

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 25, 2009

The most powerful weapon on earth is the human soul on fire.

FERDINAND FOCH (1851-1929)

GOD CALLS THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PRELUDE

Fishers of Men

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TO CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WITH PRAISE

+CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, let us take up our cross and follow the Lord.

People: But the cross is so uncomfortable and such a bother to bear.

One: Jesus said, "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for my yoke is good to bear and my burden is light."

People: We will, but you will have to wait while we take care of other things first.

One: Jesus said, "Anyone who starts to plow and then keeps looking back is of no use for the Kingdom of God."

People: We gladly will live our lives as a gift, follow our Lord, and dedicate ourselves anew.

One: Come – let us worship the Lord who gives us victory.

+HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 456

Awake, My soul, and with the Sun

MORNING HYMN

TO CONFESS OUR SINS AND HEAR GOD'S FORGIVENESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Lord God,

**Few of us understand you all of the time,
but all of us understand you some of the time:**

Your thoughts on happiness;

Your ideas on giving;

Your way of making us whole.

These are not always our ready choices.

Give us faith, we pray,

to risk a dangerous hope,

to be ready to think as you teach, and

to act as you lead.

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. 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. 223 vs. 1 *O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer* STUTTGART

TO HEAR AND PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

A READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

PSALM 62:5-12

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

READINGS FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

MARK 1:14-20

SERMON

Wearing or Bearing

KEN LETTERMAN

TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

+EXPRESSIONS OF FAITH

Lord, you have always given me strength for the coming day;

and though I am weak, today I believe.

Lord, you have always given me peace for the coming day;

and though of anxious heart, today I accept.

Lord, you have always kept me safe in trials;

and now, tried as I am, today I trust.

Lord, you have always marked the road for the coming day;

and though it may be hidden, today I hope.

+HYMN NO. 275

God of Our Life

SANDON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Write Your Blessed Name

K. LEE SCOTT

+DOXOLOGY

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

OLD HUNDRETH

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

TO RESPOND TO GOD'S LEADING

+HYMN NO. 377

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

+INVITATION, CHARGE AND BLESSING

One: Let us go forth today and take faith into our lives, obedience into our decisions, and love into our relationships.

People: The time of favor has come, and we have heard, O God, that we can accomplish in faith and service more than we can dream.

One: We are sent into the world in the power of the Spirit.

All: May the light of the Kingdom of God – God's holy presence – shine upon us now and in the days ahead. Amen

+CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE No. 427 vs. 4 *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service*
SUNG TO THE TUNE BEACH SPRING

+POSTLUDE

The Festive Trumpet

BRIAN GLYNCANNON

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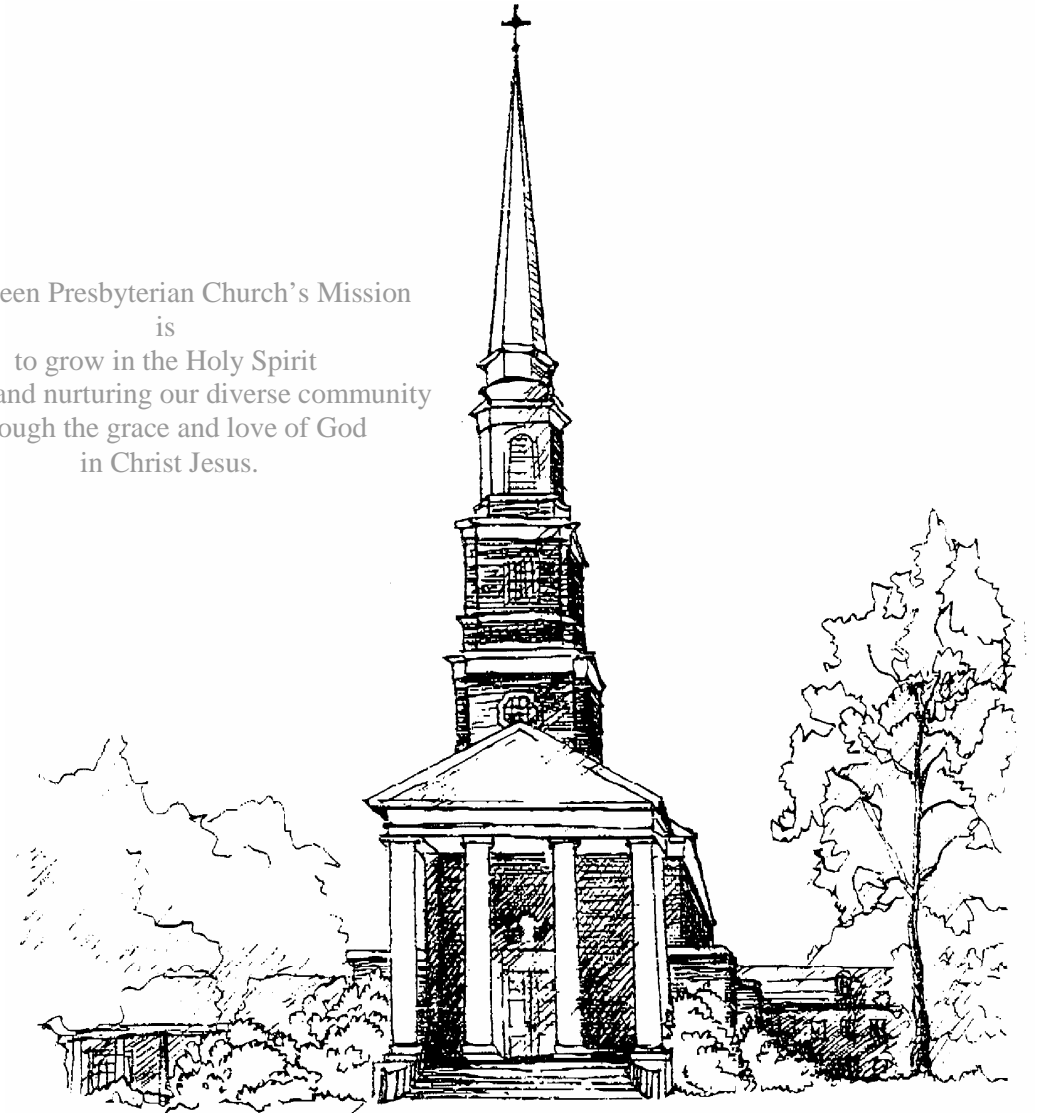


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is
to grow in the Holy Spirit
serving and nurturing our diverse community
through the grace and love of God
in Christ Jesus.



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