

Order of Worship

October 9, 2011

9 & 10:30 o'clock

Prelude

For Your Reflection

Someday all that we will have is what we have given to God.

— M.P. Horban

There is no portion of our time that is our time, and the rest God's; there is no portion of our money that is our money, and the rest God's money. It is all his; he made it all, gives it all, and he has simply trusted it to us for his service. A servant has two purses, the master's and his own, but we have only one.

— Adolphe Theodore Monod

The use of our possessions shows us up for what we actually are.

— Charles Caldwell Rylie

Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and overflowing, will be pouring into your lap; because the standard you use will be the standard used for you.

— Luke 6:38

The test of generosity is not how much you give, but how much you have left.

— Anon.

If you are not generous with a meager income, you will never be generous with abundance.

— Harold Nye

You do not have to be rich to be generous. If he has the spirit of true generosity, a pauper can give like a prince.

— Corrine U. Wells

*Church Bell

(*The congregation is invited to stand)

*Call to Worship

Liturgist: We have been called.

People: **Called to be the church.**

Liturgist: We have been given gifts.

People: **Many gifts – gifts to develop, gifts to share – all for the same purpose.**

Liturgist: To model the new way of being that God has planned for us all.

All: **So let us together, this hour, worship God who has given us all we have.**

*Hymn 200 (10:30am) The Church's one foundation

Aurelia

Prayer of Praise and Invocation

Silent Prayer

Prayer of Preparation and Confession

Gracious God, there is so much you have given us that we have taken for granted. We have counted on you to be there for us, whether we are there for you or not. We have expected answers to prayer, but we have not put you first in our lives. You have put us in community to learn our true place in the world – among others. Teach us how to share our material and spiritual gifts as you have shared with us. Help us not to hoard what we have, but to give it away generously, confident that there is always more than enough for all. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Choral Response and Words of Assurance

Words of Christian Greeting

Moment for Stewardship

Baptism of Grant Louis De Feo

Pastoral Prayer and 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.

Anthem

Blessed is he that considereth

Henry Purcell

Tina Harrington, Chris Evans

(1659-1695)

and John Kendall Bailey, trio

Blessed is he that considereth the poor and needy. The Lord shall deliver him in the time of trouble. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. Amen.

—Ps. 41, 1-3, adapt., and Gloria

Scripture Lesson

1 Corinthians 15:51-16:4

(Pew Bible p. 816)

Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

• **Confirmation Mentors Needed!** Calling all adults. We are starting our annual Confirmation class for 8th grade students and need Mentors for them all! If you would be willing to come alongside a student during the process, we need you. The qualifications are simple; Don't need to be an expert in theology, the Bible, or even completely have your own faith all figured out. Just be a listening friend that asks good questions and listens even better. All the teaching is provided to the students. They just need someone to walk beside them on their faith journey. You will meet with your student three times over a 7 week period. If interested, please call Scott at 547-5700 x110 or scott@piedmontchurch.org.

• **Getting to Know PCC:** Are you interested in joining Piedmont Community Church? Do you want to learn more about us, how to connect, who we are, what we do, or what we believe? Then come to one of our "Getting to Know PCC" gatherings. The first will take place **Thursday, October 13 from 6:30 to 8 pm**. The second is on **Saturday, October 15 from 8:30 to 9:30 am**. Both will take place in the Murdock Room, located next to the Sanctuary. Both have the same content, so you need only attend one. If you can attend, please contact Rev. Don Ashburn at don@piedmontchurch.org or 510-547-5700, ext. 105. Refreshments will be served and **child care can be arranged for kids 10 or younger if you respond by Monday, October 10**. If neither of those times work for you, get in touch with Rev. Ashburn anyway, and he'll try to make alternate arrangements.

• **MEDIA SALE ON OCTOBER 15 TO BENEFIT YOUTH MISSIONS.** Donations of books, CDs, DVDs, videos, electronic system games and records will be accepted on Sunday October 9 from 12-3 in the breezeway. We will accept donations Wednesday, October 12 and Thursday, October 13 from 9am-7pm and Friday, October 14 from 9-noon in the Guild Hall. Please start cleaning your bookshelves and plan to donate a bag full. And, we hope to see you on October 15th in the Guild Hall from 9-2pm - we have a great selection to refill your shelves!

• **The next FUN event will be held on Tuesday, October 18th from 6:30 to 8:30 in the Chapel.** We will have some light snacks and beverages before our program led by Jamie Anderson, who works as PCC's publications coordinator and is a family communications consultant. The topic will be "Complaining and Whining." Parents who have older children are welcome also. We are requesting donations of \$10 per person for this event. Please let Leslie Quantz know if childcare will be of help to you. Please RSVP to Leslie and 547-5700 ext 109 or leslie@piedmontchurch.org.

