

# First Presbyterian Church of Byron

September 5, 2010

15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

James R. Renfrew, Pastor

Elizabeth Weber, Organist

## PRELUDES

## INTROIT

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Come on in to worship, to sing and pray!

*We're here and we're ready!*

Have you calculated the cost?

*What? We thought it was free?*

Yes, it is free ... but it may cost you everything.

*Everything?*

Everything.

*It's hard to say "Amen" to that!*

Amen.

**\*HYMN:** #77 "Be Still My Soul"

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*

*God, your son Jesus invites us to become disciples. It makes us feel good to know that he's eager to involve people like us. At first, we thought being a disciple involved hard work, but it turns out there's a lot more to it, isn't there? Stepping into a new world means leaving an old world behind, and that is not easy, because that old world is familiar and comfortable while the new world is foreign and uncertain. It's not easy at all, but we're willing to try. We're praying in his name! Amen.*

## GOD'S ABUNDANT FORGIVENESS

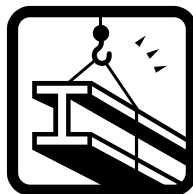
Jesus invites us to a life of discipleship, but he also stays right with us every step of the way. *Amen!*

**GLORIA PATRI** *(a traditional song of praise)*

**TIME WITH CHILDREN** "Let's Build a Tower!"

## \*THE GRACE AND PEACE OF CHRIST

*(We share words of peace, care & friendship)*



**\*HYMN:** #421 "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

## PRAYERS OF HEALING & HOPE

*(We welcome your personal prayers. Please stand so everyone can hear you!)*

## OFFERING

Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth. Remember the words of the Lord Jesus: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

## OFFERTORY

**\*DOXOLOGY** #382 *(A traditional song of thanksgiving)*

## \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *(together)*

*We bring these offerings because of the love you have poured out on us in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Your gift calls for a response that cannot be contained in envelopes or baskets. Nothing less than all we have and all we are is good enough to dedicate to your will and purposes. With fear and trembling, yet with joy, relief and gratitude, we bring you all we have to give - ourselves. Use us, that your love may be realized among all people. Amen.*



**SCRIPTURE READING:** Luke 14:25-33

**SERMON:** "The Cost"

**\*WHAT WE BELIEVE** #8 "Jesus Frees Us"  
*(Supplement)*

**\*HYMN** #409 "Who Is on the Lord's Side?"

## \*BLESSING

**\*RESPONSE** #57 *Worship Supplement*

## POSTLUDE

\* = please stand, if able



Rest Rooms are just beyond the door next to the pulpit.  
Hearing Loops are available at the rear of the church.  
An elevator is located at the side entrance of the church.  
Large Print bulletins are available at the rear of the church.

## Announcements

Today: 9:45 AM Worship - Welcome!  
Monday: Happy Labor Day!  
Wednesday: 7:00 PM Prayer Shawl Team, at Kim Dewey's Home  
Next Sunday 8:30 AM French Toast Breakfast  
9:45 AM Worship & Sunday School  
10:45 AM Deacons meet  
10:45 AM Youth Group Sunday School Class

Become a member of our **Prayer Chain!** Get added as a link by calling **Laura Platt** (548-2245) or **Jean Roda** (548-2417), and we will notify you of prayer concerns in our church and community. You can also call Laura or Jean to add your own prayer.

Please support our **emergency food donation** box each week! Peanut butter, crackers, juice boxes, canned fruits and vegetables are always needed, as well as grocery bags. Food items are sent each week to the Emergency Food Shelf of Genesee County Churches United at the Salvation Army in Batavia. You may deposit items in the box at the back of the sanctuary, or in the grocery cart at the side entrance.

*"We are very glad to see you this morning and to share in the experience of worship. Is there something we can do to further your spiritual journey? We're glad to help. I can be reached at 548-2800 or [pastor@byronfpc.org](mailto:pastor@byronfpc.org). [Jim Renfrew, Pastor]"*

Stone Church Presbyterian Church Cub Cadet Snow Blower Raffle. Tickets \$2.00 each or three for \$5. See Liz Weber or call Deb at 494-2153. Drawing November 14; need not be present to win.

