

Versailles Presbyterian Church

Order of Worship

January 10, 2010 Baptism of the Lord 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome and Announcements

Please indicate your attendance by signing the Friendship Pad.

Prelude

***Call to Worship** *Charles Christensen*

The heavens are proclaiming the glory of God and the word is going out through all the earth.

We gather here as family, grateful to be part of the Body of Christ.

God calls our name and invites us to follow, guiding our journey with divine light.

Holy fire surrounds us, yet God keeps us safe from its flames, baptizing us with the Holy Spirit.

***Opening Hymn 138** Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! NICAEA

Prayer of Praise

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Loving and merciful God, forgive us when we allow our fears and our worries to stifle your voice of love. As you spoke so clearly to Jesus, speak to us also so that your words of mercy resonate in every corner of our being and we know that we too are your beloved, on whom your favor rests. Show us how to love others, both those close to us and those we don't even know. Help us to live as those who belong to Christ. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Welcoming Moment

Hymn 2158 Just a Closer Walk with Thee CLOSER WALK

I am weak, but thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong;

I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.

Refrain:

**Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
daily walking close to thee: Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.**

Through this world of toil and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares?

Who with me my burden shares?

None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.

Refrain

**When my feeble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;
guide me gently, safely o'er to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore.**

Refrain

HEARING THE WORD

Old Testament Reading (11:00) Isaiah 43:1-2 p. 585 Pew Bible

Responsive Reading (11:00) Psalm 29:1-5, 9-11

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory of God's name; worship the LORD in holy splendor.

The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.

The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the Cedars of Lebanon.

The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in God's temple all say, "Glory!"

The LORD is enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless the people with peace!

Gospel Reading Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 p. 834 Pew Bible

Anthem (11:00) God Is the Strength of My Heart PETHEL

The wicked one may prosper, but only for a time;

The prideful one may flourish, and make us wonder why.

Yet there is a source of comfort And our defense is sure.

Though our spirit fails, God will prevail With a love that's strong and pure.

God is the strength of my heart. God is the strength of my heart:

Temptations and trials may come in my life, He is the strength of my heart.

People around me may wonder about me, my faith will not be torn apart;

In Him I am grounded, all evil confounded, for God is the strength of my heart.

Sometimes I tend to wander, and often lose my way,

I'll wish I had possessions. I see most ev'ry day.

And then I will remember, and lift my voice to sing,

As I lift my eyes and realize I'm a child of Heaven's King.

Time for Our Children (11:00)
(Children ages 3 - kindergarten are dismissed for Little Church)

Sermon Moving On *Melissa Bane Sevier*

***Hymn 70** Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized CAITHNESS CM

(8:30 - vs 1& 4) *To the tune of 466 - O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

***Affirmation of Faith** from the Confession of 1967

The new life finds its direction in the life of Jesus, his deeds and words, his struggles against temptation, his compassion, his anger, and his willingness to suffer death. The teaching of apostles and prophets guides [people] in living this life, and the Christian community nurtures and equips them for their ministries. The members of the church are emissaries of peace and seek the good of [humanity] in cooperation with powers and authorities in politics, culture, and economics. But they have to fight against pretensions and injustices when these same powers endanger human welfare. Their strength is in their confidence that God's purpose rather than [human] schemes will finally prevail.

***Response** Gloria Patri
**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Did You Know?

Prayers of the People

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Christ of glory humbled himself to be baptized, showing us the way of humility.

May God strengthen us to serve in humility all the days of our life.

By Christ's baptism we are made children of God.

May we be servants of Christ's gospel in the world.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Our Lord's Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Sharing of The Bread And Cup

(8:30) Please come forward to take communion by intinction. You may break off a piece of bread and dip it in the grape juice. If you desire to receive the elements at your seat, please get the attention of one of our servers, who will bring it to you. (11:00) Bread and juice will be passed to you in the pews. Please hold them and we will eat and drink together.

Collection of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory

***Doxology** (11:00)
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

***Closing Hymn 2114** At the Font We Start Our Journey LAUDA ANIMA
(8:30 - vs 1& 4) *Paperback Hymnal*

*Benediction

***Benediction Response**
**Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
daily walking close to thee: Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.**

