

New Life Presbyterian Church

September 25, 2011

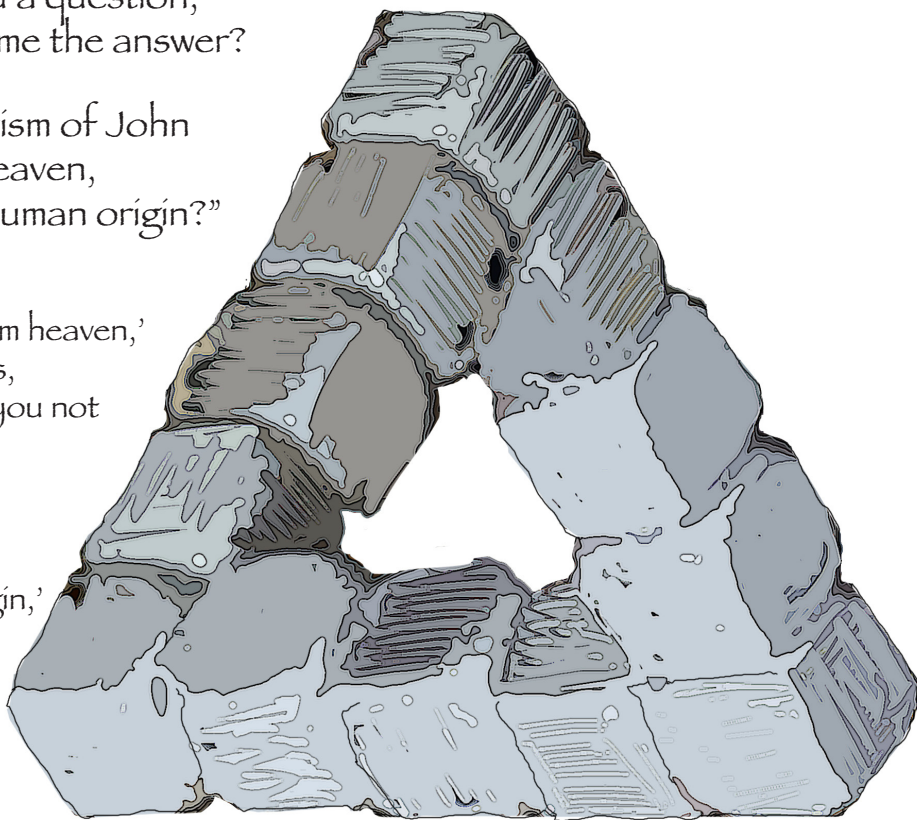
"I will ask you a question;
Can you tell me the answer?"

A conundrum...

Did the baptism of John
come from heaven,
or was it of human origin?"

"If we say, 'From heaven,'
he will say to us,
'Why then did you not
believe him?'"

But if we say,
'Of human origin,'
we are afraid
of the crowd;
for all regard
John as
a prophet."



They decided to concede that round to Jesus.
"We don't know," they answered.

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September 25, 2011 ~ Season of acceptance

*God of all who wander in the wilderness, you go before us as beacon and guide.
Lead us through all danger, sustain us through all desolation,
and bring us home to the land you have prepared for us.*

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† Please stand if you are able,  
BOJ - Book of Joy, SF - Sing the Faith, PH - Presbyterian Hymnal  
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The chimes call us to the tables for worship.

~Prelude ~

As the music begins
let us step away from the everyday and move into a place of worship.
Let us prepare our hearts,
forgive our neighbors,
open our ears to God's call to us this day.

Grace and Peace to You in the name of Jesus Christ.

Gathering

† Gathering Hymn "Morning Has Broken" PH 469

Sharing the Joys and Concerns of the Community

The chimes signal a time of silence in order to center ourselves for worship.

We kindle the first light.
*It is our custom at New Life to light the votive candles on the Communion table
as we sing hymns, pass the peace of Christ, and offer prayers of the people.
Please come forward at any of these times.*

Call to worship

Come to hear the Word.

Come to experience Comfort.

Come to find Cost.

Come to find Humanity.

Come to find Church.

Come to do the Word.

Come to experience Challenge.

Come to find Joy.

Come to find Community.

Come to find God.

Sung Prayer of Transformation (*remain seated*) "You Are Before Me Lord" PH 248

Hearing the Word

Biblical Calling

Psalms 25: 1-9

NL Choral Ensemble

Directed by Matalie Wham

"Lord, You Have Come"

*Lord, you have come to the lakeside, looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones.
You only asked me to follow humbly.*

*You need my hands, full of caring:
through my labors, to give others rest and constant love that keeps on loving.*

*O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,
kindly smiling, have spoken my name.
Now my boat's left the shoreline behind me.
By your side, I will seek other seas.*

A time with the children

Children leave for Sunday Circle.

