



FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Dear Friends,

If you've been in worship in the last few weeks, you might have noticed something new: We've removed a couple of pews on the

right hand side of the sanctuary and created a family worship area. And guess what? **Families and children are worshipping with us!** It's beautiful!

The children gather around their little table to color and work on their worship activities. They snuggle up on pillows or lay out on the floor. They listen to the music and sometimes sing. They use their mandala coloring sheets to pray (which is a beautiful and ancient form of meditative prayer), but they also listen and join in with our congregational prayers. They dance! They ask questions. **They worship with us in a way that is uniquely their own and perfectly appropriate.**

Sometimes they talk or sing or play in a way that can be distracting, but I bet they would say sometimes we talk or sing in a way that can be distracting to their worship – because children worship through play!

It can be challenging to keep children in worship. Parents find themselves shushing and redirecting when they are trying to listen. A loud question might disrupt the flow of the service. Children may feel

frustrated or confused as they try to remain quiet and focused for an entire hour. **But just because it is hard, doesn't mean it's not important.** For more on this, check out **my article on pages 14-15** which is a letter written to my daughter on **"5 Reasons You Are Coming to Worship."**

When we worship together as a whole church family, we are blessed by the unique gifts we all bring to the service. Our children learn the rhythm of a traditional worship service – with hymns and prayers and liturgy that become a part of their spiritual identity. As parents, it can be a struggle to share a hymnal with a 3 year old, but it is also an incomparable joy to hear their sweet voices sing along. **As a worshipping community, we are blessed by the children's laughter and joy, by their energy and imagination, by their questions and actions, all of which bring a fresh perspective and a vibrancy to our worship that we truly need.**

We are all members of God's family. We are all members of the body of Christ which is this church, and worship is the central act of our community. Let's embrace who we are! We are young and old. We are easily distracted and deeply committed. We full of questions and we are seeking God. Let's worship together!

Grace and peace,

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Treasurer's Report

Your Church Staff & Leaders

Year to Date	1/1/14	to	9/14/14
INCOME	Actual	Budgeted	Difference
TOTAL IN-COME	\$73,050.45	\$63,034.34	\$10,016.11
EXPENSES	Actual	Budgeted	Difference
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$71,647.31	\$70,654.33	-\$992.98
OVERALL TOTAL	\$1,403.14	-\$7,619.99	\$9,023.13

Year to date actual income and expenses continue to match up. A portion of the additional income can be attributed to special donations for the Pastor's office renovation and other specific requests.

30 Day Report	8/15/14	to	9/14/14
INCOME	Actual	Budgeted	Difference
TOTAL IN-COME	\$8,653.86	\$7,557.08	\$1,096.78
EXPENSES	Actual	Budgeted	Difference
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$8,676.53	\$8,470.62	-\$205.91
OVERALL TOTAL	-\$22.67	-\$913.54	\$890.87

The difference for income for the month can be attributed to memorials given in the honor of I.E. Martin and Rosemary Battle.

Pastoral Team

Pastor: Rev. Karen Ware Jackson
 Pastoral Visitor: Rev. Jim Rissmiller
 Young Adult Ministries: Libby Inman
 Director of Music: Stephanie Lindley
 Parish Nurse: Lois Bazhaw
 Child Care Coordinator: Michelle Watkins
 Office Administrator: Beverly Lucas

Officers and Leaders

Class of 2014

Lindsey Brown: Congregational Care and Outreach
 Bonnie Maready: Christian Ed, Clerk of Session

Class of 2015

Betty Rissmiller: Worship
 Betsy Rule: Missions

Class of 2016

Graham Pope: Buildings and Grounds
 Bob Waugh: Stewardship

Treasurer: Tim Maher

Social Work Intern: Shay Freedman

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Prayer Concerns

Please Note: The office makes every effort to keep this list current and accurate. We need your help to ensure that. If you know of changes, additions, or deletions, please let the office know! You can e-mail us at: faithpresgsonc@gmail.com, call the office (336.292.5704), or use our new online prayer request form: <http://www.faithpresgso.org/prayer-requests.html>

Erich Bordne	‘Cile Gorman	Maxine Huffines Heath
Lindsey Brown and Family	Pat Greeson	Marge Mack
Priscilla Christiansen	Helen Hall	Pat Magnuson
Kevin Cook	Helen Hall’s daughter,	Andy Moye
Virginia Cornet’s Family	Karen Thomas	Larry Murren
Fran Cuthbertson	Harold Henderson	Bob Phillips’s Family
Bonnie Evans	Bob Huffine’s Family	Georgia Renfrow
		Bill Shannon



Homebound Communion is offered a minimum of twice per year – during Lent and Advent. Any person wishing to receive communion at other times than these is welcome to call the church office to make the request.

