

### Work and Worship

In the Genesis account of creation, immediately after the description of man made in the image of God, it is made clear that man is to have dominion over the earth and is to "fill the earth and subdue it."

Our being made in the image of God means that we are to share in the creative work of God. With the present population explosion, we are doing a pretty good job of "filling the earth," but we must raise serious questions about whether we are subduing the earth or being subdued by our industrialized, mechanized world of work.

We U.S. Presbyterians, whose independent, self-reliant rural people have been thrown into this vastly different industrial age, tend to be skeptical as to whether we can actually be co-workers with God in such a complex industrial society. When we are honest, we confess that much work seems just a way of making a living and not sharing in the creative activity of God.

In the creation account, God's creative activity involves creating the earth in six days and resting on the Sabbath. If we would share in the life of God, we must discover life's rhythm of work and worship. The solution of our problem does not lie in bemoaning the evils of industrial society, and yearning for the good old days. Our marching orders are to rediscover the true relationship of work and worship. Our calling is to share in God's creation; to know Him, and to make Him known in our work and in our worship.

—John Robert Goodson

A Christian's place in this working world is established by his job. In medieval times, the guilds were organized of craftsmen who sought to express their faith through their work. In modern times Christians can do no less.

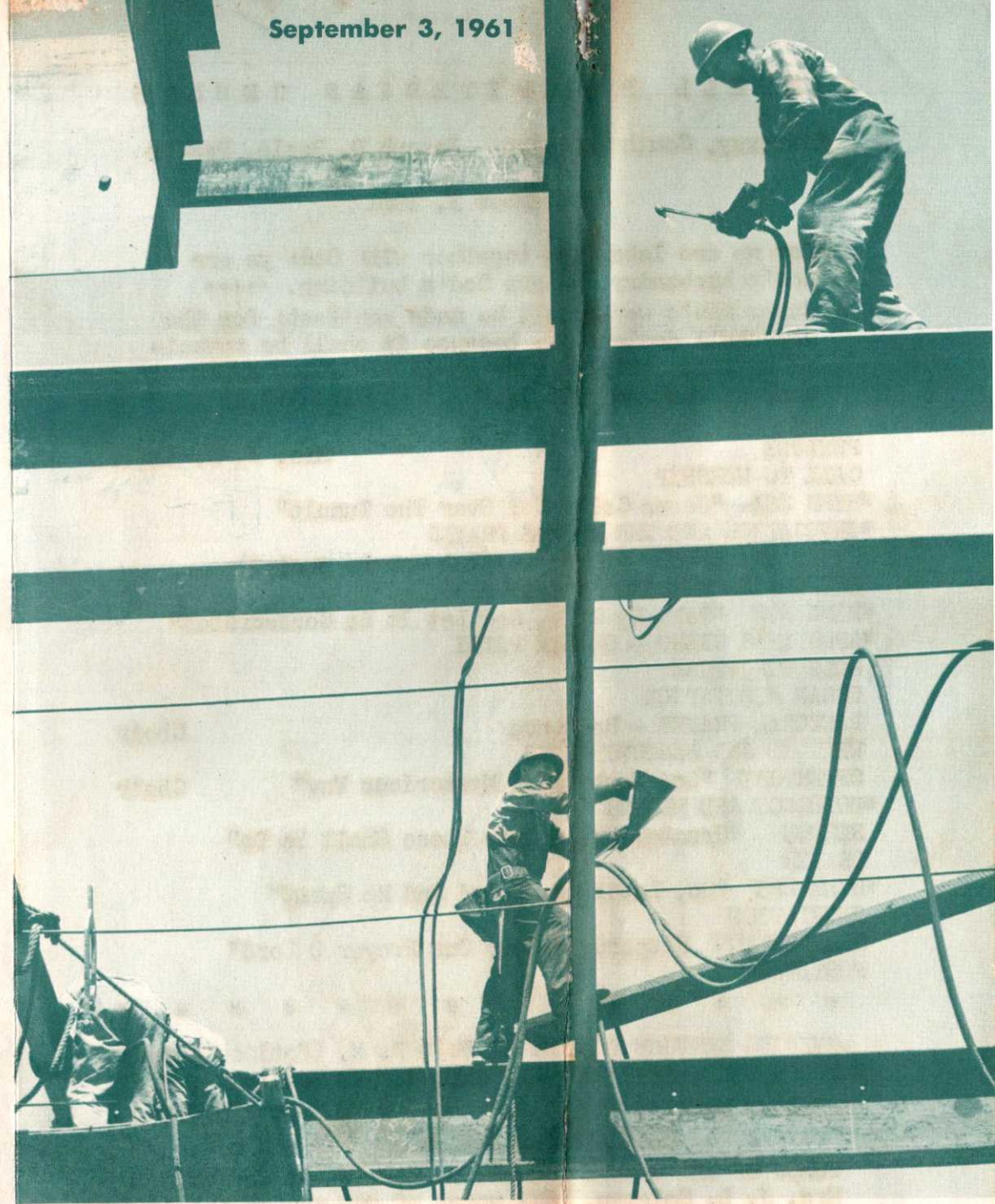
—Fred R. Stair, Jr.