† Sharing the Peace of God

*To our guests and first time visitors today: During the sharing of the Peace
it is our custom to move around and greet one another. Please join us.*

Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 17:1-7

† Hymn

"When a Poor One"

PH 407

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 21:22-32

Sermon "A Riddle and a Trap"

Rev. Bobbie G. McGarey

A silence is kept.

Hymn Preparation

"Come and Find the Quiet Center"
(Please remain seated.)

SF 2128

The Chimes Signal the Prayers of the People
*Creator God, you call us to love and serve you with body, mind, and spirit
through loving your creation and our sisters and brothers.
Open our hearts in compassion and receive these petitions
on behalf of the needs of the church and the world.*

Following each petition and thanksgiving we will say, "God hear our prayer."

The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Discipleship

Invitation to the Offering

Returning our gifts to God

Improvisational Music by Matalie Wham

† Doxology

Copies on Tables

† Prayer of Dedication

Going Out

† Sending Hymn "Lord, Speak to Me, That I may Speak" PH 426

† Charge and Benediction

Postlude

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This morning's service was prepared by Bobbie McGarey and the Worship Committee.  
"Lord, You Have Come" by Cesareo Gabarain, trans. Robert Trupia.

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For the Community....

The Peacemaking Offering will be received on World Communion Sunday October 2.

An Inquires Class for adults is being formed to begin in the next few weeks to explore what the Presbyterian Church is all about and what membership in New Life PCUSA entails. Come and learn and then decide. Please speak to Pastor Bobbie after the service or give her a call during the week. Her number is 918-0240. There are 3x5 cards on the tables if you would like to leave your name and number and the memo, "Membership." We will contact you.

A Youth Confirmation Class will be held at 4 PM today, Sunday, September 18. We will meet at church. We are looking forward to our time together

The Women's Bible Study this year is on the Beatitudes. Friday morning at the home of Nancy Hughes. Come join together as we study and do theology together.

New Life Session will meet today following worship in the Rainbow Room at 12:15

Taize Worship and Labyrinth Walk at 6:30 this evening.

Church Women United will meet in retreat on Friday, October 7th at Monte Vista Christian Church/Disciples of Christ beginning at 9:00 a.m. Rev. Laurie Lewis, pastor at Monte Vista, will lead the women around the theme of "Gifts". Please bring a sack lunch. Monte Vista women will provide the drinks and desserts. The program will conclude at 1:00 p.m. Monte Vista Christian Church is located at 3501 Campus Blvd NE, between Carlisle on the east & Monte Vista on the west and one block north of Central Avenue. See you there! Questions? Contact Helen LeKates at 883-6903.

Welcome to New Life Community Presbyterian Church, a welcoming family of believers and seekers from diverse spiritual backgrounds, striving to be a cooperative and mutually respectful community in which to pursue our individual and community relationship with God.

We carry out God's mission for New Life as a joyful, sensitive faith community modeled on the inclusive and healing love of Jesus Christ. We reflect Christ's love to all who come through our doors, regardless of gender, sexual orientation, age, race or economic status. We extend this ethic to our pastor, elders and deacons.

- We are open to freedom of interpretation of Scripture, believing that truth is also found in our experiences of God in our individual and communal lives.

- We practice freedom of expression in worship, inviting participation from the whole congregation.

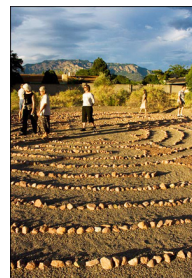
- We worship at round tables to signify inclusivity, connection and equality.

- As part of our ministry to explore and deepen our individual and collective spirituality, we host an ancient form of walking meditation called the labyrinth.

- We reach out to the community at large through our ongoing participation with Project Share, Habitat for Humanity, the Martineztown House of Neighborly Services, and other projects.

NEW LIFE is home to two labyrinths, tools for walking prayer and meditation, that date back to the 12th century pattern found in Chartres Cathedral in France. Our indoor canvas labyrinth is used for meditative services throughout the year. The outdoor labyrinth is open from dawn to dusk daily year-round.

Every Sunday evening, a contemplative Taizé service from 6:30 - 7:15 is held at New Life. On the last Sunday evening of each month we hold a shorter Taizé service with a labyrinth walk following. The Labyrinth walks will be held outside, weather permitting. In 'uncooperative' weather and on special occasions, we will have the walk on the indoor labyrinth.



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Please call Bobbie if these times are not convenient for you.

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The New Life Session ordinarily meets on the second Sunday of each month after worship and Random Sacks of Kindness.
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Taizé service and Labyrinth walk ~ the last Sunday of each month