

# Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 1, 2009

*The authority of Jesus is cause for amazement. His teachings are not what the people expected. Even demons obey him; their power is dissolved. The crowds are astonished by what he accomplishes. God's order has a way of upsetting the prevailing state of affairs. What is taught provides a new vision of what ought to be. What is done testifies to the unlimited scope of God's goodness and love.* From *When We Gather* by James G. Kirk

## GOD CALLS THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*God Himself is Present*

JOHANNES MATTIES MICHEL

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

+CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes,

PEOPLE: **and I will observe it till the end.**

ONE: Give me understanding, that I may keep your law

PEOPLE: **and observe it with my whole heart.**

ONE: Turn my eyes from looking at vanities;

PEOPLE: **give me life in your ways.**

ONE: Let your steadfast love come to me, O Lord,

PEOPLE: **your salvation according to your promise.**

ONE: We will praise you with an upright heart,

PEOPLE: **and with our whole heart we will seek you this day.**

+HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 454

*Blessed Jesus, At Your Word*

LIEBSTER JESU

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

**God of mercy, show compassion as we make our confession. You command us to tell of your mighty deeds, yet we remain silent. You call us to act faithfully, yet we are slow to respond. We claim to be wise, but we know not your law. Our allegiance is divided, for we worship false gods and allow demons to control our lives. Help us to obey Christ, to whom we owe our existence, and to love our neighbors, whom we are commanded to serve.**

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ONE: Paul reminds us, "There is one God...from whom all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things and through whom we exist...If one loves God, one is known by God." As we confess our sin before God, God is faithful and just, and in Jesus Christ, through whom we exist, God forgives us our sin.

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

+CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Gloria Patri*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be.**

**World without end. Amen, amen.**

## TO HEAR AND PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

A READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Deuteronomy 18:15-19

PG 168 PEW BIBLE

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Mark 1:21-28

PG 33 PEW BIBLE

COMMUNION MEDITATION

*We Need Something More*

Ken Letterman

## TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

+ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*from The Confession of 1967*)

**The Lord's Supper is a celebration of the reconciliation of *humanity* with God and with one another, in which they joyfully eat and drink together at the table of their Savior. Jesus Christ gave his church this remembrance of his dying for sinful *humanity* so that by participation in it they have communion with him and with all who shall be gathered to him. They rejoice in the foretaste of the kingdom which he will bring to consummation at his promised coming, and go out from the Lord's Table with courage and hope for the service to which he has called them**

+HYMN OF PREPARATION No. 512

*Living Word of God Eternal*

KOMM, O KOMM,  
DU GEIST DES LEBENS

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

THANKSGIVING



WORSHIP OF GOD WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*The Music of thy Name*

CRAIG COURTNEY

+DOXOLOGY

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

OLD HUNDREDTH

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**TO RESPOND TO GOD'S LEADING**

+HYMN NO. 466

*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

AZMON

+INVITATION, CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

ONE: Let your love be genuine, hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good.

**PEOPLE: Love one another with mutual affection.**

ONE: Outdo one another in showing honor.

**PEOPLE: Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve God.**

ONE: Rejoice in hope.

**PEOPLE: Forgive others as you have been forgiven.**

ONE: Extend hospitality to strangers. In the name of God who loves us, Christ who saves us, and the Holy Spirit who works within us, go in peace. Amen.

+CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Alleluia*

SALLIE ANN MORRIS

+POSTLUDE

*Bells in Seven*

ANDREW FLETCHER

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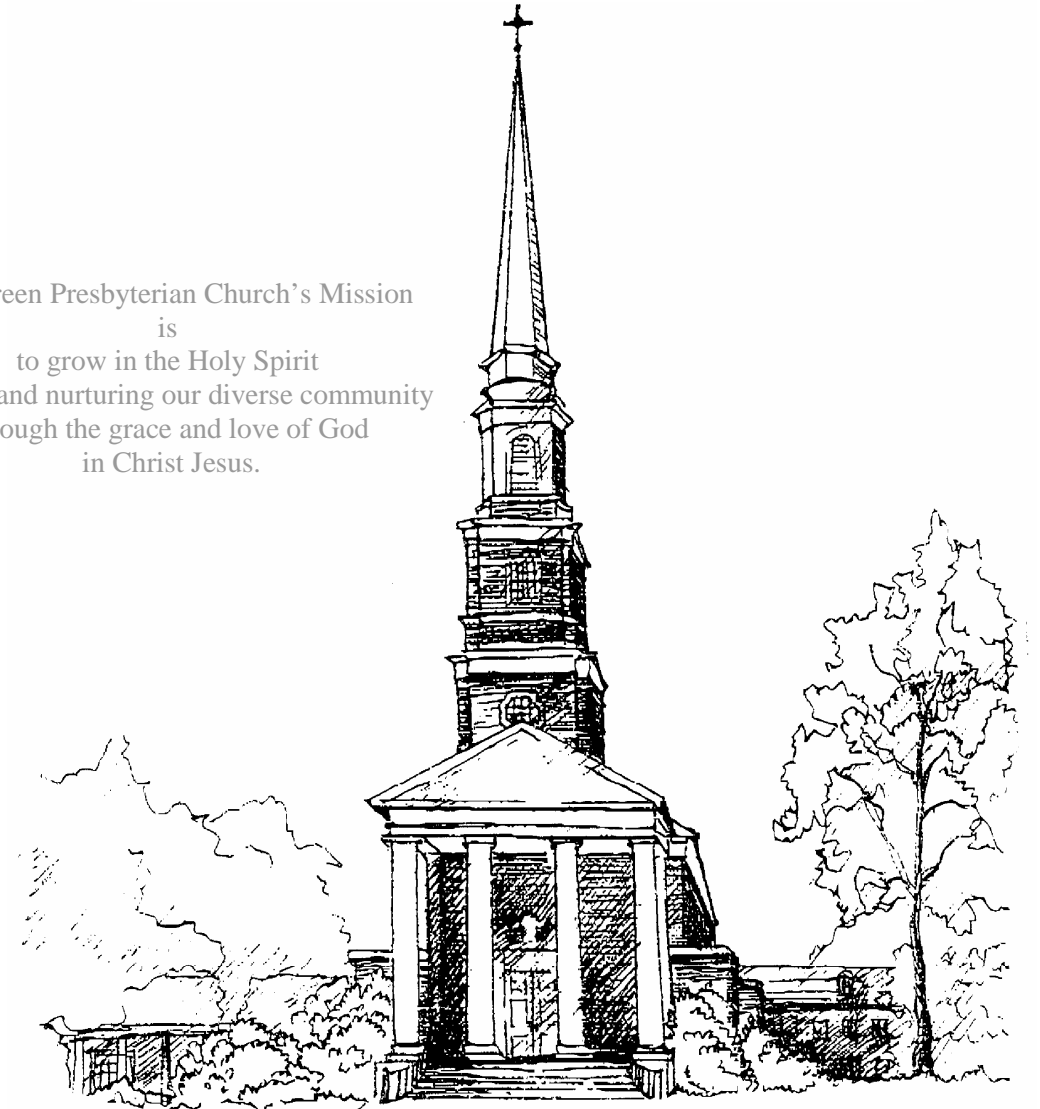


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is  
to grow in the Holy Spirit  
serving and nurturing our diverse community  
through the grace and love of God  
in Christ Jesus.



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