

**Twentieth Anniversary  
Homecoming Celebration  
Holy Communion**

**10:30 a.m.**

**September 27, 2009**

**Gathering of God's People**

Chiming of the Hour

Greetings and Concerns of the Church

The Lord be with you. /**And also with you.**

Opening Prayer

Prelude     *God of Grace and God of Glory*     Paul Manz

Choral Introit     *Sing Praise, Alleluia*     Emily Crocker  
*Sing praise unto the Lord, let us make a joyful noise unto the Lord, Alleluia! Come to the Lord with thanksgiving. Come to the Lord with a song. Oh come let us worship our Maker. Bow down before our Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia! Sing praise unto the Lord. Let us make a joyful noise unto the Lord, Alleluia! Look to the heavens, look to the sea. Sing praise! Alleluia! Creatures of the earth praise his name! Sing praise unto the Lord. Let us make a joyful noise unto the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.*

\*Call to Worship     Psalm 90:1-2, 14, 17

Lord, you have been our refuge

**from one generation to another.**

Before the mountains were brought forth,

or the land and the sea were born,

**from age to age you are God.**

Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning,

**so we shall rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**

May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us,

**and prosper the work of our hands.**

## **Celebrating God's Goodness and Grace**

Litany of Thanksgiving

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being,  
hear our prayer:

For the church universal, and for this congregation of your  
people, gracious God,

**we give you thanks.**

For this place in which we gather for praise and prayer, witness  
and service, all in the name of Jesus the Christ, gracious God,

**we give you thanks.**

For your presence among us whenever your Word has been  
proclaimed and your sacramental gifts of bread and wine have  
been shared, gracious God,

**we give you thanks.**

For those who have been made your children by adoption and  
grace, who in this place were cleansed from sin, buried with  
Christ in the waters of baptism and raised to new life, gracious  
God,

**we give you thanks.**

For disciples young and old who have been nurtured here,  
gracious God,

**we give you thanks.**

For all who have come asking your blessing in marriage,  
seeking to love each other with your love, gracious God,

**we give you thanks.**

For elders and pastors who have led and loved us, and by the  
offering of their gifts equipped us for the work of ministry,  
gracious God,

**we give you thanks.**

For all the saints who have stood among us in the Jonesboro  
Presbyterian Church, the Forest Park Presbyterian Church and  
First Presbyterian Church of Jonesboro, whose memory still  
enlivens the faith and embodies our witness, gracious God,

**we give you thanks.**

For the ministries of worship and mission, nurture and fellowship, and for all whose lives have been touched by them, gracious God,

**we give you thanks. Receive our gratitude, Holy God, for the years you have led us, and open us to the future you promise in the years that lie ahead. Grant us your encouragement in the work of ministry, your consolation in our defeat and your challenge to our complacency. Give us such trust in your abiding Spirit that we may find joy and peace in our common life, strength and courage to live faithfully in the world, and to hope in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

\*Gloria Patri 579

***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.***

### **Proclaiming God's Word**

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson    Isaiah 40:28-31                      Page 628

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Epistle Lesson            Ephesians 2:11-22                      Page 181

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Lesson    Luke 9:51-62                      Page 64

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon    *Marching Off the Map!*    The Rev. Dr. Thomas K. Tewell

## **Responding to God's Word**

\*Hymn of Response 343

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*Called As Partners in Christ's Service*

\*Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem *You Shall Love your God* John Horman

*Refrain: You shall love your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. You shall love your neighbor as yourself, as yourself. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. Refrain.*

*Beloved, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. Refrain*

*Anyone who says, "I love God," and in his heart hates another, he is a liar. For no one can hate another whom he has seen; and profess to love God, who is unseen. Refrain.*

\*Doxology

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

\*Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

### **FPCJ Weekly Prayer Concerns**

O Lord, hear our prayers for:

