

The Moorings Presbyterian Church (PCUSA)

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Sunday, November 23, 2008 ☩ 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. ☩ Thanksgiving Sunday



Let Us Come Before His Presence With Thanksgiving



THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

PREPARATION FOR THE SERVICE

A time of silent preparation readies all worshippers to hear and respond to the risen Christ.

Please silence all cell phones.

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, and RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

We welcome you as we would welcome Christ Himself! **First time visitors, please fill out the blue card in the sleeve of the friendship pad and place it in the offering plate.** A fellowship time follows each service in Moss Hall.

A PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Healing God, whose mercy in Jesus Christ is still available to us today, may our lives aspire to the wholeness You offer daily, giving thanks in word and deed for the opportunities You afford us and for the generosity of Your abundant grace, that our witness may be a force for good among Your people, as we join together in praising You. Amen.

PRELUDE (9:00)

Hymn of Thanksgiving (559)

Jan Zwart

(11:00)

Little Zac

Keith and Kristyn Getty

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Bless God for the good land we have been given. Praise God, who crowns the year with abundance.

All: We are thankful for the bounty we have enjoyed. God has been good to us through another year.

One: God chooses to love us and draw us near. God invites us to enjoy the good all around us.

All: We are grateful for food, shelter, and family. God enriches our lives with many opportunities.

One: Let us renew our vows to God in this hour. May thanksgiving overflow in acts of kindness.

All: We are here to remember and find renewal. We have come to listen to God's Word.

*HYMN 285

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

AUSTRIAN HYMN

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

O God, to whom all flesh can come and find acceptance, we bring our unfaithfulness, seeking to renew our awareness of You in every moment of every day. We confess our deeds of iniquity: our forgetfulness of Your love, our unkindness to Your children, our misuse of the bodies and minds You entrust to us. Despite Your generosity, we have sowed sparingly for the sake of others. O God, we need Your forgiveness. Awaken our thankfulness as we learn to fully appreciate all You have provided. Amen.

*PRAYERS OF SILENT CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*EXCHANGE OF PEACE

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** (332 vss 1 & 4)

TRURO

*Live into hope of captives freed, Of sight regained, the end of greed.
The oppressed shall be the first to see, The year of God's own jubilee!*

*Live into hope of captives freed, From chains of fear or want or greed.
God now proclaims our full release, To faith and hope and joy and peace.*

ANTHEM (9:00)

Little Zac

Keith and Kristyn Getty

WORD FOR CHILDREN (9:00)

Rev. Dr. Kathleen Weller

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (9:00)

CALL TO PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY (9:00)

Grannies and Grandads (Benedicite)

Andrew Carter

O you fathers and mothers and grannies and grandads, now bless the Lord,
Brothers and sisters, nephews and nieces, uncles and aunts and all kith and kin, bless the Lord.
Daughters and sons, and cousins and in-laws, Aunt Aggies's twins and all kith and kin, bless the Lord.

(11:00)

Christus Paradox Text by Sylvia Dunstan; Music by Alfred Fedak

You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd. You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
You, peacemaker and swordbringer of the way you took and gave.
You the everlasting instant; You, whom we both scorn and crave.

Clothed in light upon the mountain, Stripped of might upon the cross,
Shining in eternal glory, Beggar'd by a soldier's toss,
You, the everlasting instant; You, who are both gift and cost.

You, who walk each day beside us, Sit in power at God's side.
You, who preach a way that's narrow, Have a love that reaches wide.
You, the everlasting instant; You, who are our pilgrim guide.

Worthy is our earthly Jesus! Worthy is our cosmic Christ!
Worthy your defeat and vict'ry. Worthy still your peace and strife.
You, the everlasting instant; You, who are our death and life.
Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. You, who are our death and our life.

***DOXOLOGY and PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*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. Amen.*

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 8: 7-18 (p.154)

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 17: 11-19 (p. 70)

***HYMN 291**

O God of Earth and Altar

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SERMON

Rev. Dr. Kathleen Weller

***FOR THANKSGIVING DAY**

-A Book of Uncommon Prayer, Kenneth G. Phifer

Women: "I will praise the name of God with a song: I will magnify Him with Thanksgiving."

Men: I am grateful, O Lord, for all the impulses to praise You which come to me
in life. Even in the discouragement of some situation wherein I feel helpless
and totally inadequate, I feel the impulse to grow and do the best I can.

