

27th Sunday after Pentecost
November 16th, 2008
10:30 am

THE PRELUDE Pastorale Sonata
(Rheinberger)

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

GREETING AND SERVICE NOTES
Bill Sherrill

TRINITY CHIMES

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP
Finish Then, Thy New Creation (John
Zundel)

*HYMN- No. 117 O God, Our Help
in Ages Past

*OPENING PRAYER
Ever-living God, before the earth was formed and
even after
it shall cease to be, you are God. Break into our
short span of
life and show us those things that are eternal, that
we may
serve your purpose in all we do; through Jesus Christ
our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON - pg. 1171, 1841 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Lisa
Huffman

CHILDREN'S MOMENT
Matt Greer

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE Three-fold Amen
(Danish)

GOSPEL LESSON - pg.983, 1541 Matthew 25:14-30
Lisa Huffman

CHORAL ANTHEM We Are Singing, For the Lord is our
Light
(Hal Hopson)

SERMON Take a Chance!
Pastor Keith Ray

MOMENTS OF SILENT REFLECTION

*HYMN – No. 301 Jesus, Keep Me
Near the Cross

OFFERTORY Suite No. 5
(Purcell)

*DOXOLOGY – No.

*HYMN – No. 557 Blest Be the Tie
That Binds

*EXTINGUISHING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

* CHORAL BENEDICTION– No. 665 Go Now In Peace
(N. Sleeth)

Go now in peace, go now in peace,
may the love of God surround you everywhere,
everywhere you may go.

*POSTLUDE Toccata
(Becker)

OTHERS TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER Claire Rebecca Philpot,
Jay and Vera Hunt, Helen Yockey, Carolyn Hunter, Nick
Nichols, Bob Donaldson, Libby Wingate, Georgiana

Dougherty and her neighbor, (Bobbie Brown), Edith Bynum,
and her sons Carl and Jerry, Margaret Rivers, Eunice
Looper, Shirley Dickson's friend, (Marvin Lollis), Dub Childs,
Mildred Huckaby, Lucy Hughes, Rachel Palmer, Mildred
Pollard, Steve Hester's mother, (Elva Hester), Jerry Smith,
Benson McWhite, Jake Moorehead, Juanita Sherlin, and
Doris Williams.

Margaret Rivers is in The Cottages at Brushy Creek, (Rm. #2-
Rose Cottage) 113 Cottage Creek Circle, Greer, SC 29650.

Hospitalization: Bobby Nalley is in Saint Francis Hospital
Downtown, as of Friday. She is hoping to get home this
weekend.

Sympathy: Doris Hunt's sister Reba Evatt died on Tuesday,
November 11th.

Congratulations! Kenley Michelle Emerson, born November
11th weighing 9 lbs 1 oz. and 21.5 inches long, daughter of
Ashley (Philpot) and Justin Emerson. Congratulations to
Alex Philpot, grandfather, Donna Philpot, grandmother,
Margie Philpot great-grandmother, Zack Philpot, uncle,
Lucy P. Hughes, great aunt, and all the other Philpots.
Ashley is a former member of our church.

Covered Dish Lunch Please come and enjoy our covered
dish lunch following the morning service. We always have
a wonderful lunch and enjoy the time we have for
fellowship.

Thank you Efforts to thank everyone involved with the Fall
Festival continue! I managed to leave out Willie Nalley and
the New Hope Class. Willie helped out with the garage sale
and the New Hope class made a donation. Many thanks!
Lisa Nichols

Invitation Please join us for a Centennial Celebration
honoring Margaret Oxner Rivers on November 26, 2008, at
3:00 pm in the Community Room at The Cottages at Brushy
Creek. The address to The Cottages is 101 Cottage Creek
Circle in Greer, SC. Please RSVP at 306-2903. (No gifts,
please).

Poinsettia's Please fill out the enclosed order form for your Christmas Poinsettia's. We need all orders in by November 23rd. We have 6.5 inch plants and the cost will be \$9.00.

Bible Study The Bible Study program will begin on Wednesday, December 3, 2008, at 4:30 PM in the B.R. Huckaby classroom. We will begin with a brief preview of Hebrew History and study the book of Jeremiah. Look forward to seeing you and bring your Bible. For any questions call Bob Helms@ 295-2973.

Casseroles We still have some casseroles that were not sold at the Bazaar. If you would like to buy some more, please contact Blanche Creswell.

Morning Circle meets on Tuesday, November 18th, at 10:00 am in the Quilt Room. Georgiana Dougherty will have the program this month.

Shalom Circle meets on Wednesday, November 19th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Ruth Bible Class. Anne-Marie Failor will lead our book study, "A Mary Heart in a Martha World". Please read the third chapter before the meeting.

Activities Canceled during Thanksgiving Week Our Wednesday Night Supper, Youth, Book Club, and Choir on November 26th, has been canceled due to Thanksgiving Day.

Youth Sunday Our youth will have their regular 5th Sunday Lunch on November 30th following the morning service.

Help Needed Part-time youth director to work with youth aged 11-18. Most work will be on Sundays and Wednesdays, with other days as needed. Background check required. Request job description or send resume and one-page statement of your reasons, qualifications, and vision for leading a youth ministry. Salary is \$100/week. Please send letter of interest to BFUMC (attention SPRC Committee).

Newsletter Deadline This coming Thursday, November 20th, is the deadline for newsletter articles.

Staff

Pastor	Keith Ray II
Music Director	Bill Sherrill
Organist	Sibyl Thomas
Membership Secretary	Pat Teat
Youth Director	Patti Taylor
Treasurer	Marsha Disher
Administrative Assistant	Debbie Capps

THOSE WHO SERVE

Liturgist	Bill Sherrill & Lisa Huffman
Acolyte	Kevin Baker
Trustee	Ronnie Hunter
Stewardship	Garl Revis
Altar Guild	Patty Bowers
Nursery	Becky & Henry Philpot
Ushers	Steve Capps, Tony Earnest,

Corky Holman, Ronnie Hunter

For Your Information (and inspiration)!

Attendance – Sunday November 9th:

Sunday School – 63 Worship –130

Financial Report for November 9th:

Received for Budget \$4,894.92

Received to-date in November \$12,347.19

Wednesday Night Supper

November 19

Ham, Green Beans
Sweet Potato Casserole
Rolls, Carrot Cake
Tea, Water, Coffee

Happy Birthday

November 16 Heather Philpot

Marc Metcalf

November 18 Nick Nichols

Calley Dunn

November 21 Jan Smith

Happy Anniversary

November 21 Myra & Troy Clements



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In our opening prayer today we ask God to “Break into our short span of life and show us those things that are eternal.” What a good request, both for individual Christians who are seeking to be faithful to the gospel way of life and for church communities that are seeking to be good stewards of the gifts God has given.

Of course, when we ask God to break into our lives, we must be prepared to be shaken up a bit! God always seems to be in the business of pushing us to grow in our capacity of loving one another as God loves us. We at Berea Friendship have a strong history of persons responding to the call of God, even when it meant taking a risk. And in this day and time we continue to dare to ask God to break into our lives and use us in the advancement of God’s kingdom.

So let me ask us all to be in prayer for our church community that we might be faithful what God would have us be today. Let us dare to pray for God to “break into” our church with God’s life-giving Spirit. Let us join in giving God thanks for Berea Friendship’s great and rich past but also anticipating that God will provide new opportunities of joining Jesus in his work of saving the world.

Peace to you,

The mission of Berea Friendship United Methodist Church is to glorify our Lord by serving all people equally; welcoming those in search of a loving and supporting church family.