

August 14, 2011 SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

9th Sunday After Pentecost

Liturgical Color: Green

Preparation for Worship and Announcements

Dr. Mary Lynn Polk, Lay Leader

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, till all the world adore his sacred name.

*Passing of the Peace

Chiming of the Trinity

Madeline Johnson

Prelude

Toccata

G. F. Handel

*Call to Worship

Richard Pinckney

Leader: This is a Sabbath dedicated to our God. Let this gathering place be a home for all people.

People: **May God be gracious to us and bless us. May God's face shine over all the earth's people.**

Leader: Let all the people praise the God of all nations. Let us give thanks and enjoy the blessings God gives.

People: **May God grant us understanding and courage. May faith grow beyond our doubts.**

Leader: The earth has yielded its blessing. Let all the ends of the earth revere our Creator.

People: **God brings us together in unity of purpose. May our circle grow as we welcome newcomers.**

*Hymn No. 261

Lord of the Dance

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*Invocation

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

How good and pleasant it is, O God, when kindred live together in unity. Draw us now into the community you intend for all your people. Help us to listen and understand both your word for us and our sharing with one another. Keep us from being misled by popular acclaim and the wisdom of the marketplace. May we not be unobservant guides to one another but rather be fully open to your gifts and obedient to your call. Come to us now with healing and blessing. Amen.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Peyton Rae Larkins

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 45:1-15

Page 52 (OT) in pew Bibles

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalter

Psalm 133

See Insert

Epistle Reading

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Page 195 (NT) in pew Bibles

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Beloved, God's Chosen

Robert Hobby

Chancel Choir and Ronda McGinnis, flute

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (In unison)

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Offering

Offertory

Dearest Jesu, We Are Here

Johann Rink

*Doxology

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Old 100th

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Children's Message

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

Following Children's Time, 3-year-olds through Kindergarteners may leave the Sanctuary for Extended Session.

*Hymn No. 365

Grace Greater than Our Sin

Moody

*†Gospel Lesson

Matthew 15:10-28

Page 20 (NT) in pew Bibles

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Outsider to Insider"

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

*Hymn No. 526

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Converse

*Benediction

Leader: Thank you, Jesus

People: **for hearing us when we cried for mercy!**

Leader: Thank you, Jesus

People: **for feeding us when our hands were unclean!**

Leader: Thank you, Jesus

People: **for welcoming us when we were foreigners!**

Leader: Thank you, Jesus

People: **for healing us when we were wounded.**

Leader: Thank you, Jesus

People: **for sending us to do the same.**

Leader: Thank you, Jesus

People: **Amen.**

†Sermon Text

*Postlude

**Please stand if you are able*

Nursery Provided

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Chancel Flowers

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God by *Chuck and Anne Drake* in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary today!

Infant Baptism

Receiving the sacrament of holy baptism today is *Peyton Rae Larkins*, infant daughter of *Tyler and Jennifer Larkins*, born on March 24, 2011. Grandparents are Richard and Joyce Shelton and Robert Larkins and the late Rachel Larkins. Great grandmothers are Jean Grubb and Elvena Larkins. Proud aunt and uncles are Jeff and Tracy McCurry, Clint Larkins, and Judd Larkins. Cousins are Ward and Cade McCurry.

INFANT BAPTISM

Peyton Rae Larkins

August 14, 2011

Minister: Terry C. Martin

Main Street United Methodist Church

211 North Main Street

Greenwood, South Carolina



BAPTISMAL COVENANT II

INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE

Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

I present *Peyton Rae Larkins* for baptism.

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

The pastor addresses parents:

On behalf of the whole church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

We do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

We do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

We do.

Will you nurture *Peyton* in Christ's holy church, that by your teaching and example she may be guided to accept God's grace for herself, to profess her faith openly, and to lead a Christian life?

We will.

The pastor addresses the congregation:

Do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include *Peyton* now before you in your care?

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround her with a community of love and forgiveness, that she may grow in her trust of God, and be found faithful in her service to others. We will pray for her, that she may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Let us pray.

Eternal Father: When nothing existed but chaos, you swept across the dark waters and brought forth light. In the days of Noah you saved those on the ark through water. After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow. When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt, you led them to freedom through the sea. Their children you brought through the Jordan to the land which you promised.

Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Tell of God's mercy each day.

In the fullness of time you sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of a womb. He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit. He called his disciples to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection and to make disciples of all nations.

Declare his works to the nations, his glory among all the people.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, to bless this gift of water and they who receive it, to wash away their sin and clothe them in righteousness throughout their lives, that, dying and being raised with Christ, they may share in his final victory.

All praise to you, Eternal Father, through your Son Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns forever. Amen.

***Peyton Rae Larkins*, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. The Holy Spirit work within you, that being born through water**

and the Spirit you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Now it is our joy to welcome our new sister in Christ.

Through baptism she is incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving we welcome her as a member of the family of Christ.

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

Members of the household of God, I commend *Peyton* to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase her faith, confirm her hope, and perfect her in love.

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit that you may live in grace and peace.

Psalter

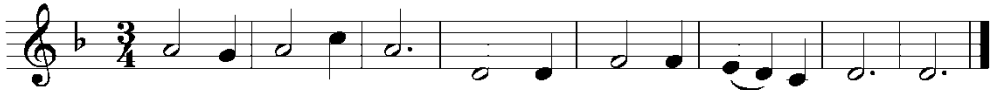
Response

Psalm 133

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Refrain



God of love and mer - cy, bring peace to all your peo - ple.

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How good when all the earth is one,
And hearts embrace community;
When strife will cease to separate,
And love binds all in unity.

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As oil anointed Aaron's head,
And dew adorns the mountainside,
So peace and blessing of the Lord
Within the faithful heart abide.

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Music Notes

The poetry of Susan Palo Cherwien is reminiscent of the writings of the Apostle Paul. In a few short lines this text provides a practical guide for living a life modeled after the example of Christ.

Beloved, God's Chosen

Robert Hobby

Beloved, God's chosen, put on as a garment
compassion, forgiveness, and goodness of heart.
Above all, before all, let love be your raiment
that binds into one every dissonant part.

Within, call forth Wisdom, to dwell in you richly;
Let peace rule your hearts and that peace be of Christ.
And from the heart's chamber, beloved and holy,
Let singing thanksgiving to God ever rise.

Beloved, God's chosen, put on as a garment
compassion, forgiveness and goodness of heart.
Above all, before all, let love be your raiment
that binds into one every dissonant part.