

August 23, 2009



Worship and a Place to Grow
Rev. Dr. Dale E. Southorn

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8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Worship Services
August 23, 2009
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

GATHERING

Gathering Music *Variations on "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"* Freudenburg

Welcome Rev. Dr. Dale E. Southorn
Moment for Mission—Adopt A School Project, Diane Sutton

Prelude *As Pants the Hart* arr. Rogers

Call to Worship Pat Tracy

Leader: Come into my house and worship, says our God.

People: Happy are those who feel at home in God's house.

Leader: Come into my presence and be at peace, says our God.

People: Happy are those who enjoy God's gift of serenity.

Leader: Come and let your life be joined to mine, says our God.

People: Happy are those who abide in God's love.

Leader: Come and be God's honored guest, for all are welcome in God's house.

All: Happy are we, the dearly loved of a faithful God.

***Hymn No. 464** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* *Hymn To Joy*

PRAYING

***Prayer of Confession** *(Unison and Silent)* Pat Tracy

Lord Jesus Christ,
you are the Holy One of God.
Even as we confess you are Lord,
we admit that we struggle to follow you.
Your teachings demand commitment,
but we lack energy and imagination.
Sometimes we wish we could just go away from you.
But to whom would we go?
You have the words of eternal life.

Risen Christ,
have mercy on us. Choose us yet again. Send your Spirit to
empower our witness and work. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon** Pat Tracy

***Passing the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Children's Blessing with Special Guest from Malawi

Children through 4-years-old who leave the service will be escorted to Classroom A.

BAPTIZING

10:00 a.m.—Sacrament of Baptism Dr. Southorn

Gridley Samuel Wright

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed, Hymnal page 14

***Hymn**

Borning Cry

Ylvisaker



"I was there to hear your born - ing cry,
"When you heard the won - der of the Word
In the mid - dle a - ges of your life,



I'll be there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you
I was there to cheer you on; You were raised to praise the
not too old, no long - er young, I'll be there to guide you



were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold. (end)
liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
thru' the night, com - plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in, and you shut your wear - y eyes,



In a blaze of light you wandered off to find where de - mons dwell."
I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk 'till ris - ing sun."
I'll be there as I have al - ways been with just one more sur - prise."
(repeat verse 1 to "end")

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Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer (*debts...debtors*)

Dr. Southern

LISTENING

Old Testament Scripture *Psalm 119:9-16*
Page 493, Pew Bible

Pat Tracy

***Hymn No. 233** *Blest Are the Uncorrupt in Heart*

Richmond

New Testament Scripture *Ephesians 4:17-23*
Page 951, Pew Bible

Dr. Southern

Sermon *"Worship and a Place to Grow"*

Dr. Southern

RESPONDING

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *The Lord is My Shepherd*
Amanda Sesler, soprano

Malotte

*** Doxology**

Old Hundred

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn**

To Grow in Christ

Robert Melone



The Church of Je - sus Christ, that serves up - on this shore
Tho' years keep march - ing on, tho' chal - len - ges be - fall,
The her - i - tage we know em - powr's what yet shall be,
We lift Your name on high, Great Auth - or of the day,



Still cov - en - ants, like man - y who have gone be - fore,
We seek to speak the truth in love and hear God's call
So make us faith - ful Lord and set your peo - ple free
Re - ceive Your glo - ry, hear us as we humb - ly pray



To grow in Christ - our one de - sire that was and will be ev - er - more.

***Benediction**

Dr. Southorn

Postlude

God of Grace and God of Glory

arr. Manz

* Congregation will please stand, if able to do so.

Liturgist: Patricia Tracy

Attribution for music used in the service represents the name of the composer, arranger, or tune.



THE FLOWERS AT THE LECTERN are in loving memory of Ted Givler,
given by his family.

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE 10:00 a.m. SERVICE, the Givler family
invites you to take flowers from the sanctuary bouquet and distribute them to
a shut-in, hospitalized friend or a person you wish to reach out to in Christ's
name.

Open House at Pastor's House Today!



Happy anniversary to Pastor Dale and Elisabeth Southorn (and to all of us)!

In celebration of their first anniversary of ministry with us here in Erie, Pastor Dale and Elisabeth invite us to drop by their home (425 Cherokee Drive, north of Frontier Park) this afternoon from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

We are invited to come and see their home and enjoy some refreshments together in their big back yard.

No RSVP is necessary, just CAYA (come as you are).