*Postlude

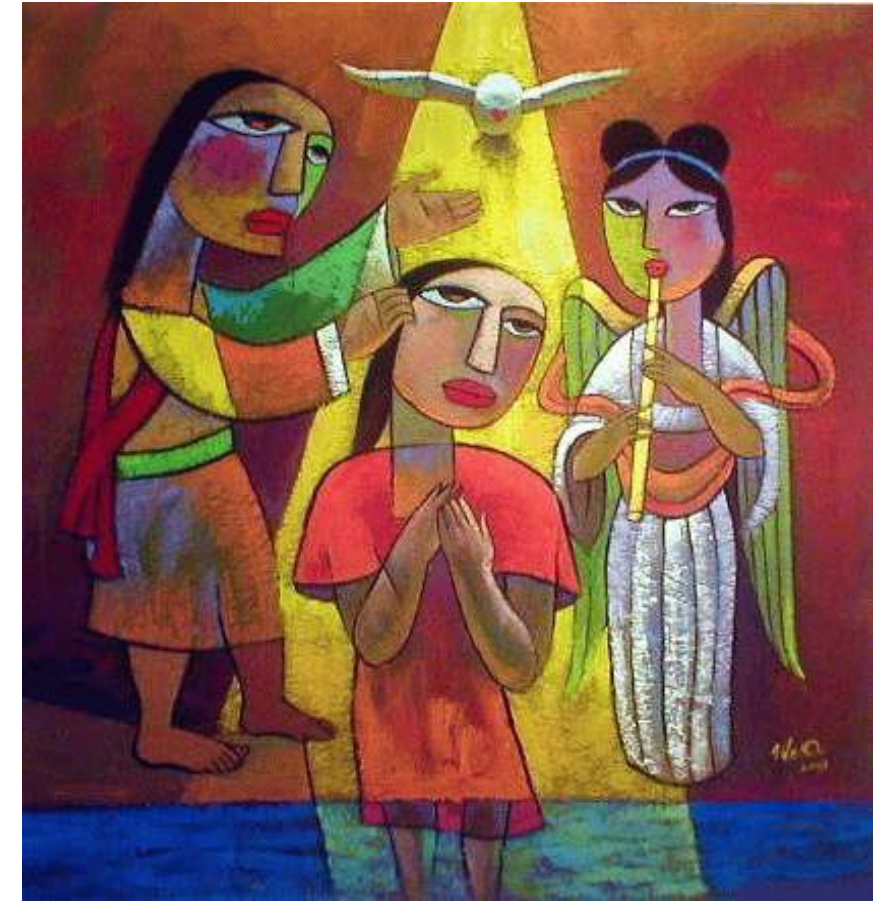
**Please Stand*

VIP Bingo Party & Potluck Dinner!!

All VIP's (Very Important Presbyterians age 55 and older) are invited to a Bingo Party and Potluck Dinner on **Friday, January 22, at 6 p.m.** Bring a covered dish and a white elephant gift. Contact Sharon Bloom (873-7268) or Clara Perry (873-4568) for more information.

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Versailles, Kentucky



The Baptism of Jesus
Artist: He Qi
China, 2003

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VPC STAFF

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CALENDAR

Sunday, 1/10 5-7 pm H.S. Youth	Wednesday, 1/13 11:30 am Weight Watchers NOON FINANCE CMTE 5:15 pm CONG CARE CMTE 6:00 pm Dinner 6:45 pm Programs 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	Thursday, 1/14 9 am-12:30 pm Parent's Day Out 4:30 pm WORSHIP CMTE
Monday, 1/11 9 am Ladies' Bible Study	Tuesday, 1/12 6:00 pm PRESCHOOL CMTE 6:15 pm SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS MTG 6:45 pm CHRISTIAN ED CMTE	Sunday, 1/17 12-2 pm MS Youth 4:30 pm HS Youth to Hope Center

Volunteer Schedule

Week	Ushers	Greeters	Volunteers	Nursery
01/10	8:30 a.m. Donna Kelly 11:00 a.m. Jean Lawson	Milton & Jerri Jo Tackett Margaret Shanks; Virginia Carroll Dan & Mary Nehring Toby & Darlene Easter	Lois Gaines (1/11)	9:30am-noon Judy Beach
01/17	8:30 a.m. Donna Kelly 11:00 a.m. Jean Lawson	John & Rita Soper Mike & Christine O'Brien Clark & Ann Shelburne Wally & Judy Beach	volunteer needed	9:30am-noon Melanie Prall

YOUTH NEWS: High School Youth will meet tonight from 5-7pm; Next Sunday, Middle School Youth will meet from 12-2pm and High School Youth will meet at 4:30pm to go to Hope Center.

Wednesday Night Programs

Immigration: A Theological, Historical and Legal Approach

This spring, the United States congress will take on immigration issues as a major area of discussion. Would you like to be an informed citizen so that you can listen more knowledgeably and form your own opinions? Then come to a three-week Wednesday night series at VPC beginning January 13 and hear from Julia Thorne, a Presbyterian elder and our denomination's immigration attorney. Julia speaks all over the country on the subject of immigration, consults with congregations, and, though based in Louisville, also works in Washington, DC, with attorneys from other religious groups. She happens to live in Lexington and is sharing her extensive knowledge and experience with us for this series. At least 15 minutes of each session will be devoted to the sharing of your experiences and answering your questions. Julia's purpose is not to espouse any political view or tell you what to think, but to help you be far more informed than the average citizen about this timely and sometimes controversial topic.

****January 13: Theology.** . . How do the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments inform our thinking about immigration and immigrants?

****January 20: History** . . . What is the history of immigration in our country and in our denomination? What is your family's immigration history?

**** January 27: Law** . . . Where are we today? What is our current law? What might happen when congress addresses immigration reform?

If you are interested in learning more about our denomination's immigration office, go to <http://www.pcusa.org/immigration/>.

