

## **TONIGHT'S PREACHER FROM THE PEW—Robin Schmidt**

A Life Member of the Ohio State University Alumni Association and the OSU Golf Club, Robin Schmidt served in the U.S. Marine Corps in Korea and took part in the battle of the Chosin reservoir in 1950. Robin is an interior designer, active nationally in the American Society of Interior Designers and a faculty member at CCAD for nine years.

Robin's interests are varied, from President of the undergraduate OSU Varsity O Association to the Greater Columbus Arts Council to Capital Square Ministries to ushering and serving coffee at Covenant, where he has been a member for more than 45 years.

You can see Robin practically every Sunday at the 11 o'clock service in the back of the sanctuary where three generations of Schmidts worship together: Robin; his wife, Jan; son and daughter-in-law, Jay and Michelle Schmidt; and four Schmidt grandsons: Tyler, Turner, Davis and Dayne. The Schmidts also have two daughters, Shely McBride and Robin Lucas; a son-in-law, Dean Lucas; and grandsons, Andrew McBride and Kyle and Conner Lucas.

### **PARTICIPANTS**

Preacher from the Pew	Robin Schmidt
Liturgists	Jan Schmidt and Jay Schmidt
Keyboard	Weldon Adams

**THE FINAL PREACHER FROM THE PEW** will be Leslie Scott on April 1. The service will be preceded by a soup and bread supper in the Lounge at 6 pm.

### **CHILDREN'S PRAYERFUL PLAY**

During our Preacher from the Pew services, children who do not wish to attend are invited to a time of prayerful play where they can experiment with various hands-on kinds of prayer and then just play. If you are interested in childcare for very young children, please call the church office by Monday.

### **PRAYER**

After Preacher from the Pew, join us in the sanctuary for a time of prayer, both out loud and then in extended silence, as we go to God, the very source of Love, to be made new and to hold the world up in love.

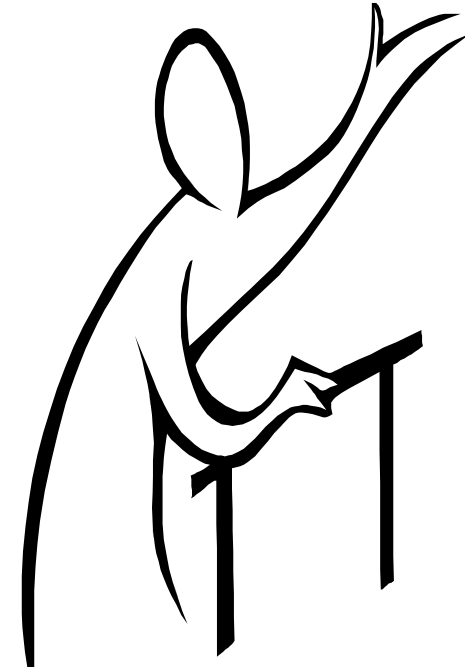
### **OTHER LENTEN EVENTS**

March 29 at 3 pm	Merrymakers Concert
April 9 at 7 pm	Maundy Thursday Tenebrae and Communion
April 10 at 12 noon	Good Friday Service

### **CREDITS**

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# Covenant Presbyterian Church



## **Preacher from the Pew**

March 25, 2009

6:40 pm

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**PREACHER FROM THE PEW**  
**Wednesday, March 25, 2009**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Philippians 1:27-30

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MEDITATION

“God, My Partner in Korea”

Robin Schmidt

PRELUDE

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

Thomas A. Dorsey  
Arranged by Jack Schrader

\*OPENING RESPONSES (Congregation reads the **bold print**.)

Come, Lord Jesus, you too were tired when the day was done; you met your friends at evening time.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come, Lord Jesus, you too enjoyed when nights drew on; you told your tales at close of day.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come, Lord Jesus, you kindled faith when lamps were low; you opened scriptures,  
broke the bread, and shed your light as darkness fell.

**Come, Lord Jesus, meet us here.**

\*HYMN NO. 399

“We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”

Dunlap’s Creek

PRAYER

Let us pray. You broke down the barriers when you crept in beside us.

For in Jesus... the smiling Jesus, the story-telling Jesus,  
the controversial Jesus, the annoying Jesus,  
the loving and forgiving Jesus,

your hands touched all, and touched us, showing how in Christ  
there is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither male nor female;

**All are one in Jesus Christ and for this we praise you.**

You opened our eyes, to see how the hands of the rich were empty and the hearts of the poor were full.

You dared to take the widows mite, the child’s loaves, the babe at the breast,  
and in these simple things to point out the path to your kingdom.

You said, “Follow me!”, for on our own we could never discover the in Christ  
there is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither male nor female;

**All are one in Jesus Christ and for this we praise you.**

You gave us hands to hold; black hands and white hands,  
African hands and Asian hands, the clasping hands of lovers,  
and the reluctant hands of those who don’t believe they are worth holding.

And when we wanted to shake our fist, you still wanted to hold our hand, because  
in Christ there is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither male nor female;

**All are one in Jesus Christ and for this we praise you.**

Here in the company of the neighbor whom we know and the stranger in our midst,  
and the self from whom we turn, we ask to love as Jesus loved.

Make this the place and time, good Lord, when heaven and earth merge into one,  
and we in word and flesh can grasp that in Christ there is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither male nor female;

**All are one in Jesus Christ and for this we praise you. Amen.**

WORD OF GOD (Congregation reads the **bold print**)

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

\* Please stand if you are able to do so.

PRAYERS

Lord, draw near; **Lord, draw near and stay.**

Let us say a prayer for those who need to be remembered tonight:

Those who have made the news headlines today  
because of what they have done or said...

*(names may be offered here, silently or aloud)*

Lord, draw near; **Lord, draw near and stay.**

Those who have brought to our attention through a meeting or conversation...

*(names may be offered here, silently or aloud)*

Lord, draw near; **Lord, draw near and stay.**

Those who are in the hospital, in care, or in a place which is strange to them...

*(names may be offered here)*

Lord, draw near; **Lord, draw near and stay.**

Those in whose family, marriage or close relationship there is stress or a break up...

*(names may be offered here)*

Lord, draw near; **Lord, draw near and stay.**

Those who are waiting for a birth, or a death, or news which will affect their lives...

*(names may be offered here)*

Lord, draw near; **Lord, draw near and stay.**

Those who need to forget the God they do not believe in and meet the God who believes in them...

*(names may be offered here)*

Lord, draw near; **Lord, draw near and stay.**

Those whose pain or potential we should not forget to share with God tonight...

*(names may be offered here)*

Lord, draw near; **Lord, draw near and stay.**

Lord, we believe that you hear our prayer and will be faithful to your promise to answer us. When  
our eyes open again, may they do so not to end our devotions, but to expect your kingdom, for  
Jesus’ sake, **Amen.**

\*HYMN NO. 562

“Eternal Father Strong to Save”

Melita

\*BLESSING

May God bless us in our sleep with rest, in our dreams with vision, in our waking with a calm mind,  
in our soul with the friendship of the Holy Spirit this night and every night. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

“Soon and Very Soon

Andraé Crouch  
Arranged by Jack Schrader

Money left in the Offering Plate by the door will be contributed to One Great Hour of Sharing