WELCOME

WELCOME TO ALL, especially guests, newcomers to Erie, and college students. Please take the Welcome Pad (burgundy folder in each pew) from the center aisle, sign it, and be sure to include any change of address information. If you are not on our mailing list and would like to be added, please include your address. Then pass the Pad to the others sitting in your row. Once the Pad reaches the outside aisle, please pass it back to the center aisle.

AFTER EACH WORSHIP SERVICE, we invite you to join us for a time of fellowship in the Parlor.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP: Please switch off cell phones and pagers upon entering the Sanctuary and McBrier Chapel. Welcome and make room for those who arrive during the service by leaving space at the ends of the pews. Please do not take flash photographs during the service.

FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN: We have childcare available during both entire worship services, with an infants' and toddlers' nursery in Room 113, and—during the 10:00 a.m. service only—for preschool-age children in Classroom A. After the “Children’s Blessing” in the 10:00 a.m. service, children through age 4 who leave the service will be escorted to Classroom A. We welcome children in the worship service. Children’s bulletins are available from the ushers.

COLLEGE STUDENTS: We welcome you to worship this morning, and invite you to attend our weekly fellowship, designed especially for College Students, called the ARK. The ARK meets on Wednesday evenings at 9:00 p.m. in Knox Hall. Campus Ministry brochures are available in the Welcome Center or from an usher detailing our entire Campus Ministry program. For more information, please contact Campus Minister Cheylan Fosmer at 459-7152 or by emailing her at: cheyan.fosmer@firstcovenanterie.org.

ASSISTANCE FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED is available for worship. Please contact an usher if you wish to use the system.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FROM THE USHERS.

IF YOU NEED HELP ENTERING OR LEAVING THE SANCTUARY OR CHAPELS, our ushers will gladly assist you and provide whatever help you may need.

RESTROOMS are located at the rear of the Sanctuary, in the Narthex. Please use the side aisles to reach these preferred facilities in order not to distract the worship leaders or other worshipers.

PARKING AVAILABLE at the southeast corner of 7th and Myrtle Streets. Additional parking is available at the municipal parking ramp (7th Street); Altman Hall, 235 West 7th Street; Dr. Kohler’s office, 219 West 7th Street; and Carney and Good offices, 254 West 6th Street.

WOULD YOU LIKE SOMEONE TO LISTEN TO YOU OR PRAY WITH YOU? A Stephen Minister will gladly meet with you, listen to you, and pray with you in McBrier Chapel following the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

MEANING OF THE LITURGICAL COLOR: To represent spiritual growth, the color green marks all other time periods in the church calendar not included in a specific season—called “Ordinary Time.”

SERMON CDs or tapes are available for \$2.00 each. Please place your order with the church office by calling 456-4243. You may also listen to the sermon free of charge, or view a manuscript of the sermon, at www.firstcovenanterie.org.

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS: If you wish to submit information for inclusion in this weekly bulletin, the information needs to reach the church office no later than Noon on Monday to appear in the bulletin for the following Sunday.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, August 23rd

—Baptism—

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service—*McBrier Chapel*
9:25 a.m. A Time of Fellowship—*Parlor*
10:00 a.m. Worship Service—*Sanctuary*
11:15 a.m. A Time of Fellowship—*Parlor*
2:00 p.m. Open House at Southorns'—
425 Cherokee Drive

Monday, August 24th

- 6:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous—*Parlor*
7:00 p.m. Chrismon Guild Meeting—*Discovery*

Tuesday, August 25th

- 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting—*Parlor*
9:30 a.m. Program Staff Mtg—*Pastor's Study*
7:00 p.m. Budget—*Parlor*
7:30 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous—*Witherspoon*

Wednesday, August 26th

—First Day of Gannon Classes—

- 6:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study—
Perkins, 4403 Peach
12:00 p.m. Circle of Angels 4 God Luncheon—
Capers Restaurant, 2743 East 38th Street

Thursday, August 27th

Friday, August 28th

—Kirk House Fall Retreat begins—

- 9:00 a.m. Classroom Cleanup—*upstairs*
9:15 a.m. Preschool Board—*Fidelis*
9:45 a.m. Chimes Mailing—*116*

Saturday, August 29th

—Kirk House Fall Retreat continues—

Sunday, August 30th

—Communion—

—Kirk House Fall Retreat ends—

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service—*McBrier Chapel*
9:25 a.m. A Time of Fellowship—*Parlor*
10:00 a.m. Worship Service—*Sanctuary*
11:15 a.m. A Time of Fellowship—*Parlor*

Fall Worship Schedule Begins Sunday, September 13th

- 8:30 a.m.—Worship, *McBrier Chapel*
9:30 a.m.—Christian Education
11:00 a.m.—Worship, *Sanctuary*

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2009
8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

James 1:17-27 | "The Real Thing"
Communion

REV. DR. DALE E. SOUTHORN

FIRST COVENANT LIFE

Olan Mills Portraits for Church Directory

If you have registered for an Olan Mills portrait but don't have an appointment yet, please call Mary in the church office during regular business hours at 456-4243 to schedule one.

