HYMN NOTES: “When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace” (302)

This hymn was commissioned for a national conference on disabilities hosted by Second Presbyterian Church in Little Rock, Arkansas in 2001. The author, Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, writes that she is grateful for the many people with disabilities who have touched her life—a teenager with autism, a person with sight problems, another with hearing difficulties. “All these people—and many others—have helped me to understand God’s care and unconditional love.”

The tune is an old English folk melody brought to popularity in the 1970’s through an anthem arrangement by Hal H. Hopson. Mr. Hopson’s setting of the tune for his quadruple-meter anthem, “The Gift of Love,” had many requests for inclusion in the 1989, The United Methodist Hymnal. The publisher however would not allow the Hymnal Revision Committee set the text and tune in the more singable (and original) triple meter form. I love this quote from the United Methodist Hymnal editor, Carlton Young: “in an assertion of free will over predestination The Presbyterian Hymnal, 1990 included the text with a triple-meter form of the tune.” It appears that way in our Glory to God hymnal.

Stephanie Carson is playing the close of the 11:00 service as Tom Hoffman will be traveling to Gainesville FL to present a solo organ recital today at 4:00 at the First United Methodist Church in Gainesville.

EDUCATION MINISTRY FOR ALL AGES

8:15 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (14/15 School Year) Room 3, dismissed to the multi-age Sunday School class after the Children’s Message
Teachers: Nathan Rodewald

9:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds-Kindergarten (14/15 School Year) Room 3
Teachers: Kim & Sydney Blackmore, Melissa Patel

1st & 2nd Grades Room 16
Students gather to worship at the beginning of the service with their teachers, in the front Sanctuary rows, closest to the band. After the Prayers of Joys & Concerns, they will move to room 16.
Teachers: Nancy Turner & Billie Nemeith

3rd-5th Grades Room 8
Students gather to worship at the beginning of the service with their teachers, in the front Sanctuary rows, closest to the band. After the Prayers of Joys & Concerns, they will move to room 8.
Teachers: Bridgette & Roger Ulrich

11:00 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (14/15 School Year) Room 3, dismissed to the multi-age Sunday School class after the Children’s Message.
Teachers: Barbara Englishart

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Come join us for combined middle/high school Sunday school. We will be studying the “Elements” of our faith. Through new and exciting curriculum, we will learn how to grow in our walk with God.

9:30 AM Youth Room
11:00 AM Youth Room
9:30 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SERENDIPITY—Rooms 13 & 15

TODAY: Our focus will be Bible Personalities starting with Nehemiah. If you are interested in learning about the story of Nehemiah, please stop by our table at Rally Day or contact Bailey Shields at 727-723-1351 or at bshields4@tampabay.rr.com.

TCI (Today’s Christian Issues)—Rooms 9 & 11

TODAY: Georgianna Winder is leading the first of three classes on the video/book God’s Story, Your Story: When His Become Yours by Max Lucado. This series will inspire us to see how our day-to-day story intersects with God’s epic of everlasting redemption. All are welcome, please plan to attend and join in on our discussion. Don’t forget, we have cookies and coffee.

11:00 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

EXPERIENCING GOD – Rooms 13 &15

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by

Bob Grubbs
Vicki & Dane Phillips

In Loving Memory of
In Memory of

Pat Grubbs
Laurea Drum (mother)

The pink rose on the font this morning is in celebration of the birth of Haley Jane Davis, infant daughter of parents Justin & Mollie Davis, born on August 24, 2014 weighing 7 lbs 4 oz, and 21 inches long.

The white rose on the font this morning is in celebration of the birth of Mitchell Curtis Jones, infant son of parents Tim & Jessica Jones, brother of Tyler and Ben, and Grandson of Greg and Beth Brinkman, born on September 10, 2014 weighing 6 lbs 14 oz, and 21.5 inches long.

Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the “2014 Flower Reservation Chart” on the bulletin board across from the kitchen. Thank you to those providing flowers each week In Honor/In Memory of someone or an anniversary/birthday!
Order for the Public Worship of God
September 14, 2014
14th Sunday after Pentecost
8:15 & 11:00 AM Worship Services

WE GATHER
(Let the congregation be silent, and in prayer as the music begins.
Please silence electronic devices.)

PRAYER OF PREPARATION (10:05) Vicki Phillips

OPENING VOLUNTARY
“Chorale Improvisation on BUNESSAN” Paul Manz

(Worship Music—see litany on insert.)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR FELLOWSHIP—Jim Warren, A Night on the Towne

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
(Complete the bulletin insert, “FRIENDSHIP SHEET,” and place it
in the offering plate later in the service.)

*HYMN #645
“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above” MIT FREUDEN ZART

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)
Inescapable God, You have searched us and You know us. You are well acquainted with our sins. We confess our sinful thoughts and ask for forgiveness. Before a word is on our tongues, Lord, You know it completely. We confess all the lies, the gossip and the indelent thoughts which we have committed and ask for Your forgiveness. We confess all sins to You Lord and to each other, in the name of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581 GLORIA PATRI
“Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.”

ANTHEM
“Psalm 139” Allen Pote

Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know everything I do. When I rise up, when I lie down, you are with me through and through. Before a word is on my tongue, you know what I will say. Your presence follows me, day by day. Where can I flee from your spirit? Where can I go to run away? If I go to heaven, or live in hell, you are there. Search me O God, and know me. Try me and know my heart. See if there be any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting. Amen.

FAITH SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN (Children age 3 by 9/14
through fifth grade may go to Room 3 for Children’s Sunday School.)

DEDICATION OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TEACHERS
(See litany on insert.)

WE UNITE IN PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.”

WE SHARE

CALL TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING “Be Thou My Vision” Dale Wood

*DOXOLOGY—#606 OLD HUNDREDTH
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.

*HYMN #702 BUNESSAN
“Christ Be Beside Me”

*HYMN #645
“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above” MIT FREUDEN ZART

CALL TO OFFERING OFFERTORY

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (page 956) Colossians 1:15-23 (NRSV)

*HYMN #302 O WALY WALY
“When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace” (Please Stand.)

SCRIPTURE READING (pages 503-504) Psalm 139 (NIV)

SERMON SERIES
Chris Curvin, Pastor

Stop, Look and Listen to the Psalms:
#11 “The God Who Cares For Us Before the Cradle and Beyond the Grave” (Psalm 139)

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #702 BUNESSAN
“Christ Be Beside Me”

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY
(8:15) “Fanfare” G.F. Handel
(11:00) “O Worship the King” arr. Bruce Greer

(YOU are invited to remain for the final act of worship, the closing voluntary. A closer look is welcomed if you wish to come stand next to the organ console.)

Stephanie Carson, Music Director
Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director

*Congregation will stand. If standing is difficult for you, feel free to remain seated.