MUSICAL CONCERT TO END POLIO

On **Thursday, January 28**, the Versailles-Woodford County Rotary Club will sponsor a musical concert to help raise awareness about the tenacious disease of polio. The concert starts at 7pm and is here at VPC.

There is no cost and all are welcome! A love offering will be taken during the program to benefit PolioPlus. The concert will combine musical talent from the area in various forms. Come join your community for this heart warming concert. Call Jean Lawson at 859 221-9494 with any questions or if you would like to contribute. Make checks payable to: Versailles-Woodford County Rotary Foundation.

YOGA CLASSES

Do you want to lose weight while you sleep? Interested in eliminating those nagging aches and pains? Want more flexibility and relaxation in your life? Try yoga! VPC is looking for people interested in taking a 6-week yoga class with Kerri and Dan Vantrease, beginning in January. If interested, contact Ann Jones. This 90 minute class focuses on breathing, flexibility, centering and spirituality. Cost is \$75 for 6 classes (plus the makeup class if you don't miss).

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Davis Barkley, Carolyn Preston; Sandy Thor (Patsy Shryock's friend); Rebecca Jewell Cecil (Allen & Joan's oldest daughter); Katherine Giles; Tim Moore (Prudence Cowan's son-in-law); Heather & Brian Johnston (Suzanne Long's friends); Mack & Martha Miller; Sonny McCauley; Norma Arnold; Carol Carpenter's parents and aunt; Davis Lee Watts; Marilyn Clark (Sharon Bloom's sister); Forrest Turner, Jane Purpus (John Hutcherson's sister, Kelley and Martha Jane's daughter); Richard Potts (Carol Dickey's cousin); Virgie Bosse (Linda's mother); Dolores Dettman (Suzanne Long's sister); Dena Sumner (Ann Jones' neighbor); Jean Smith (Elizabeth Yanarella's neighbor); Jim Moore (friend of Jaeckels'); Zane Young; Mariam Easter (Toby's mother); Carol Rae Redding (Tammy Hutcherson's mother); David Howe (friend of the Geilear's); Mark Jewell (Joan & Allen's son-going to Iraq); Maya Wilhoit (Jim & Louise's daughter-in-law); George Haddad (friend of Ann Jones'); Gary Long (Suzanne Long's nephew); Martha Westfall; Sandy Bletzold (Carol Carpenter's cousin); Sheena & Ben Roller

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayer shawl crafters are invited to gather in the large conference room on **Sunday, January 17**, following the 11 a.m. service. A light lunch will be provided. The gathering will end no later than 2:00 p.m.

Crafters may bring their knitting, crocheting, patterns, yarns and ideas. We'll take a look at our existing inventory and make plans for 2010.

The prayer shawl ministry is open to all. Do you enjoy knitting or crocheting? Would you like to learn? Here is a place where both skilled and beginning knitters and crocheters come together to make shawls that will be given to people who are in need of comfort. This ministry benefits both receivers and givers, for everyone involved is touched by the prayers and love that go into these creations.

The shawls are as unique and individual as the people who create them. The crafters meet occasionally for knitting sessions, sharing patterns, yarns, ideas and prayers. Most of the work will be done on your own time, at your own pace. The shawls will be the unique creations of the hands that make them.

THE BIGGEST LOSER--SEASON II

Season II of the VPC Biggest Loser begins **next Sunday, January 17!** If you want to lose weight and need some motivation, join your VPC family. It is a fun and competitive way to raise money for the Food Pantry. All you have to do is contribute \$20 to the pot. The person who loses the most weight wins half the money and the other half is donated to the local Food Pantry. Weigh-ins are monthly and confidential. Who knows? You could join Season I winner Tom Peirson as one of VPC's Biggest Losers! First weigh-in is after church next Sunday. Contact Ann Jones if you want to participate (879-8230).

LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY?

Did you make a New Years Resolution to volunteer more? There are lots of opportunities to serve here at VPC. Committees are always looking for new faces to help prepare the church for worship, fellowship, missions and more! **One area in need of a couple more people is our Monday morning office volunteers.** Duties include posting the hymn numbers for Sunday mornings, answering the telephone, tidying up the kitchen and restocking the coffee station. Most volunteers work from 9am-noon on Mondays about once per month, but the hours are quite flexible. If you think this may be something you would be interested in doing, see Ann Jones (879-8230) or call the church office.

Wednesday Night Dinner & Programs

Join us this week. Dinner begins at 6:00 p.m. A kid friendly option will be provided. Following dinner, there will be programs for adults and children. Nursery is available from 6:45 7:30 if needed-please use the sign up below.

Please make your dinner reservation using the form below and dropping it in the offering plate or calling the office no later than noon on Tuesday.

Adults & children over 10: \$8.00 Children age 3 10: \$3.50
 _____ Children under 3: free _____ Maximum family rate is \$26.00
 _____ Yes, I/we will be at dinner on Wednesday.

Name: _____

No. of adults _____ No. of Children _____ Need Nursery _____