

# HEBRON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Order of Service for the Worship of God

September 4, 2011

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE      *Congregational Hymn Sing* ~ 1st Verse of 3 Hymns      Ben Heizer

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP      *Lord of the Dance*      Chancel Choir

### \*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP ~ 2 Peter 2: 9-10

L: You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people,

**P: That [we] may declare the wonderful deeds of him who called [us] out of darkness into his marvelous light.**

L: Once you were no people but now you are God's people;

**P: Once [we] had not received mercy, but now [we] have received mercy.**

### \*UNISON OPENING PRAYER ~ From the PCUSA Book of Common Worship

**Eternal God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts through the inspiration and presence of the Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*HYMN      *Ye Servants of God*      #38

### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, we confess that we have too often forgotten that we are yours. Sometimes we carry on our lives as if there were no God, and we fail to give a faithful witness to you, or to your love. For these and our other sins, we ask your forgiveness, and your strength. Give us clear minds and open hearts, so we may witness to you in our world, loving others as Jesus loved us, and loving our neighbor as much as we love ourselves. Lead us to be who you would have us to be, regardless of what we are doing, or who we are with. Lead us to deeper relationships with you, and with one another as your church, the body of Christ, in this place. (Silent prayer and personal confession)**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON ~ Psalm 103: 8, 10-12

L: The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor requite us according to our iniquities.

**P: For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who love and honor him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.**

L: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

**P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

\*GLORIA PATRI      #813

ANTHEM ~ *Simple Gifts (Shaker Tune)* ~ Arr. by Mark Schqeizer (including Pachelbel's Canon)

CHILDREN'S LESSON      (*Preschool through 2nd grade children may be led to Junior Church following the children's message. Older children's bulletins are in the vestibule.*)

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

1st GOSPEL LESSON ~ John 5: 39-47 ~ Page 927 in the pew Bible

[Jesus said,] "You search the scriptures, because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness to me; yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life. I do not receive glory from men. But I know that you do not have the love of God within you. I have come in my Father's name, and you do not receive me; if another comes in his own name, him you will receive. How can you believe, who receive glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the only God? Do not think that I shall accuse you to the Father; it is Moses who accuses you, on whom you set your hope. If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote of me. But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe my words?"

2nd GOSPEL LESSON ~ John 6: 59-69 ~ Page 929 in the pew Bible

This he said in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum. Many of his disciples, when they heard it, said, "This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?" But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples murmured at it, said to them, "Do you take offense at this? Then what if you were to see the Son of man ascending where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh is of no avail; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But there are some of you that do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who those were that did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. And he said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father." After this many of his disciples drew back and no longer went about with him. Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life; and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God."

L: This is the word of the Lord;      **P: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON      "Words of Eternal Life"      Rev. Frank Wyche

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH      *The Apostles' Creed*      Inside front cover of hymnal

\*HYMN      *Wonderful Words of Life*      #406

### OFFERING

OFFERTORY      *Sarabande* ~ Jean-Marie Leclair

\*DOXOLOGY      #815

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER AND **THE LORD'S SUPPER** (...debts/debtors...)

\***HYMN** *Jesus Is Calling* #482

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE *Bind Us Together* Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE *Simple Gifts ~ Setting by Susan Rucker* Ben Heizer

\*Those who are able may stand.

**BOLDFACE TYPE** indicates words spoken or sung by the congregation.

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*Class of 2011*  
Jan Botkin  
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### Current Session

*Class of 2012*  
Hannah Bush  
Tom Cook  
Theresa Moore  
Robin Moyer  
Martha Sieck

*Class of 2013*  
Jim McGavock  
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Richard Rathburn  
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