New Community Outreach Drive!

We are collecting used winter coats/winter accessories in the green hamper near where we collect eye glasses/pill bottles.

G.U.M Food

Please place your non-perishable items in the basket marked “**Please Fill Me Up Again – GUM Loves Faith**” in the Narthex.

Pennies for Hunger
Fourth Sunday – October 26th

Come forward during the final hymn during worship with your donations to this most worthy cause.

Pastor’s Discretionary Fund

Please consider donating to this fund to assist with our ongoing ministry needs!

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A Letter from the Stewardship Committee

Sow Bountifully, Reap Bountifully

This month we celebrate the bountiful blessings God has given us and determine what portion of those blessings we will return for the work of God's kingdom in our community.

Our stewardship planting season begins on October 5 and continues through November 2, Commitment Sunday. This week you'll receive a letter from the Stewardship Committee with more information about the good work Faith is committed to doing in our community and the exciting possibilities in our future. On October 12 and 19, we hope to entertain and inspire you with a new approach to the ole concept of stewardship. Our efforts wrap up on October 26, followed by Commitment Sunday on November 2.

During this month-long season, we invite you to prayerfully consider what you will contribute in time, talent and funds for the work of Faith in Greensboro to ensure that our community reaps bountifully from our efforts.

"II Corinthians 9:6-8 - ... the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work."

In Christ,

Your Stewardship Committee

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Pat Magnuson	3-Oct
Lynn Wright	3-Oct
Ben Maready	5-Oct
Keith McNeal	6-Oct
Tammy Hale	8-Oct
Beth Roberts	11-Oct
Michelle Watkins	11-Oct
Kem Gomo	22-Oct
Jim Rissmiller	27-Oct

Marvin & Lauris Connolly 16-Oct



OCTOBER WORSHIP CALENDAR

Date	Lectionary Texts	Sermon Topic	Additional Notes
October 5	Exod. 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Ps. 19 Phil. 3:4b-14; Matt. 21:33-46	“Water from a Rock”	World Communion Day, Installation Service for Rev. Karen Ware Jack- son
October 12	Exod. 32:1-14; Ps. 106:1-6, 19-23 Phil. 4:1-9; Matt. 22:1-14	TBA	
October 19	Exod. 33:12-23; Ps. 99; 1 Thess. 1:1-10; Matt. 22:15-22	TBA	
October 26	Deut. 34:1-12; Ps. 90:1-6, 13-17 1 Thess. 2:1-8; Matt. 22:34-46	TBA	Pennies for Hunger, Fellowship Brunch

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OCTOBER 2014 CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>A Calendar of Events is also available online:</p> <p>http://www.faithpresgso.org/events-calendar1.html</p>			1	2	3	4
				8:00 pm – Narcotics Anonymous	8:00 pm – Narcotics Anonymous	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9:30 – Sunday School 10:30 - Coffee & Conversation 11:00 –Worship and Communion 5:00 pm – Installation Service for Rev. Karen Ware Jackson 7:00 pm- Choir Rehearsal		9:30 – Parish Nurse 10:00- Chair Exercise 10:45 – Health Ministry 2:00 pm – <i>Kitchen Table Wisdom</i> Book Study		8:00 pm – Narcotics Anonymous	4:00 pm – Western Guilford High School Football Dinner 8:00 pm – Narcotics Anonymous	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9:30 – Sunday School 10:30 - Coffee & Conversation 11:00 –Worship 5:00 pm- Session Meeting 7:00 pm- Choir Rehearsal	7:30 pm – Theology on Tap	9:30-Parish Nurse 10:00-Chair Exercise 11:00- Faith Circle 2:00 pm – <i>Kitchen Table Wisdom</i> Book Study		8:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous	8:00 pm – Narcotics Anonymous	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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26	27	28	29	30	31	
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Session Highlights: September 14th Meeting