Women: Amid the pain and hurt that life can bring, I find the solace and comfort that
come to me from friends and loved ones.

Men: Just at the time I feel most alone, there are evidences of the concern of others and assurances of Your Presence. I am not always conscious of these realities, God.

Women: I even become impatient at times when I hear words of faith spoken and songs of hope sung.

Men: I withdraw from the life around me, take pity upon myself for my misfortunes, and feel no desire to praise.

All: Then we are startled into new awareness by a flower, a song, a persistent friend, a gift, a smile. Almost in spite of ourselves, we are lifted up and lifted into thanksgiving, and life begins again.

Women: I am thankful, O God, that You keep prodding me and pushing me into joy and celebration.

Men: I am thankful for spoken words and silent gestures, for laughter and outstretched hands, for back-door mercies and winding graces that enwrap me.

Women: I am thankful for tangible and measurable things, for churches and hospitals, for schools and homes.

Men: I am thankful for the music of the heart, and for the music of the human voice.

All: As we praise You this day, we are grateful for the rich beauty of songs sung and the warm impulses with which we respond. We will praise Your name, O Lord, with a song. We will magnify You with thanksgiving. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN 551

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE (for all to sing, 554, vs. 1)

ASH GROVE

*Let all things now living, A song of thanksgiving, To God our Creator triumphantly raise;
Who fashioned and made us, Protected and stayed us, By guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us, Pure light goes before us, A pillar of fire shining forth in the night:
Till shadows have vanished, All fearfulness banished, As forward we travel from light into Light.*

*POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

*Please stand if you are able

Preacher: Reverend Dr. Kathleen Weller

Liturgists: (9:00) Reverend Dr. Chuck Cary (11:00) Reverend Dr. Jim Kirk

Acolyte: Sara Metcalf

Greeters: (9:00) Bill and Billie Stevens, Robert Ottenad (11:00) Keith Mohamed, Mary Poston

Ushers: (9:00) Head Usher, Peter Paul; Catherine Paul, John and Pat Adams, Jack Withrow, Jay Eichholzer
(11:00) Head Usher, Jack Jameson; Charles Ransom, Firdous Inderyas, Joseph Ulphani, Syd and Ann Pond

Music: Cherub and Choralier Choirs, Martha Crofts, Director; (11:00) Chancel Choir

IN MEMORIAM: Several of our hymns today have been selected in memory of Jane Parker Huber who went to be with the Lord on November 16. Jane was a renowned Presbyterian hymn writer and tireless advocate for women in the Presbyterian Church USA. Born to missionary parents in China, Jane descends from a long line of Presbyterian leaders. She has been recognized as a "Valiant Woman" by Church Women United, and in 2002 received the PCUSA's "Woman of Faith Award." She was probably best known for the scores of hymns she wrote to familiar tunes. Her "Women of Faith" citation states: "Jane Parker Huber's creative renderings of "fresh words to familiar tunes have inspired Christians to sing hymns with expansive, gender-inclusive language and rethink all of the images used for God and people."



The Sanctuary Flowers are given today to the glory of God by Carolyn Ferguson-Yorde in loving memory of Robert B. Ferguson.

Recuperating: Dottie Byrne (Chateau), Fred Pant (Chateau), Elizabeth Yeaton, Norma Jean Anderson (Carlisle), Mary Williams (mother of Steve (Nancy) Williams)



We express our sympathy to the family of **Ted Lyons** who died on Friday, November 21, 2008.

Hospital patients: Dorothy Gorby (looks forward to visitors), Bob Byrne, Dick Widman, Bob Hopler, Herb Roy, Robert Farson, Don Craig (N. Collier)

Concerns: Carol Curlin, Gladys Woolun, Jack Quigley

Serving in the Military: ☆Matthew Seth Farson (son of Robert and Joan Farson) serving in Afghanistan, ☆Richard Germann, serving in Iraq - Mail may be sent to: Cpt. Richard Germann, 5-2 (A) NPTT; FOB FALCON; APO AE 09361) or e-mail: ltgermann@yahoo.com.

Attendance and Offering Report for Sunday, November 16

Attendance: (9:00) 274 (10:00) Faith Focus 42 (11:00) 274 Offering: \$10, 282 (3:00) Organ Dedication 769



Fellowship Time A Fellowship hour follows worship services in Moss Hall. At the north end is the Reformation Café, which, for a modest donation, serves breakfast items. Continue the fellowship of Christ's church by joining your friends to strengthen the bonds of our family of faith.

