

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
LAGRANGE, GEORGIA

Order of Worship for the Lord's Day  
8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Services  
Sunday, October 31, 2010

MINISTERS

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GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

#WELCOME

#PRELUDE

Lighting of the Candles

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord's unfailing love and mercy never cease,

**fresh as the morning and sure as the sunrise.**

\*HYMN

*"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"*

Hymnal #260

\*Placing of the Bible

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**      *(To be said in unison)*

**Grant unto us, O God, the fullness of your promises.  
Where we have been weak, grant us your strength;  
where we have been confused, grant us your guidance;  
where we have been distraught, grant us your comfort;  
where we have been dead, grant us your life.  
Apart from you, O Lord, we are nothing,  
in and with you we can do all things. Amen.**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Let us not be afraid to confess the sins that we were not afraid to commit.  
Instead, let us have such trust in God that we approach him boldly and that we  
open ourselves to his mercy and his work within us.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**      *(To be said in unison)*

**Gracious God,  
our sins are too heavy to carry,  
too real to hide,  
and too deep to undo.  
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,  
what our hearts can no longer bear,  
and what has become for us  
a consuming fire of judgment.  
Set us free from a past that we cannot change;  
open to us a future in which we can be changed;  
and grant us grace  
to grow more and more in your likeness and image;  
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.**

*(Moment for Silent Confession)*

Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news!  
If we have died with Christ,  
we believe that we shall also live with him.  
So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin  
and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Friends, believe the good news.

In Christ Jesus, we are forgiven

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:      “*Glory be to the Father*”      Hymnal #579

## \*THE APOSTLES' CREED

*The Elder addresses the congregation:*

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,**

**And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;**

**the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER      *(To be said in unison)*

## OFFERING

*(Worshippers are invited to sign and pass on the black pads located behind the Bibles in the pew racks. New visitors are invited to fill out a WELCOME VISITOR CARD, found in the pew racks. Please place completed papers and cards in the offering plate )*

## OFFERTORY

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE      Hymnal #592  
*"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION      *(To be said in unison)*

**O God, you are worthy of all that we bring, all that we are, and all that we yet shall be. Accept these gifts. Accept also our lives. Let us dedicate our entire future to the kingdom of Christ who gave himself so generously to us. Amen.**

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

\*HYMN      *"The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"*      Hymnal #170

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

*(Children, three-years-old through first grade may now exit to continue worship in the Gallant Building, room 304)*

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

<sup>2</sup> O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,  
and you will not listen?

Or cry to you ‘Violence!’  
and you will not save?

<sup>3</sup> Why do you make me see wrongdoing  
and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me;  
strife and contention arise.

<sup>4</sup> So the law becomes slack  
and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous—  
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

I will stand at my watch-post,  
and station myself on the rampart;  
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,  
and what he\* will answer concerning my complaint.

<sup>2</sup> Then the LORD answered me and said:

Write the vision;  
make it plain on tablets,  
so that a runner may read it.

<sup>3</sup> For there is still a vision for the appointed time;  
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it;  
it will surely come, it will not delay.

<sup>4</sup> Look at the proud!  
Their spirit is not right in them,  
but the righteous live by their faith.

[Jesus] also said, ‘With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? <sup>31</sup>It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; <sup>32</sup>yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.’

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“The Mustard Seed Kingdom”

Dr. DeCelle

## GO IN GOD'S NAME

\*HYMN

*"I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"*

Hymnal #457

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE

**\*Let congregation members stand as they are able.**

**#Ushers may seat worshippers**

**Bold print is spoken by the congregation.**

Announcements

Today is Reformation Sunday and, in recognition of the Reformation we will be singing hymns from this era. At the time of the Reformation - in the 16th Century - the reformers wanted the liturgy to be said in the vernacular. They also insisted upon hymns which could be understood and sung by the people, and they wished to get away from plainchant hymnody, most of which could only be performed by

monks. The Reformation coincided with the world-shaking introduction of printing and this gave church-goers access to many vernacular hymns.