#### **Deaths**

**Friends and Family of Brian Eilers**

#### **Church Members**

**Mark McElroy; Archie Fountain; Penny Fort; Virginia Suty; Etoleu Stowers; Florence Landers; Pat Cooper; Bob & Joanne Foster; Pete & Myong Garcia; Beauford Roberts; Nancy Harris.**

#### **Family & Friends of Church Members**

**Taylor Hulsey** (12 year old critically ill cancer patient); **Ted Barbee** (father of Tim Barbee); **Byrdie Bevel** (Aunt of Pat Woods); **Seth Fowler** (great-grandson of Bob & Joanne Foster); **Inez Rutledge** (mother of Wendy Taylor's office manager); **Kathy Westervelt** (sister-in law of John & Vicki Westervelt); **Edna Ham** (step-mother of Marvin Ham); **Winnie Goldston** (friend of Susan Baggarly); **Good Shepherd Clinic** (needs an additional physician to handle increased load); **Nathan Podraza** (nephew of Corina & Tim Barbee); **Daniela Macias** (student of Michelle Fidalgo); **Dick & Barbara Fox** (Pat Fox's brother and sister-in-law); **Richard Sandifer** (brother-in-law of Walter & Gwen Taylor); **Dianne Campbell** (friend of Ruby White); **Bonnie Wilson** (surgery for a malignancy); **Steve & Cheryl Lewis** (son-in-law of Dr. Charles & Margaret Carter, friends of Carolyn Fox); **Debora Bryson & family** (friends of Elaine & Ronnie Piper); **Stephanie Lozel** (friend of Betty Bush); **Mel Griffith** (father of Deanie Turner); **Rick Winstel** (friend of

James White); **Christopher Brewer** (Betty Bush's grandson); **Jack Silvernail** (uncle of Corina Barbee); **Michael Foster** (Bob & Joanne Foster's son); **Jasper Hartz**; **Justin Elliott** (friend of Laura Parkhouse); **L. M. York** (friend of Luetkemeyers).

### **Military**

**Josh Hamby; Jason Ali-Talha; William R. Robinson; Alan & Regina Simpson Gulke; Daniel Hudalla; Kyle Hudalla; Morgan Nickerson, Ryan Tewell; Philip Ham, Chris Lankford, John Ham, and Spencer Hardy.**

## **The Celebration of Holy Communion**

Communion Song    *Taste and See*    James E. Moore  
***Congregation: Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord. O taste and see, taste and see, the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.***

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

As you fed the Israelites in the desert, as Christ fed the multitudes in the wilderness . . . Let your Spirit fill us, let your love be multiplied in our hearts, in our lives, and in our church.

**Amen.**

We come to you, Holy God, knowing that you are a God of faithfulness . . . Bless us by your Spirit.

**Amen.**



*Biography - The Rev. Dr. Thomas K. Tewell*

Preaching this morning and representing the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta is the Reverend Dr. Thomas K. Tewell. Previously Tom has served as the Senior Pastor of the Presbyterian Church in New Providence, New Jersey, the Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church in Houston, Texas, and the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church of New York City. Tom and his wife Suzanne moved to Atlanta in 2008 so he could accept the position of Executive Director of Macedonian Ministries, a ministry of renewal within the Presbytery. This renewal ministry focuses on helping congregations with 150 people or less in worship to grow spiritually, numerically and in their commitment to the mission of Christ in the world. A three year program, FPCJ is blessed to have been taking part in the Macedonian Ministries for one year now.

We are honored and pleased to have Rev. Tewell worship with us today. Please welcome him warmly.

## **WORSHIP AND MUSIC NOTES**

Today's Offertory Anthem, *You Shall Love Your God* by John Horman, was commissioned by First Presbyterian Church of Jonesboro for the dedication of the Family Life Center. This was the space used for worship until the completion of the sanctuary. The text is based on John 4, Mark 12, Luke 10 and Matthew 22, all centering around the theme of loving God and neighbor. The refrain is based on the summary of the law given by Jesus, "You shall love your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. You shall love your neighbor as yourself." In subsequent verses, Horman uses other scripture texts to explore what Jesus' words mean. God is love, we love because God loved us, and we cannot know God if we do not love. On this day, when we celebrate 20 years as a community of faith, this text centers us around what is central to our identity as a church.