**Next Week - Luke 15:1-10:** Ever lose a coin, when it dropped on the ground? So here's this woman who loses one of her ten coins - what's the big deal? She's still got nine left. What does a story like this have to do with your life?

**The Big Gove:** A second "Big Give" project is now off the ground! Ruthie and Dick Crowley, Doris Hillabush, and George and Anita Hillabush are running a raffle through September 15<sup>th</sup>. Speak to any of them about acquiring raffle tickets. Items in the raffle are (1) a beautiful queen-sized, cream-colored home-made afghan, (2) a still-life oil painting, and (3) a set of ceramic Christmas village pieces. The community organizations that will benefit are Genesee County Cancer Assistance and Crossroads House. They are investing \$20 of church funds to make this happen! Each winning ticket will be able to choose among the items offered in order of ticket drawn.

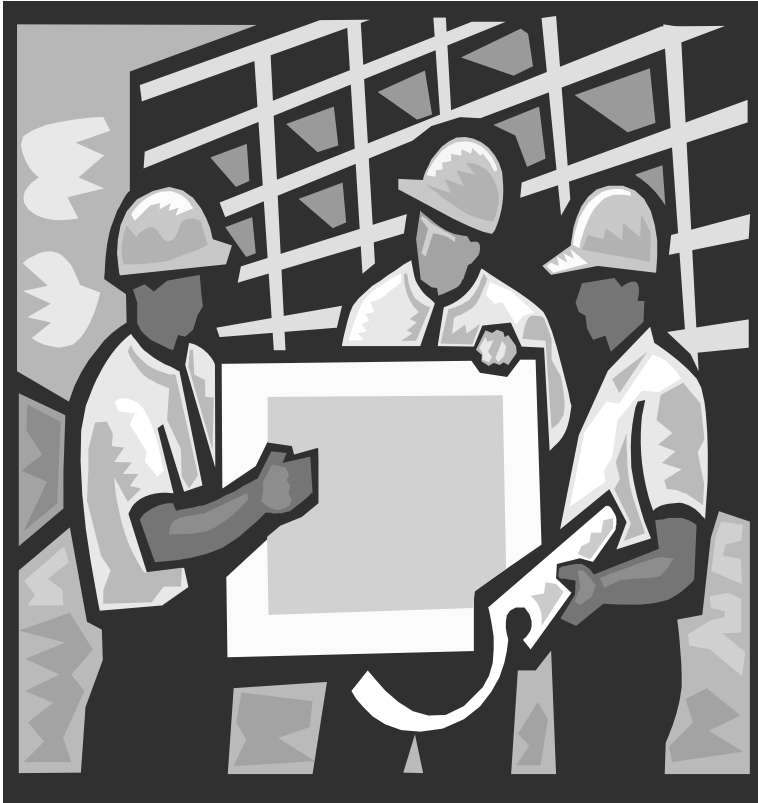
## Invitation

Our Sunday School begins a new year next Sunday, September 12th. We begin with a free French Toast Breakfast from 8:30-9:30 AM, followed by worship at 9:45. Young children will depart for Sunday School following the Children's Time. Older children will have their class for 45 minutes following the worship hour.

Younger children will be using the "Hands-On" Sunday School curriculum. Please speak to Laura Bestehorn if you are interested in helping with this group. The class will normally meet every Sunday, except on Communion Sundays.

Older children will meet after worship, using a DVD series from "Bluefish TV"'s Youth Ministry Kit. Please speak to Tamara Hillabush-Walker or Eric George if you are interested in working with this group.

Please share the eagerness of our church to work with children and the Gospel during the coming year of Sunday School. Please share the word with your children, their friends, grandchildren and neighbors! As you have seen, we have had few young children during the past year, so we all need to help to extend the invitation!



*"Consider the Cost"*

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