

It is vain thought to flee from the work that God appoints us, for the sake of finding a greater blessing, instead of seeking it where alone it is to be found—in loving obedience.

— George Eliot



We Gather to Praise God

* indicates those who are able may stand



WELCOME AND SHARING NEWS

ORGAN PRELUDE *In Thee Have I Hoped*

* CALL TO WORSHIP *by the pastor*

* OPENING HYMN #90 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

* GREETING ONE ANOTHER *please stand and greet those around you!*

* RESPONSE *sung by everyone*

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice. (x2)
Rejoice, rejoice, and again I say rejoice. (x2)

INVOCATION *seated*



J. S. Bach



We Listen for God's Word

ANTHEM *Panis Angelicus* P. Liebergen

GOSPEL READING *Luke 12:14-21* p. 737

CHILDREN'S TIME "Held Accountable"



PRAYER OF JESUS (using "sins")

* HYMN #88 *All My Hope on God Is Founded*
At this time children depart for their summer program



HEBREW SCRIPTURE *Jeremiah 5:20-31* p. 538

SERVICE OF PRAYER

SHARING PRAYER JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER — PASTORAL PRAYER — RESPONSE

PSALTER READING *Psalm 17:1-9, 13-14a*

p. 388

THE MESSAGE "Take Stock"

We Respond to God's Word

THE OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY *The Prayer*

T. Chinn

* DOXOLOGY #46 (*altered rhythm*) Thomas Ken (1674)

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.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION *by the pastor*

* CLOSING HYMN #595 *Be Thou My Vision*

* BENEDICTION *by the pastor*

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #437 *sung together while holding hands*

Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the love of God
surround you everywhere, everywhere you may go.

We Depart to Serve God

Please join us in the Parish Hall for fellowship and refreshments
hosted by the Deacons

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WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME to all who worship with us this morning. Visitors are encouraged to sign the guest book outside the center-aisle entrance at the back of the Sanctuary. Nursery care is provided for infants and young children, and there are rocking chairs at the rear of the Sanctuary for those with a child who needs comforting. Please see an usher if you need assistance. Thank you to those assisting in our worship this morning. Randy Shuey, Dean Hopps, Helen Chapman, and Harold Matava served as ushers.

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All are Welcome!

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Where Neighbors Meet

August 28, 2011

SEPTEMBER

4 Dave & Nancy Bibbins and Kurt & Jodi Ehler
11 Eric & Judy Pearson, Marc Herring and Rick Hochpsrung
18 Luke & Cindy Bonenfant and Alan & Anna Gibba
25 Randy Shuey, Dean Hopps, Helen Chapman and Harold Matava
If you are unable to usher on your given day, please contact Dean Hopps at 485-5509.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sun., Aug. 28 9am Choir Rehearsal
10am Worship
10:20am Summer Sunday School
Mon., Aug. 29 7pm Work Camp Follow-up meeting
Thur., Sept. 1 6pm "AA" Group – MR
7pm Worship Vitality Team & Deacons Meeting
Sun., Sept. 4 9am Choir Rehearsal
10am Worship
10:20am Summer Sunday School
Mon., Sept. 5 Labor Day (church office closed)
Tues., Sept. 6 7pm Church Council
Wed., Sept. 7 6pm BSA – PH
Thur., Sept. 8 6pm "AA" Group – MR
6pm World Service
Sat., Sept. 10 8:30am Yoga Class - MR

A WORK CAMP FOLLOW-UP MEETING will be held tomorrow at 7pm in the Memorial Room.

RALLY SUNDAY IS SEPT. 11TH! There will be **sign-ups** and **breakfast** between **9-10am** for classes Pre-K through 2 – 8th grade and the High School will be held on every 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month.

THE FLOWER COMMITTEE ...

Donations of flowers are always welcome for our altar each Sunday morning. To contribute all you have to do is sign up on the flower sheet in the Parish Hall or let the flower committee know of your intention. Please contact Robbe MacKenzie, 485-7295 (**September**), Lynn Matava, 485-8352 (October) and Doris Rowden, 485-3664 (November).

YOGA CLASS will resume on **Sept. 10th** at **8:30am** in the Memorial Room.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Prayers for the Ehler family – Jodi's father passed away
Brad Cool – who passed away Please remember his mother, Pat Dougla
Carolyn Kelley – at home recovering from by-pass surgery
Prayers for the family of Howard Saturley (John's brother) – who
passed away
Prayers for Alison Richard's son, Daniel, who passed away in February
Warren Wheeler – in hospice house and Emery Chickering – failing badly (Anna Gibbs' uncles)
Ruth Fay (friend of Rev. Jim) - undergoing cancer treatment.
Ruth Johnson – Manuela Shuey's maternal grandmother who is 94 in Concord Hospital after suffering a stroke
Floyd Smith – stomach issues
Stef Curry's uncle, Eddie - terminal cancer
Rev. Bob Swanson – continued improvement of minor heart attack
Rev. Jim's mother, Evelyn – recovering from a fall
Betty Jacobs – experiencing difficulties with advancing blindness
Asia, 29 and Ben, 32 – medical concerns (siblings of Alyssa LeMay's friend, Amelia)
Frances Maffucci – medical concerns
Athena Petrin's younger brother (and others) struggling with addictions
Evelyn Hoyt (Barbara Matava's sister-in-law) – colon cancer
Abby Duffy – diagnosed with LHON (6 years old)
Stacy Driscoll's dear friend Joanne Kerstetter and her 16-year old granddaughter were severely injured in a bomb blast in South Africa on July 11th while on a mission trip. Please keep them and the other six who were also injured in your prayers.
Military personnel overseas & their families
Athena Petrin's address: TF 3643 D, Camp Command Cell LSA, APO AE 09815

ANYONE INTERESTED IN BEING ON THE PRAYER CHAIN should contact the Secretary by e-mail: secretary@pembrokechurch.org or by phone: 485-9639 and let her know. You will be advised of those needing prayer or if you know of someone who is in need of prayer, please contact the church office, also.

Come Teach Sunday School!

11/19

11/26

We have restructured the way we are teaching this year! This year we will be planning our Power Xpress units as Teacher Teams.

What's new:

- We will be meeting before each unit as a team
- We can help you plan your lessons
- You will have more direct support from your shepherd (CE committee member).
- Teaching commitments can be anywhere from one week to four weeks.
- You get to choose what rotation (art, storytelling, science, music, cookery, video) you want to teach at the team meeting.
- You get to choose which age group you want to teach (Pre-k – 2nd grade or 3rd -5th grade).

If you are able to teach, please put your name on the line next to one or more of the dates of your choosing and place it in the offering plate or give it to a member of the CE committee!

Thank you for helping us teach God's Word to our kids!

The CE committee,

Peter Chase, Tad Curry, Amanda Hall, and Abby Morrison

The following are the dates and that we need teachers for:

October – Unit: Jacob

10/8

10/15

10/22

10/29

November – Unit: The Beatitudes

11/5

11/12

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