**Areas of Service – September 27, 2009**

**Fellowship** – Celebratory Dinner

**Ushers** – John Westervelt, Gene Hatfield,  
Terry & Leah Sapp

**Greeters** – John Anzalone, Beth Trebendis

**Communion Servers** – Carolyn Fox, Suzanne Anzalone, Bob  
Stevens, Brian Turner, Vicki Westervelt, Eloise Belle Isle

**Global Christian Education Minute  
Sponsored by the  
FPCJ Christian Education Committee**

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**Minute for Mission:** Evangelism Sunday

On an invitation to “fill in” and do chapel, outreach was born and friendships were formed between a community agency looking for support and a church looking to make a difference.

It happened as C. N. Jenkins Memorial Presbyterian Church filled in as worship participants and leaders at the Thursday night service of the Charlotte Rescue Mission-Rebound. A small group of dedicated Bible Study members accompanied by their pastor, the Rev. Jerry L. Cannon, worshipped with a group of men who started out as strangers but quickly became friends. That monthly worship experience has continued for 14 years. It was a divine pairing for C. N. Jenkins and the Charlotte Rescue Mission-Rebound.

Founded in 1938, the Charlotte Rescue Mission has a long history of reaching out to the homeless and to those battling addictions. Today, the mission provides an intensive drug and alcohol recovery program to homeless, or about to become homeless men and women. The goal is to address the spiritual, mental, physical, emotional, social and vocational issues of addiction with every person and return them to society as contributing members.

C. N. Jenkins Memorial has expanded from being a partner in the Thursday night worship to being a home church for many of the clients of Rebound. The men from Rebound have become active members in the church where they serve as greeters, ushers, choir members, and deacons. Through its recovery ministry, the church provides home group support within the Alcohol Anonymous and Narcotic Anonymous groups that meet here. The outreach has pushed C. N. Jenkins Memorial to live out the calling of the great commandment (Mark 12:28-34).

Rev. Jerry L. Cannon, Senior Pastor, C. N. Jenkins Memorial Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, N.C.

## **Announcements**

***There will be a congregational meeting on October 18<sup>th</sup>*** immediately following worship. The purpose of this meeting is to elect the Nominating Committee.

***The Book Club*** will be reading “*Songs of the Humpback Whale*” by Jodi Picoult. The next meeting will be Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the church parlor. Please join us.

***Evening Bible Study*** has resumed on the first, third and fourth **Tuesday at 6:00 PM** in the church parlor. Bring your Bible and a friend!

***The Church at Prayer*** meets at 1:30 PM every Tuesday, in the parlor, to intercede on behalf of the church and community. Please join us. If you would like more information, contact Ruby White.

***The Presbyterian Women's*** study of Joshua began September 14<sup>th</sup>. Meetings are held the second Monday of each month at 7:00 PM. Please join us!

***The Juanita Hambrick Circle*** meets at 10:00 AM the second Tuesday of each month. All are invited to attend the October 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

***The Breakfast Bunch*** meets the first Wednesday of every month at 9:00 AM at the Dwarf House on Tara Boulevard. *Everyone is welcome!* For additional information contact Eloise Belle Isle.

***Good Shepherd Clinic*** prayer requests are located in the pink box in the narthex. Please be sure to check the box, and pray daily for the concerns listed.

***Please make your prayer requests*** by using the card found in the friendship pad or you may call the church office (770-478-8118) during the week. All names will be printed in the bulletin and included in prayers during the week and the following Sunday. Please keep the prayer list current; advise the pastor or church office of changes as soon as possible.

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Items we save to benefit various organizations:  
Campbell Soup UPC codes and cancelled postage stamps (with ¼ inch border) for the PCUSA's Duvall Home in Florida.

Presbyterian Women save brown money (pennies).

Used print cartridges benefit Clayton Family Care.

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