

# *The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

January 18, 2009

*You can only come to the morning through the shadows.*

J.R.R. TOLKEIN

## GOD CALLS THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

ARR. DIANE BISH

## TO CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WITH PRAISE

+CALL TO WORSHIP

One: I love you, O Lord, my strength; you are my fortress and my deliverer;  
you are my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge;  
you are my shield, and the horn of my salvation.

People: **The shadows encompassed me.  
The cords of Sheol entangled me;  
the snare of the shadow of death confronted me.**

One: In my distress I called upon you; to you my God, I cry for help.  
From your temple you heard my voice,  
and my cry to you reached your ears.

People: **You reached down from on high;  
you drew me out of the mighty waters.  
When I was brought low, you saved me, O Lord;  
you delivered my soul.  
You have turned my mourning to dancing, O Lord,  
and you have clothed me with joy.  
For this I extol you, and sing praises to your name.**

+HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 150

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

MADRID

## TO CONFESS OUR SINS AND HEAR GOD'S FORGIVENESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

**Lord God, forgive us.**

**Unlike the psalmist,**

**when we walk through the shadow of death, we sometimes fear.**

**Unlike Paul, we are not always sure that nothing can separate us  
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**Unlike John of Patmos, in the midst of injustice**

**we do not always see a new heaven and a new earth.**

**Forgive again we pray, our feeble use of the faith you give, and restore to us the hope of  
trust and the trust of hope. We pray in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen**

SILENT CONFESSION (*We pause now in silence to confess our personal sins before God*)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear and believe the Good News: Even when we do not listen to God, God listens to us.  
As often as we turn to God in repentance, God is ever turned toward us in love. Let us  
be glad in this great love and know in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: **Thanks be to God forever more. Amen.**

+CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE No. 298 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* IN BABILONE

## TO HEAR AND PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

A READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

PSALM 23

IN RESPONSE THE CONGREGATION PRAYS THE PSALM

**The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.**

**He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters.**

**He restoreth my soul;**

**he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**

**Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,**

**I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.**

**Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;**

**thou annointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.**

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;**

**and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

**Amen**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PENNIES FOR HUNGER

*Thy Holy Wings*

ARR. JOHN FERGUSON

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READINGS FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

I TIMOTHY 1:1-7; 2:8

SERMON

*Living In A Shadow*

KEN LETTERMAN

## TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

+ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*from A Declaration of Faith*)

**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.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks  
and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,  
praying, Come, Lord Jesus! With believers in every time and place,  
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

+HYMN NO. 276

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

FAITHFULNESS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*Awake My Heart*

JANE MARSHALL

+DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDRETH

**Praise God, from whom all blessing flow;  
praise Christ, all people here below;  
praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen**

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**TO RESPOND TO GOD'S LEADING**

+HYMN NO. 261

*God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us*

EIN FESTE BURG

+INVITATION, CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

+CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE No. 555 vs. 3

*Now Thank We All Our God*

+POSTLUDE

*All My Hope on God Is Founded*

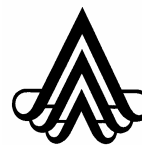
MICHAEL BURKHARDT

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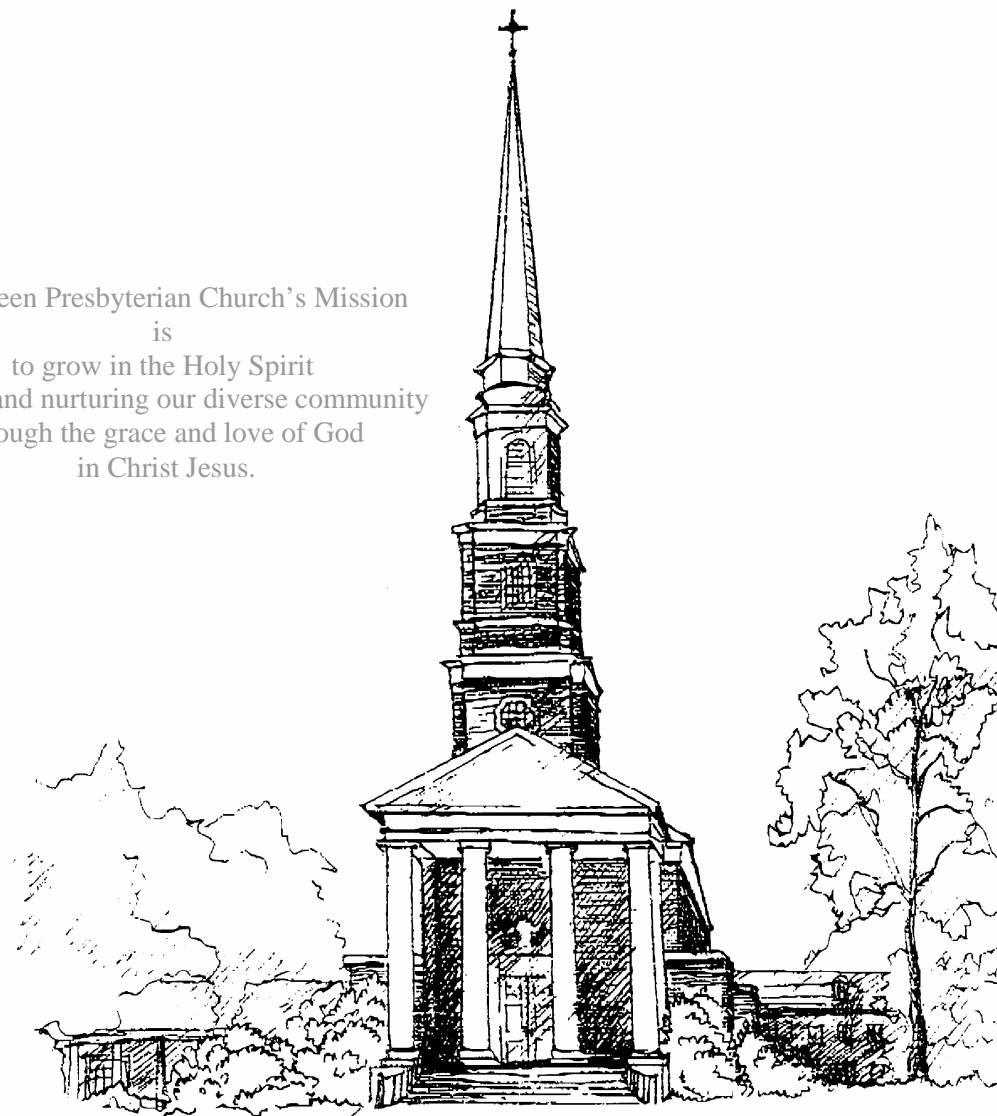


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in Christ Jesus.



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