- Faith will host the Western Guilford High School Football Team on Friday, September 26 at 4:00pm with a traditional pasta dinner in the Fellowship Hall. Help is needed so please sign up in the Narthex or contact Lindsey Brown.
- It was decided that there will be no Fellowship Brunch in September given the proximity of the WGHS Football Dinner and Rev. Karen Ware Jackson's Installation Service.
- There will be an installation service for Rev. Karen Ware Jackson on Sunday, October 5 at 5:00pm at Faith Presbyterian Church with a reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall. Please make plans to attend and help by bringing a finger-food item for the reception.
- An annual Stewardship Campaign will begin in October to include speakers from GUM and Partnership Village as well as other events.
- Lindsey Brown is supplying a bin for the collection of new and/or gently used coats for adults and children in the hallway of the Sunday School wing. Any donations are appreciated.
- The Session made a recommendation to pursue renting the Educational Wing. If anyone has any information as to prospects, please contact Graham Pope or any of the Elders.
- The Session agreed to make adjustments in the amount of fees/honorariums for Weddings and Funerals held at Faith Presbyterian Church for Members and Non-Members. New brochures will be made available.

The next Session Meeting is Sunday, October 12th, at 5:00 p.m.

Communion of the Saints, Part 17

Virginia P. Cornet

I asked Virginia's permission to write her story for the October Faith Newsletter "Communion of Saints". She agreed and began sharing stories with me a little each visit. Her journey home finally came to fruition before the October Newsletter. I'm telling Virginia's story as planned and I'm sure she won't mind that it's a little late.



Virginia Pearl MacIntosh was born on October 3, 1922 in Illmo, Missouri, the daughter of Benjamin Dewey MacIntosh and Helen Wilhilmina Schliesser. She was the older of two children. Her brother was Bob. From my talks with Virginia her father seemed to be a rather stern man but she respected him. On the other hand she was very close to her mother and loved her very much. She told me that they were more like sisters in many ways since her mother was young when she had Virginia. Her mother lived with Jack and Virginia for ten years and acted as Jack's secretary for his paint and wall paper business.

Early in her life Virginia had Rheumatic Fever. The doctor told her mother that she wouldn't live past 12 years old. That doctor didn't know Virginia! That was only the first of many illnesses she conquered.

At age 14, Virginia was already a vocal soloist.

When Virginia was 15 she learned about the St. Louis Summer Opera. She decided that she wanted to sing in the chorus. You had to be 18 to try out so Virginia put on her mother's high heels and fixed herself up so that she felt she looked 18 and off she went. Virginia made the first cut. Then the director came over and said, "Young lady how old are you really?" She admitted she was 15 years old. The director told her he was sorry she was too young but he'd love for her to come back when she was 18. After Virginia told me this story, Virginia said, "Lois, I don't know what I was thinking. The performance wouldn't start until 8 PM and wouldn't be over until 10. I didn't live in town. I'd be going home by bus all alone." Her father never learned of this little escapade.

Virginia also loved to dance. She taught dance; toe, tap, ballet and acrobat in four towns. One of her "studios" was her bedroom. She and her mother would move the furniture out before class and back in the bedroom after. One of her greatest dreams was to dance in New York. Her father said if she went to New York City she would not be welcome back home again. The thought of not seeing her mother again stopped her.

Jack and Virginia meet while performing in a play together. She was engaged to another man at the time and she really didn't like Jack. Virginia's engagement was suddenly broken and in

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only three weeks she was dating Jack and three months later on August 9, 1942 in Centralia, Illinois, she and Jack were married. She made the dress she wore for their wedding and the hat and bag she carried. Jack was called up from the army reserves and shipped out in November. Their union produced two sons, Bob and Jay. After the war Jack was stationed in Oregon. She worked for the famous Harry and David fruit company typing letters to customers about their fruit being replaced.

When Bob and Jay were 8 and 6 years old respectively, Virginia decided that it would be a good thing for their sons to be raised on a farm. She convinced Jack to buy a farm and seven cows to go on it. She said no two cows looked alike. Neither of them knew a thing about farming or milking a cow, but they learned. The farm did not have indoor plumbing. She was introduced to the outhouse. The milk was sold to Kraft to make cheese. Not long after buying the farm, Jack again shipped out to the war. God looked out for Virginia. She had great neighbors who helped her.

