?

Please see Alicia Orbin, our representative from the Membership Committee, who will be standing in the narthex by the Guest Book, immediately following the service and will be glad to speak with you.

"For Surely I Know the Plans"

Our current Song for Assembly was written by a member of the Pen Argyl Presbyterian Church and inspired by the Jeremiah Initiative, which we are participating in as Faith on the Road.

Cash & Carry SCRIP!

Available NOW!

6-\$25.00 WEIS cards

2-\$25.00 GIANT cards

To purchase please see Sally Heimbach.

Retirement Festivities

September 27, 2008

6:00 pm in the Sanctuary

Keep this date open on your calendar!

Interfaith Effort to help area's hungry...

Leaders from Jewish, Christian and Muslim congregations have joined together with the Lehigh County Conference of Churches to reach out to hungry citizens.

Faith Church is joining this effort addressing the reality of hunger in the Lehigh Valley.

People living on fixed incomes are choosing between food and medicine. Children are

having their one meal of the day at school. What happens in summer when school is out? What happens in winter when families may have to choose between food and heating their homes?

Every Spring and Fall, Faith Church sponsors a Food & Clothing Drive. This year we are sponsoring a continuous FOOD DRIVE (benefiting the Emmaus Food Bank), beginning now and continuing through Thanksgiving. If every member of the congregations brings just one item of food a week, think of the impact we can have.

It's difficult at times to remember to bring that item every week when the rush is on to get ready for church. How about putting a little note on your offering envelope as a reminder?

More information on this interfaith effort is available online at www.lcconfchurch.org

Annual Fall Food & Clothing Drive

October 5 to November 2, 2008

We will begin our annual Fall Food & Clothing Drive on Sunday, October 5 .

The FOOD DRIVE, which will benefit the Emmaus Food Bank, is different this year. We will collect food up to Thanksgiving. Please see the information above on the Interfaith Effort to help the area hungry. You can donate a bag of food or bring one or two non-perishable food items to church each Sunday. There are boxes set up at each of the church's entrances for these items.

The CLOTHING DRIVE, which will run from Oct. 5 to Nov. 2, is sponsored by the Lehigh County Conference of Churches and is taken to St. Luke's Neighborhood Center in Allentown. Please start looking for any fall or winter castoffs that you are willing to donate. The special box for clothing donations will be in its usual spot in Fellowship Hall.

Please see Barbara Newman or Lyda Byers for further information.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!!

Joys & Concerns

Keep these people in your prayers!

Carole Brewer, on the death of her mother, **Marjorie Wiitala**.

Joanne Rath's mother, diagnosed with cancer.

Dave Weber, undergoing treatment for cancer.

Bob Gedney, undergoing treatment for cancer.

Emma Takacs, Ann Greenwood's granddaughter, recuperating at home.

Lehigh Presbytery Churches

Please remember to pray for your brothers and sisters of the Lehigh Presbytery.

**Presbyterian Church of Catasauqua
Christian Evangelical Arabic Center**

In MILITARY SERVICE

Keep these people in your prayers!

Mike Goodhart, grandson of **Harry & Betty Dennis**.
Doug Durn, son of **Bob & Brynn Durn**.
Daniel Merritt, son of **Hobart Merritt, Jr.** and grandson of the late **Irene Merritt**.
Doland J. Miller, son-in-law of **George J. Smits**
Amanda and **Jeremy Miller**, grandchildren of **George J. Smits**.
Charles VanHeest, grandson of **Dave & Kay Weber**, serving in Iraq.
Lucas Whittington, grandnephew of **Cliff & Donna Lucas**.

Diane Millick

Deacon of the Month—Care Group # 3

John Amendt
Hyun Choi
Stephen Choi
Christina Conrad
Myrtle DiMenna
Sally Eck
Terry Eck
Peter Ferguson
Jack Ferlino
Miriam Ferlino
Jayden Green
Karen Green
Alexis Helsley
Daniel Helsley
Dorothy Helsley
H. David Helsley
Karen Helsley
Daniel Lawall
Sue Lawall
Thomas Lawall
Marcia Molnar
Diane Perry
William Perry
Hank Rath
Joanne Rath
Joyce Richards
Alicia Shussett
Daniel Shussett
Rachel Shussett
Steven Shussett
Amy Waters
Archer Waters
Cawley Waters
Chuck Waters

Two Weeks of Faith

Room Numbers, indicating where meetings will be held (when known), are shown in parenthesis following the listing.

This Week

Sunday, September 7

Communion

9:15 am—Sunday School

10:30 am—Worship Service

7:00 pm—F.O.R. (P)

Monday, September 8

2:30 pm—Daybreak

7:00 pm—Celebration Fund

7:30 pm—Worship (4)

Tuesday, September 9

7:30 pm—Session (FH)

Wednesday, September 10

7:30 pm—Senior Choir Rehearsal (S)

Thursday, September 11

6:30 am—Pepper (P)

7-10 pm—Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

Friday, September 12

Saturday, September 13

12:30 pm—Fellowship Hall Reserved

Next Week

Sunday, September 14

Scrip Orders Due

9:15 am—Sunday School

10:30 am—Worship Service

11:45 am—Alpha Choir Rehearsal (S)

5:00 pm—Youth Group (FH)

7:00 pm—Youth Choir (S)

Monday, September 15

11:30 am—Synod event (FH)

6:30 pm—Handbell Choir Rehearsal (S)

7:30 pm—Mission

Tuesday, September 16

9:00 am—Emmaus Clergy
7:15 am—Deacons (FH)

Wednesday, September 17

9:00 am—Emmaus Garden Club (FH)
7:30 pm—Senior Choir Rehearsal (S)

Thursday, September 18

6:30 am—Pepper (P)
7-10 pm—Narcotics Anonymous (FH)
7:30 pm—Nominating (P)

Friday, September 19

Saturday, September 20