

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

August 28, 2011

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

“We come to praise God’s faithfulness”

Prelude

Work of the Church Rev. England Cole

Chiming of the Trinity

Call to Worship “How Beautiful” Christina Whitehouse-Suggs

Acolyte Greeting Dylan Kreutzer
*This is the day that the Lord has made!
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!*

*Hymn #231 “Come, Christians, Join to Sing” MADRID

*Invocation & Lord’s Prayer Howell Peterson
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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us,
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever, AMEN.

*Doxology
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.

“To listen for God’s guidance”

Litany for Public Education

Faithful and ever-present God, we lift to you this morning our concern for public education. We raise for your blessing and guidance all who work and learn in the public schools and colleges of this state. We bring to you all our hopes and expectations.

Now hear our prayer, O God.

We pray for public schools and colleges where generations have gathered for learning, where knowledge has been advanced and individuals have grown.

May they be ever strengthened and ever faithful.

We pray for teachers, administrators, and all who work in education, where they spend long and thankless hours.

May they recognize their own creativity, our thankfulness, and our caring.

We pray for students of all ages who hope for the future yet have no assurance of what the future will bring.

May they know courage, faith, and the joy of learning.

We pray for legislators and school board members who spend long hours and receive much criticism in shaping the policy.

May they seek your guidance and do your will.

We pray for those who advocate – parents’ groups and special interest groups, professional associations and student organizations.

May their efforts result in responsive, effective, and diverse education.

We pray for families who yearn for involvement but find institutions and systems distant and specialized.

May they overcome that distance and fulfill their yearning.

Holy God, we ask for all of us your blessing and presence as we strive to do your will in this community. Keep us ever faithful in our caring, ready to support and challenge. Grant all these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, that great student and teacher who came that we might have life abundant. Amen.

Testimony of Faith Melissa Bowlin

*Hymn #568 “Lord, Speak to Me” CANONBURY

Offertory & Offering

*Doxology

Praise God the Source of life and birth.
Praise God the Word, who came to earth.
Praise God the Spirit, holy flame.
All glory, honor to God’s name! Amen.

Morning Prayer

Rev. Duncan

“To proclaim God’s word”

Solo “Eternal Life” Christina Whitehouse-Suggs

Scripture Reading NT#230 James 3:1-12

Sermon “Watch Your Tongue” Dr. Moore

“To respond in faith”

Call to Commitment

*Hymn #457 “Lord, Be Glorified” BE GLORIFIED

*Benediction

Postlude

* If able, please stand.

We are thankful for Christina Whitehouse-Suggs and her musical offering today.
The acolytes today are Jackson Hawkins and Dylan & Madison Kreutzer.

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The Litany for Education comes from Touch Holiness.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A Church Picnic will be held today following worship!
- Wednesday night suppers and Sardis Academy sessions will begin August 31st. Dinner at 5:45, children, youth and adult sessions begin at 6:30. Sardis Academy will focus on a four-week discussion about worship and music. Outcomes from the discussion will be used to prepare the congregation for the search for a new minister of music.
- The Buildings & Grounds Committee will meet today, immediately following worship.
- The Nominating Committee scheduled for today will be rescheduled.
- Board Nomination Forms are available in the vestibule. Please complete and return prior by September 4th.
- The church office will be closed Monday, September 5.
- The Youth Rafting Retreat is Sept 3-5!
- Youth Group meets September 11th.
- A 9/11 Prayer Vigil will be observed at the Labyrinth on Sunday, September 11th from 12noon to 8 PM.

Sardis Baptist Church Worship Staff

Rev. Tillie Duncan, Rev. Mandy England Cole,
Dr. Tim Moore, pastors;
Irena Hramenkova, pianist.

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--- Frederick Buechner


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