

MORNING WORSHIP  
January 24, 2010  
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**CHIMES AND PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

*Pastor: Come, all who would hear the call to proclaim the Word of the Lord!*

**People: We are called to take God's Word into a world burdened with despair.**

*Pastor: And we are all called to share hope in lives that seem hopeless and lost.*

**People: Let us share God's love with all we meet so all might have hope again.**

*Pastor: Let us proclaim the Gospel of Christ in every nation and every land.*

**All: Blessed be the name of the Lord!**

†**HYMN 379:** *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* SOLID ROCK

†**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.*

†**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.*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

Lord, so often we have allowed the demands of daily life to be so important to us that we have forgotten to share your word with others. We have even been so busy that we have not come to you ourselves and we have let the hopelessness of the world drain away the hope you gave us. Forgive us, Lord, and give us the courage to speak out boldly of your love. In Christ we pray. Amen.

**KYRIE: NO. 574** *Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON:**

*Pastor: Hear the Good News! God has forgiven each one of us and calls us to take part in the drama of redeeming love.*

**People: Praise God, who accepts and uses our very human lives in the unfolding story of salvation and new life!**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:** *Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10* Pew Bible, Pg. 436

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**INVITATION**

**OFFERTORY:** *My Savior's Love*

Roger House

†**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**

**ANTHEM:** *It's In His Name*

Rudy Simon

**WORD WITH CHILDREN**

(Children to 5k may depart for the nursery)

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON:** *Luke 4:14-21* Pew Bible, Page 61

*Leader: The Word of the Lord.*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON:** *The Upside Down Life*

Rev. Tom Langston

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**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, for ever. Amen.*

†**HYMN 369:** *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* I'M GONNA LIVE

†**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

†**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE AND POSTLUDE**

† All are invited to stand

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Marion Presbyterian Church warmly welcomes our visitors today. If you are visiting with us, please fill out the card located in the pew rack so that we can have a record of your attendance and get to know you better.

**PRAYER CONCERNS** If you have a prayer concern that you would like our pastor and/or church members to bring before God, please write it on the card located in the pew rack and place in the offering plate. If you or a family member is admitted to the hospital or has other care concerns, please notify the church office or the elder on call for January, Blakely McIntyre.

**PENNIES FOR HUNGER** will be collected next Sunday during worship.

**YOUTH GROUP** today, *Senior Buddy Bingo Night*. Youth members, be at the church at 5:45 to greet our Bingo Buddies. Dinner will be served.

**SENIOR BUDDY BINGO** The MPC Youth invite the senior members of the congregation to join us in the fellowship hall tonight at 6:00pm for bingo and dinner. Please come and get to know our youth and have some fun!

**PIONEERS** The Pioneers will meet in the fellowship hall for a *Find the Love Scavenger Hunt* on Sunday, February 7, at 5:00pm. Light refreshments will be provided. Please call Crystal Eskridge or Erika Roberts with any questions.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** will begin on Wednesday, March 3, 9:00am. This will be a Beth Moore study of David, *A Heart Like His*. Childcare will be provided. Cost is \$25. Please call Erika Roberts, 423-8600, if you would like to attend.

**PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE** has issued an emergency appeal for the people in Haiti. PDA is rushing \$100,000 from One Great Hour of Sharing to help provide immediate relief to the affected people. You can donate to the PDA Fund by sending a check to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), PO Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700 and **designate to account DR000064-Haiti** or you can donate to our mission partner, The Outreach Foundation, 318 Seaboard Lane, Suite 205, Franklin, TN 37067 and **mark for "Haiti Earthquake"**. No administrative fees will be taken. 100% of the gifts received will be sent to Haiti Outreach Ministries.

**FOOD PANTRY** Food will not be distributed in the month of January. The mission committee is working on other ways to distribute and better identify those that are truly in need. Please continue to donate food so that we can replenish the supply and distribute in the near future.

**USHERS** Erika Roberts and Donna Pridgen