Jack and Virginia in Orlando, Florida for thirty years. Her career track boasted of being a realtor, doing office work, and banking. Virginia finished her career as the trainer of the tellers at a savings and loan. While in Florida they were members of a Presbyterian church where she was an Elder and sang in the choir. She also sang in a community choir and with the Singing Ambassadors.

They retired to Greensboro, NC in 1984. Vir-

ginia and Jack were members of several Greensboro Presbyterian Churches. They finally settled at Faith Presbyterian Church when they moved to this side of town. Virginia loved Faith and its members. She participated in Women's Circle, was an Elder, and a member of the choir. And yes, she was often a soloist.

If you knew Virginia at all you probably heard about her obsession with her ledger. Wednesday was her day to do "desk work and work on the LEDGER." Nothing interfered. As early as 7 years of age she started a ledger so she could see where she had spent her small allowance. Banking was her calling.

One last amusing story. Good friends, Nancy and Ralph Munday, invited Virginia out for her birthday. The meeting place was the Portico at Friends Home. Virginia gladly accepted the invitation. Nancy and Ralph came but no Virginia was to be found at the appointed time. They checked her room and finally found her in the dining room finishing her dinner. She had forgotten. Ralph suggested that they could take her out another time. Virginia said, NO we're going out tonight. So out they went. Nancy and Ralph had dinner. Virginia watched them and sipped wine!

When Virginia was born, God broke the mold. But then she was a child of God and as with all of us, no two are made exactly alike. Enjoy heaven, Virginia. Dance and sing with the angels.

Lois Bazhaw, RN

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Dear Faith Friends,

When you have dinner with your family what is it like? Is it a quiet time of eating and sharing with each other the happenings of the day, your plans, your dreams and your stories? If so, you know about “Kitchen Table Wisdom.” It’s a magic time of sharing with family and friends stories of life which happens so beautifully around a kitchen table. Deep life lessons are learned there and wonderful relationships are born and nurtured. That’s what our book study on “Kitchen Table Wisdom” is all about. Reading the stories in this book, sharing what we have in common with the life lessons they contain and making lasting friendships. We have chosen to make our study a 5 week study instead of 9 week due to the fast approaching holiday season. The schedule is as follows: Sept. 30 pages 33-102, Oct. 7 pages 105-166, Oct. 14 pages 169-258, Oct. 28 pages 259-333. Note we are skipping Oct. 21. I am away at a conference.

Our training for the Automated External Defibrillator (AED) is complete. The AED is located in the Narthex. Look for the AED and know where it is. In an emergency YOU might need to know. We have a system for checking it in place to make sure the battery is charged and supplies are ready. Thanks to all who came to be trained.

Chair Exercise—sounds like a rather “not too much to it” type of exercise. It’s more than you think in results. This week was cool and the temperature in the room was 70 degrees. When we finished exercising the room temperature was 72 degrees. Chair exercise raised the temperature 2 degrees. Come join us and we’ll raise it more!

Blessings,

Lois

Events in October:

- Health Ministry Committee meets at 10:45 AM on October 7th in Lois’ office. We’d love to have you join us.
- Lois is in office on Tuesdays from 9 AM to 1PM.
- Chair exercise is on Tuesdays at 10:00 AM in the Choir Room. This class is open to all.
- Oct. 7th, 14th and 28th. Book Study *Kitchen Table Wisdom* at 2 PM in the Parlor.

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Faith Presbyterian Welcomes Social Work Intern Shay Freedman!

An introductory note from Shay:

My name is Andshé Freeman, I would prefer to go by Shay. I am the new intern here at Faith Presbyterian Church. I am a Senior Social Work student expected to graduate in May 2015. I am from Greensboro and I graduated from Western Guilford High in 2010. Initially I entered North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University as a nursing student; however after a few years in the program I knew that social work was my calling and decided to change my major. I am in love with social work now and I am so excited to get out and give back to the community where I grew up. I am so excited about working with this congregation as well as learning as much as I can from Nurse Lois. I look forward to meeting more members from the church and taking as much as I can from this experience.