Today Start your Christmas Shopping Now!! Commemorative Brass Christmas Ornaments for Sale - \$20 each or 3 for \$50 - on sale every Sunday through December 14. See the display in the lobby.



Today – Installation Service of Reverend Dr. Edward Thompson, new Senior Pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Naples (250 6th Street S). Join the many pastors and friends at 3:00 p.m. in their sanctuary for this special service and celebration with special guest The Reverend Bruce Wismer, co-pastor of Pine Shores Presbyterian Church of Sarasota.

Ring, Ring, Ring! Moorings Members will be ringing bells for the Salvation Army **on Tuesday, December 2, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Publix at the Neapolitan Shopping Center.** Ringers are needed in **one-hour shifts.** If you are interested please call Suzanne Payne (594-9223) and leave a message. She will then call you to confirm a time. The Presbyterian Women are organizing this event. Stop by and drop a donation in the collection pot and chat with our volunteer.

Moorings Presbyterian to Host Annual Green Tea sponsored by Church Women United on Friday, December 5 in the Sanctuary (12:30 Registration, 1:00 p.m. program). This event highlights the Immokalee Childcare Center, and the children will be performing. **Please bring an unwrapped gift for a child between the ages of 3-months and 4 years old.** Donations are also accepted (payable to Immokalee Child Care Center). Refreshments served immediately following the program in Moss Hall.

Presbyterian Women's Gathering Tuesday, December 9, 11:30 Social Time; 12:00 Luncheon; 1:00 Program. (*The Coordinating Team will meet at 10:30 a.m. in Classroom B.*) Join us for our Christmas program as Betsy Opt, a Registered Dietitian and Certified Diabetes Educator at Physicians Regional Medical presents "Health for the Holidays." Morning Bells offers music of Christmas. We ask that each person bring a **wrapped** gift for a mother at Grace Place. Please call **261-1487 to make your reservation, or sign up at the Reception Desk (by December 5).** **Childcare provided upon request.** Hostess: Martha Circle (\$3 per person).

Next Sunday – Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast Stop by Moss Hall after both services for a **Free** delicious Pancake Breakfast as the Boy Scouts say "Thank You" to Moorings' members and friends for their support throughout the year **Christmas wreaths will also be for sale.**

Hearing Assistance Devices are available. "Loops" are available for those who have the "T Switch" in their hearing aid. There are head phones for those who do not use hearing aids. FM Transmitters are available as well. **Please see an usher for one of these devices.**

Chancel Choir Wednesday Rehearsals meet at 7:30 p.m. Come and join a new season of singing with the Chancel Choir. *"He who sings prays twice."* A genuine welcome is promised to all. Singing and breathing exercises, helpful to choristers with or without experience, are part of the normal schedule. **For more information, meet or phone Dick Crofts (213-5246).**

Organ Dedication Sunday

was reported in the Naples Daily News on Monday, November 17.

Additional photographs accompany the article online at:

<http://www.naplesnews.com/news/2008/nov/16/photos-historical-pipe-organ-makes-its-debut-church/>

A Tax Saving Opportunity

Are you 70½ or older and do you hold a traditional or Roth IRA? If so, federal law may permit you to contribute as much as \$100,000 per year in 2008 and 2009 directly from your IRA to qualified charities without incurring federal income taxes. The contribution can be excluded from your gross income and will count toward the required minimum distribution from your IRA for each year. Please consider how you might use this opportunity to benefit our 2009 Stewardship Campaign or the Debt Reduction Program. **Please consult your personal tax account to get full details of how this might apply to your own situations**

Stewardship 2009

A Miracle of Abundance is

"Within" the Moorings Presbyterian Church

Your faith and generosity made 2008 a wonderful year of preparation for Moorings Presbyterian Church.

Pledge cards for 2009 have been mailed. Please return yours either through the offering plate or through the mail. Questions? Speak to George Metcalf, Stewardship Chairman (594-2902), Jana Geiger in the church office (213-5233), or one of the pastors (261-1487).

