

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

*God be with you 'til we meet again;
By His counsel guide uphold you,
with His sheep securely fold you,
God be with you 'til we meet again.*

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

You are invited to share the peace of Christ with one another as you depart.

Our Vision

At Montevallo Presbyterian Church, we will

- glorify God
- grow as disciples, and
- care for people and creation.

Worship Notes

Young children are always welcome to participate in our worship service or go to the nursery downstairs. Worship bags with activity sheets are available for children who remain in worship.

Announcements

Families with young children are invited to stay after church today for lunch and conversation. This will be a great chance to get to know one another a little better!

Our book discussion group meets tonight at 7:00 PM at the Forbes House to discuss *Darwin's Black Box*. All are welcome, whether you've had a chance to read the book or not!

UM Students: The Forbes House Fellowship, our campus ministry program, will be serving dinner for the women and children at First Light this Thursday, October 4. We'll meet at 5 pm at the Forbes House and carpool from there. Please sign up if you'd like to serve!

Our church-wide retreat is coming up November 9-10 at the 4-H Center in Columbiana on beautiful Lay Lake. Please register by October 7 if you'd like to attend!

Prayer Concerns

- The Bidwell family
- Ralph Bidwell
- Mary Caley
- Freddie Flynn
- Lelia Galloway
- The Havard family
- Frank McCoy
- Tammy Pennington
- Bill & Flo Peters
- Bailey Santa Cruz

Montevallo Presbyterian Church (USA)

*The Service for the Lord's Day
Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

September 30, 2007

11:00 A.M.



To all who are weary and need rest, who are lonely and desire companionship, who mourn and want comfort, who sin and need a Savior, and to whoever wishes to come, this church opens its doors.

Church Directory

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Pastor

Rev. Leanne Pearce Reed

Secretary

Stacie Duke Harris

Music Director

Christopher Johnson

Organist

Frances Albright

The Session

Class of 2007

Jane Clayton
Becky Cox-Rodgers

Class of 2008

Mike Pickett
Judy Rogers

Class of 2009

Gene Grimes
Michele Pawlik

Welcome

We are delighted to welcome our visitors, friends and members this morning as we glorify God in worship. You are invited to prepare your heart and mind for worship in silence during the prelude. * indicates moments in the service when you are invited to stand if you are able.

We Prepare

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O God, open us to the powerful winds of your Spirit.

People: **Open our eyes to the wonders of your creation.**

Leader: Open our nostrils to the smells of life.

People: **Open our ears to the words of justice and truth.**

Leader: Open our mouths to the taste of freedom and love.

People: **Open our arms to the touch of our brothers and sisters.**

OPENING PRAYER

***HYMN OF PRAISE #469**

"Morning Has Broken"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, our God, we confess that we have not always lived for you. You have invited us into new life, yet we have closed our eyes and ears and hearts against that invitation. You have

shown us the way to love, yet we have chosen too often the path of uncaring. You have called us into the ministry of reconciliation, yet often we find ourselves tempted to turn away from others. You have challenged us to generosity, but many times we would rather keep to ourselves. Enter our lives, God, once again. Release us from the bonds of self-centeredness. Create in us a renewed openness to your love, that we may share your love with others. Amen.

SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

***HYMN OF GRACE**

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.

We Hear

MINISTRY WITH CHILDREN

FIRST READING.....Genesis 1:26-31

ANTHEM

SECOND READING.....John 13:33-35

SERMON Caring for People and Creation

***SERMON HYMN #367**

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

We Respond

PROFESSION OF FAITH:

A Brief Statement of Faith

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of

salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, Come, Lord Jesus!

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE 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.

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Peacemaking Offering

THE OFFERING OF GIFTS

***THE DOXOLOGY (UNISON, #592)**

*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.*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN #411**

"Arise, Your Light Is Come!"

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**