

**HEBRON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**Order of Service for the Worship of God**

October 17, 2010

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

Joan Wright

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Larry Mayer

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Chancel Choir

**\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP ~ Psalm 121**

L: I lift up my eyes to the hills. From whence does my help come?

**P: My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

L: He will not let your foot be moved, he who keeps you will not slumber.

**P: Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**

L: The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

**P: The sun shall not smite you by day, nor the moon by night.**

L: The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

**P: The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in, from this time forth, and for evermore.**

**\*UNISON OPENING PRAYER**

**Eternal God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – we thank you for the gifts of yourself, of this church, and of one another. Draw near to us, as we praise and glorify you in worship, and draw us closer to you and to one another, in Christ’s name, Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*The Solid Rock*

**#526**

CALL TO CONFESSION

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION ~ From *When We Gather* by Rev. James G. Kirk**

**Lord Jesus Christ, our Judge, but also our Redeemer, we confess that we have failed in our ministry to others. We listen for teachings to our own liking, and turn away from your word when it isn’t what we want to hear. We yearn for doctrines that boost our egos or justify our way of thinking. We follow those who flatter us, but turn away from calls to obedience. We seek our own comfort, and do not live up to the challenges of our confessions of faith. Renew a right spirit with us, and train us in righteousness as you forgive our sin.**

*(Silent prayer and personal confession)*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON ~ 1 Peter 2: 24-25**

L: Peter wrote of Jesus: “He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.

**P: “For [we] were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of [our] souls.**

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

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

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

**#813**

ANTHEM

*If You Love Me*

Chancel Choir

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ~ Genesis 32: 22-31 ~ Page 28 in the pew Bible

That same night he [Jacob] arose and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. And Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck the hollow of his thigh; and Jacob’s thigh was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, “Let me go, for the day is breaking.” But Jacob said, “I will not let you go, unless you bless me.” And he said to him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Jacob.” Then he said, “Your name shall no more be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed.” Then Jacob asked him, “Tell me, I pray, your name.” But he said, “Why is it that you ask my name?” And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, “For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.” The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his thigh

GOSPEL LESSON ~ Luke 18: 1-8 ~ Page 911 in the pew Bible

And he [Jesus] told them a parable, to show that they should always to pray and not lose heart. He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people; and there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Give me justice against my adversary.’ For a while he refused; but afterward he said to himself, ‘Though I neither fear God nor respect people, yet because this widow bothers me, I will give her justice, so that she won’t wear me out by her continual coming.’” And the Lord said, “Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God vindicate his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will vindicate them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ~ 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 ~ Page 1039 in the pew Bible

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the person of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus who is to judge the living and the dead,

and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word, be urgent in season and out of season, convince, rebuke, and exhort, be unfailing in patience and in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own likings, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander into myths. As for you, always be steady, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

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

SERMON "Perseverance and Persistence" Rev. Frank Wyche

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

\*HYMN *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* #539

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

\*DOXOLOGY #815

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

\*HYMN *'Tis So Sweet To Trust in Jesus* #581

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE *Sevenfold Amen* Chancel Choir

\*Those who are able may stand.

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

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# Jacob Wrestles Until Daybreak

Genesis 32: 24-31

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