SUNDAY SCHOOL LOCATIONS

10:10 Christian Education

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| Nursery 2 and under | Room 103 |
| 3 & 4 year olds | Room 104 |
| K & 1 st Grade | Room 206 |
| 2 nd & 3 rd Grade | Room 204 |
| 4 th & 5 th Grade | Room 203 |
| Middle School | Room 201 |
| High School | Youth Room |
| Parent & Family Life | Parlor |
| Lectionary Bible Study | Classroom B - 2 nd Floor Moss Hall |



10:10 Interactive Worship "Faith Focus" in Webster Chapel



Christmas Flowers and the Church Endowment Fund



The giving of flowers at Christmas time to remember loved ones has become a tradition in our church. Loved ones may also be remembered by contributing to The Moorings Presbyterian Church "Endowment Fund."

GIVING TO THE ENDOWMENT FUND:

Enclosed is a check for \$_____ to be put in the Endowment Fund of The Moorings Presbyterian Church.

This check is given in Honor of or in Memory of:

Name _____

From _____

Phone _____

Kindly make your gift, payable to The Moorings Presbyterian Church and clearly marked "**Endowment**," either by mail to Cindy's attention or by using the pew envelopes.



GIVING CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:

I would like to order _____ flowers at **\$12** each for a total of \$_____. I have enclosed a check made payable to The Moorings Presbyterian Church and noted on the bottom of the check, "Christmas Flowers." Please return to the church to Cindy's attention.

These flowers are given in Honor of or in Memory of:

Name _____

From _____

Phone _____

All flower orders and Endowment information must be in the church office by Friday, December 12 in order to be printed in the Christmas Eve bulletin.



This Week's Calendar

Sunday, November 23

Library open

7:30 AM Men's Bible Class, Parlor
 9-11 AM Reformation Café, Moss Hall North
 9 AM Worship, Sanctuary
 9 AM Singing the Faith (for children) Music Center
 9:30 AM Children's Worship, Webster Chapel
 10 AM Fellowship Time, Moss Hall
 10:10 AM Children's Sunday School
 10:10 AM Faith Focus, Webster Chapel
 10:10 AM Parent & Family Class, Parlor
 10:10 AM Lectionary Bible Study, Classroom B
 11 AM Worship, Sanctuary
 11:30 AM Sunday School Teachers, Classroom B
 12 PM Fellowship Time, Moss Hall
 12:15 PM Moorings Ringers, Music Cntr
 2 PM Mary Hudis Memorial Service
 4-5:30 PM Middle Sch Fellowship, Room 201
 4-5:30 PM Sr. High Fellowship, Baker Comm Rm

Monday, November 24

9 AM Prayer Group, 202
 9:30 AM Preschool, Chapel
 10 AM Joy Bible Study, 203
 10 AM Volunteer Collier, Classroom B
 1 PM Mission Sewing, 203
 3 PM Suzuki Violin Workshop, 204

Tuesday, November 25

8 AM Preschool Feast, Moss Hall
 8:30 AM Men's Bible/Kirk, Classroom B
 1 PM Staff Mtg, Pastor Conf Rm
 3 PM New Member Cmte, Pastor Conf Rm
 4 PM Young Men's Basketball, Baker

Wednesday, November 26

Kitchen occupied all day - - Immokalee Food Prep

Library open 10 AM – 12 PM

2 PM Bereavement Support Grp, Parlor
 NO WEDNESDAY CONNECTION
 5 PM Men's Basketball (ages 30 & up), Baker
 7 PM FamAnon, Library
 6:30 PM Joint Choirs, Sanctuary
7:30 PM Thanksgiving Eve Service, Sanctuary

Thursday, November 27

Office closed – Happy Thanksgiving

Friday, November 28

Office closed – Happy Thanksgiving

Saturday, November 29

9:45 AM FAA 12-Step, 201

Sunday, November 30 - Scout Pancake Breakfast

Library open

7:30 AM Men's Bible Class, Parlor
 9-11 AM Reformation Café, Moss Hall North
 9 AM Worship, Sanctuary
 9 AM Singing the Faith (for children) Music Center
 9:30 AM Children's Worship, Webster Chapel
 10 AM Fellowship Time, Moss Hall
 10:10 AM Children's Sunday School
 10:10 AM Faith Focus, Webster Chapel
 10:10 AM Parent & Family Class, Parlor
 10:10 AM Lectionary Bible Study, Classroom B
 11 AM Worship, Sanctuary
 12 PM Fellowship Time, Moss Hall
 3:15 PM Youth Music, Music Cntr
 4-5:30 PM Middle Sch Fellowship, Room 201
 4-5:30 PM Sr. High Fellowship, Baker Comm Rm
 4:15 PM Moorings Ringers, Music Cntr

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