• **The Harvest Dinner is coming up!** This, the first church dinner of the year, takes place on Thursday, October 20th at 6 PM in the Guild Hall. Loaves and Fishes always provides a sumptuous feast, which is not to be missed. Sign up in the courtyard at the Deacons' table after either the 9 AM or 10:30 AM service, by calling Jean Leahy at 547-5700 or via email to: jean@piedmontchurch.org Donation: \$15/adult, \$10/senior, \$5/child, \$35 max/family. This is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with old friends and to make new ones. See you there!

• **Pancake Breakfast Pick-a-party!** How about some piping hot pancakes and a good cup of coffee? The Board of Trustees is throwing a breakfast for everyone. On **Sunday, October 23**, join us for a bite between services. That's right. We'll be serving breakfast from **9:30 - 10:30** so come on down and fill up on food and faith! If you've already bought your Pick-a-party ticket we can't wait to see you. Tickets at the door will be \$10 per person, or \$25 for the entire family. Proceeds support our mission trips to serve kids who are less fortunate.

• **Operation Christmas Child is coming soon!** We will be filling shoeboxes again for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child on November 6th! The Children's Ministry program would love for everyone to participate. How can you help? You can:

- Drop off empty shoeboxes (Jean's office or Leslie's office in CE Building).
- Drop off new like toys, school supplies, hygiene items. Keep in mind that these must fit in shoeboxes! (Jean's or Leslie's office)
- Donate money – each shoebox has a shipping cost of \$7, plus I use donated money to buy items to go into the shoeboxes. Make checks payable to PCC, please write Operation Christmas Child in the notes section. You can send checks to the church (attn: Leslie) or drop in the offering plate on Sunday.
- Fill a shoebox. Forms are available outside Leslie's office in the CE building and in Jean's office. Drop off your filled shoebox on Sunday November 6th.

Thanks from the Children's Ministries Program! If you have questions, contact Leslie Quantz, leslie@piedmontchurch.org

• In a recent sermon, Dr. McNabb quoted from **Richard Rohr's new book "Falling Upward,"** which is about finding a spiritual path "for the second half of life." And that will be the topic of a **2 week adult education series led by the Rev. Don Ashburn on Sunday, Nov. 6 and Nov. 13 at 11:30 am in the Kettlewell Room.** Rohr's book is a clear, compelling and deep examination of the spiritual quest and questions we all face in life, whether we find ourselves in the 1st or 2nd half. So even if you can still participate in the class without reading the book, it is strongly recommended that you do. You can purchase it yourself, or you can have the church order you a copy.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, October 9

9:00 am Worship service, Sanctuary
9:45 am Ministry Fair, Courtyard
10:30 am Worship service, Sanctuary
10:30 am Sunday School preK - 3, Youth Room
10:30 am Nursery care, Christian Education Building
11:30 am Ministry Fair, Courtyard
11:30 am Stewardship Committee, Dr. McNabb's office
11:45 am Confirmation class, Youth Room
11:45 am Altar Guild, Staff Workroom
7:00 pm Rock (HS youth), Youth Room

Monday, October 10

Office closed
10:30 am Piedmont Gardens Bible Study
4:30 pm Spiritual Formation Group, Guild Parlor
7:00 pm Rock Small Group

Tuesday, October 11

11:00 am Staff Meeting, Staff Workroom
PHS Lunch Break Rock Pizza Lunch today
6:00 pm Finance Committee, Staff Workroom
6:30 pm Handbell Ensemble, Clara Barton Room
7:00 pm Small Group Bible Study, Guild Parlor

Wednesday, October 12

6:15 pm Youth Choir, Lindamood Choir Room
7:00 pm LiveWire (MS Youth), Youth Room
7:30 pm Chancel Choir, Lindamood Choir Room

Thursday, October 13

9:45 am Women's Bible Study, Guild Parlor
6:00 pm Finance Committee, Staff Workroom
6:30 pm New member information class, Murdock Room

Friday, October 14

Saturday, October 15

7:30 am Men's Bible Study, Founders' Room
8:00 am New Member Information Class, Murdock Room
9:00 am Media Sale, Guild Hall

Sunday, October 16

9:00 am Worship service, Sanctuary
10:30 am Worship service, Sanctuary
10:30 am Sunday School preK - 3, Youth Room
10:30 am Nursery care, Christian Education Building
11:45 am Confirmation class, Youth Room
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