Have a Healthy Liver

The liver is the second largest organ in your body and is located right under your rib cage on your right side. It weighs about three pounds and is shaped like a football that's flat on one side. It performs many jobs. Your liver processes what you eat and drink into energy and nutrients your body uses and filters out harmful substances from your blood.



Here are some ways you can make sure your liver stays healthy:

Have a Healthy Lifestyle---Eating a healthy diet & exercising regularly help the liver to work well.

- Eat foods from all the food groups: grains, fruits, vegetables, meat and beans, milk, and oil
- Maintain a healthy weight

Limit the Amount of Alcohol You Drink—Alcohol can damage or destroy liver cells.

- Talk to your doctor about what amount of alcohol to drink is right for you

Manage Your Medications—When medicines are taken incorrectly — by taking too much or the wrong type or by mixing — the liver can be harmed.

- Learn about medicines and how they can affect the liver
- Follow dosing instructions
- Mixing alcohol and medicines can harm your liver, even if they are not taken at the same time.
- Talk to a doctor or pharmacist about the medicines you are taking

Avoid Breathing in or Touching Toxins—Toxins can injure liver cells.

- Limit direct contact with toxins from cleaning and aerosol products, insecticides, chemicals, and additives in cigarettes
- From the American Liver Foundation, www.liverfoundation.org



What is Ebola?

Ebola hemorrhagic fever is caused by a virus. It is a severe and often fatal disease. It can affect humans and other primates. Researchers believe that the virus first spreads from an infected animal to a human. It can then spread from human to human through direct contact with a patient's blood or secretions. Symptoms of Ebola may appear anywhere from 2 to 21 days after exposure to the virus.

Symptoms usually include:

- Fever
- Headache
- Joint and muscle aches
- Weakness
- Diarrhea
- Vomiting
- Stomach pain
- Lack of appetite

Other symptoms including rash, red eyes, and internal and external bleeding, may also occur.

The early symptoms of Ebola are similar to other, more common, diseases. This makes it difficult to diagnose Ebola in someone who has been infected for only a few days. However, if a person has the early symptoms of Ebola and there is reason to suspect Ebola, the patient should be isolated. It is also important to notify public health professionals. Lab tests can confirm whether the patient has Ebola.

There is no cure for Ebola. Scientists are coming closer to developing vaccines for Ebola. Treatment involves supportive care such as fluids, oxygen, and treatment of complications. Some people who get Ebola are able to recover, but many do not.

From: *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.*



Healthwise Kids

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“While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.” Genesis 8:22

Have you noticed? It happens every fall. The leaves on the trees begin to change color. But do you know why this happens? There are three factors that influence autumn leaf color: leaf pigments, length of night and weather.

There are three types of leaf pigments: chlorophyll which gives leaves their basic green color, carotenoids which produce yellow, orange and brown colors, and anthocyanins, which give the color to many berries and are water soluble and appear in the watery liquid of leaf cells. Chlorophyll masks the carotenoids during the growing season. As the night length increases in the autumn, and nights are cooler, chlorophyll production slows down and stops and eventually all the chlorophyll is destroyed. The carotenoids and anthocyanins that are present in the leaf are then unmasked and show their colors.

The amount of moisture in the soil also affects the autumn colors. A warm wet spring, favorable summer weather, and warm sunny fall days with cool nights should produce the most brilliant autumn colors.

When the leaves drop, they are not wasted. God is one of our best recyclers. They decompose and restock the soil with nutrients. Fallen leaves also become food for numerous soil organisms vital to the forest ecosystem.

Leaves can be a lot of fun too. You can make leaf tracing by placing a leaf under a piece of paper with its vein side up and then hold a piece of crayon on its side (paper wrap must be removed from crayon) rub across the paper and see the leaf appear.

Another fun thing is to take a walk and pick up leaves of different shapes and colors. If you are really interested you can find a tree book and learn their names. You can keep some of your favorite ones by pressing them between pages of a book.

My husband’s favorite idea is to rake up a big pile of leaves and run and jump in it with some friends. It is lots of fun but the nurse in me has to say not to do it if you have allergies or asthma.