If you have not registered, but are interested in a portrait sitting for the Church Directory, please call Mary to be put on a waiting list. If there is enough interest, we will be able to schedule another day in late September with Olan Mills to take additional portraits.



College Students— Welcome and Goodbye!

We want to extend a special welcome to Gannon Students as they settle into our community and prepare for the fall semester to begin. Please see the Welcome Page of this bulletin for details about the college ministries we have available to students.

We also want to wish our college age students good luck and best wishes as they depart for the fall semester at their various schools. Please send an email to Leanne Carlson (leanne.carlson@firstcovenanterie.org) with your college address so that we can send you *The Covenant Chimes* and other mailings at school.

Our mission at First Presbyterian Church of the Covenant: To awaken all people to their need for a life-changing encounter with the living Lord Jesus Christ, and encourage and equip each one to become His fully-devoted follower.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE COVENANT

Rev. Dale E. Southorn, D.Min., *Pastor*
Rev. Stephen E. Morse, *Parish Associate*
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Cheylan Fosmer, *Campus Minister*
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Mary Cooper, *Secretary*

Donna Himes, *Bookkeeper*
Chris Samler, *Building Engineer*
Shirley Albrecht, Jr., *Housekeeper*
Luba Kovalchuk, *Custodian*
Jessica Majczyk, *Covenant Connections Cook*
Anne Sauer, *Nursery Attendant*
Helen Greider and Jackie K. Jones, *Hosts*
Richard Schraeder, *Kitchen Assistant*

The Congregation, in ministry
We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

Opportunities to Grow in your Faith

The following are some opportunities that are available for
our members and friends to grow in their faith:

Wednesday's at 4

NEW THIS YEAR

A class / fellowship time for our older adults (but all our welcome)
Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m.)

Connections Dinner at 5:15 p.m. and Classes 6:15 p.m.

Every Wednesday beginning September 9th

Sunday School Classes

Sunday's at 9:30 a.m.; Classes available for all ages and learning styles

Small Groups

Please call the church office for information on available Small Groups

*This is just a sampling of the many opportunities available at
First Presbyterian Church of the Covenant to grow in your faith.
Please see your September 2009 edition of The Covenant Chimes for details on the
many opportunities available this fall.*

*Please complete the following information if you would like someone to contact you
with additional information:*

Name _____ Phone _____
Email Address _____

Worship + 2

With gratitude to God for my many blessings, I would like to try using
my gifts in the following additional areas of ministry:

DISCIPLESHIP: ___ Youth Leaders ___ VBS 2010

CARING MINISTRIES: ___ Homebound Caller ___ Prayer Chain ___ Hospital Caller

OTHER: _____

Name _____ Phone _____
Email Address _____

*Please place your completed form in the collection plate.
You may also mail it or bring it into the church office.*

Block Party

Wednesday, September 2nd

5:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

*We need your help to make our first ever **BLOCK PARTY** a success.
There is something everyone can do.*

Please place a check mark next to the item(s) you can help with.

Bring your gas grill from home and flip burgers and hot dogs?
Time: 4:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.
Number of Volunteers Needed: 4

Help set up food tables?
Time: 4:00 p.m.—5:30 p.m.
Number of Volunteers Needed: 2

Help carry tables and chairs from downstairs and stage them
in the service entrance the evening before?
Time: 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st
Number of Volunteers Needed: 6

Help set up tables and chairs?
Time: 2:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.
Number of Volunteers Needed: 6

Help take in tables and chairs at the end of the evening?
Time: 8:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m.
Number of Volunteers Needed: 5

Help clean up the food area at the end of the evening?
Time: 8:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m.
Number of Volunteers Needed: 1

Supervise Kids' Games
Time: 4:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m.
Number of Volunteers Needed: 4

I have an awning, canopy or screen gazebo that I can bring and set up.
Time: Between 3:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.
Number of awnings, canopies and gazebos needed: As many as we can get!

Name _____ Phone _____

Email Address _____

*Please place your completed form in the collection plate.
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