This is also a great time for your family to take a short trip to the mountains and see all the trees along the way. God truly has a wonderful paint brush. Enjoy the beauty. Miss Lois



Information for this month’s article came from the USDA Forest Service. Online article “Why Leaves Change Color” <http://www.na.fs.fed.us/fhp/pubs/leaves/leaves.shtm>

5 Reasons Why You Are Going to Worship: A Letter to My Daughter

(edited from a blog post I wrote in May 2014, when I started bringing Gracie to worship)

Dear 3-year-old-girl of mine,

I took your curly headed, rainbow-glitter sandaled, stuffed animal toting self to worship on Sunday. We sat in the first pew because that's where you wanted to sit, and it helps keep you close to the action. **You come to church almost every Sunday, but you very rarely come to worship.** Your Mommy and Daddy are both pastors, and so we are usually busy. We can't be there to sit with you and sing with you and pray with you and answer your questions, so you've been staying in the nursery with your little brother, but that's going to change.



You know a lot of important things about church: you know that it's fun and has lots of friends – some younger than you and some older, some much older; you know that you are loved by all your church friends; you know it's a place to learn about God; you know it has a great playground, beautiful flowers, and a wonderful garden full of food; you know that it is safe; you know that it's your church, but it's also my church and other people's church and God's church, so we call it *our* church.

But you don't know a lot about our traditional worship, because you aren't there. I'm going to change that. Here are 5 reasons why:

5) Because of the music. Where else can a child – or anyone for that matter – hear piano and choral music – classical and contemporary – performed excellently not for the glory of self but for the glory of God? Music offered as an act of worship lifts your soul and brings you into the presence of God. **You love the music. You love it so much that you want to sit in the front of the sanctuary so you can be as close as possible to the musicians, so you can watch and worship with rapt attention.**

4) Because of the singing. You aren't sure about the singing. You did not want to stand, and so we sat with the hymnal and I tried to sing loud so you could hear my voice. **I worry that you are timid about singing, and church is a great place to find your voice.** When the sanctuary is full of song – the piano playing, the many voices of the gathered congregation lifted in praise – you can make a joyful noise as part of the whole. You don't have to worry what others will think. You don't have to worry if you are singing the right melody or the right words, you can just sing.

3) Because of the prayers. We pray before meals and before bed, sweet memorized prayers that are so important in childhood, but you need to know there are many ways to pray. You need to hear prayers that use some words you understand and some words you don't. You need to hear prayers from me and also

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your dear friends and mentors leading worship. You also need to hear the prayers we all say together, even if you can't read along yet, because they speak the truth about us and about God. **You know that God is good and loving and forgiving. You know that sometimes you make a mistake and then you are forgiven. These truths are not new to you, but you need to know that they are true to everyone.** We praise God together. We confess together. We receive forgiveness together. Because we all need it.

2) Because you want to be there, and you are wanted there. I'm not going to keep you out because it's in-



convenient anymore. Jesus said, "Let the children come to me" and I'm not going to stand in the way of Jesus. But also, the other people in worship want you there. As we walked up the center aisle to that front pew, I watched their faces light up. They were excited to share this experience with you! When you come to worship, you bring your whole self – just like everyone else brings their whole self. You bring innocence, curiosity, and joy. You bring restlessness, shyness, boldness, happiness and sadness. **Who you are is**

important to who we are. You make our worship more complete.

1) Because it's not about you, it's about God. So much of our lives revolve around you – from the moment you wake until you go to sleep at night, your life is full of people focused on you, caring for you, teaching you, playing with you. **You are the center of your world, and that's developmentally appropriate. But as you grow into a wider understanding of who you are in the world, I want you to find your center in God.** You are old enough to feel the pull of the Divine, to reorient your focus – if just for a moment – to the Perfect Love which casts out all fear. You don't have to understand the Holy Mystery – in fact, you will never understand it – but you can experience it.

So my darling, we are going to go to worship, and once your little brother gets a little older he is coming too. Get excited!

All my love,

Mommy

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OCTOBER RESPONSIBILITIES

Elders of the Month: Bob Waugh and Bonnie Maready

Ushers: Please sign up in the narthex.

We are a loving faith family,
worshipping and serving God,
and testifying in word and deed
as disciples of Jesus Christ.