### A Hymn for Christian Teaching Month

Ask ye what great thing I know  
That delights and stirs me so?  
What the high reward I win?  
Whose the name I glory in?  
Jesus Christ, the Crucified.

This is that great thing I know;  
This delights and stirs me so:  
Faith in Him who died to save,  
Him who triumphed o'er the grave,  
Jesus Christ, the Crucified.

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# Presbyterian Church



A I M W E L L P R E S B Y T E R I A N C H U R C H

Ridgeway, South Carolina Joseph D. Beale, Pastor

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"For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building. .... Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is." I Cor. 3:9,13

PRELUDE Mrs. J. D. Beale

CALL TO WORSHIP

\*HYMN 284 "Jesus Calls Us: Over The Tumult"

\*INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ORGAN INTERLUDE (Those waiting may be seated)

RESPONSIVE READING SELECTION 39

\*HYMN 272 "Take My Life, And Let It Be Consecrated"

\*APOSTLE'S CREED - GLORIA PATRI

HOLY SCRIPTURE

ORGAN MEDITATION

PASTORAL PRAYER - Response Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY "God Works In A Mysterious Way" Choir

\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER

SERMON "Greater Works Than These Shall Ye Do"

PRAYER

\*HYMN 285 "Go, Labor On, Spend And Be Spent"

INVITATION

BENEDICTION Response "Hear Our Prayer O Lord"

POSTLUDE

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\*EVENING SERVICE TONIGHT AT 7:30 P. M. (Notice Change)

\*YOUTH FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS ARE CHANGED TO 6:30 P. M.

\*SESSION MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING 7:30 SERVICE

SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK Sept. 4 - 9

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH - Sept. 5, 8 P. M. at the home of Mrs. J. L. Coleman. All women of our church should come.

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE 7:30 P.M.

"Softly now the light of day fades upon our sight away; Free from care, from labor free, Lord, we would commune with Thee!" "The shadows of the evening hours Fall from the darkening sky; Upon the fragrance of the flowers The dews of evening lie; Before Thy throne, O Lord of heaven, We kneel at close of day; Look on Thy children from on high, And hear us while we pray."

SUNDAY EVENING VESPERS Let us enter and bow in prayer

OPENING WORDS OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

\*HYMN 107 "To The Work"

EVENING PRAYER

HYMN 236 "Work, For The Night Is Coming"

OFFERTORY

\*HYMN 15 "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

SCRIPTURE READING

MEDITATION BY THE PASTOR

PRAYER

\*HYMN 91 "Others"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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OUR SICK FRIENDS - Mrs. Cass Stewart - Winnsboro Hosp. Mr. John Stewart at his home, Mrs. Sula Bowen at her home, Mrs. Kitt Smith at her home and Mrs. Nannie Richardson at her son-in-law's home in Columbia.

DEACONS ON DUTY - For the month of September - Greeting you at the door with a church bulletin, Closing the door to the sanctuary as the choir enters and worship begins then ushering late comers into the service at the appointed time on our order of worship, helping us to worship God with our gifts in a worshipful manner and seeing that our church is properly closed after the service is Deacon R. D. Arndt and R. P. Ogburn.

CHOIR PRACTICES HAVE BEGUN. The new year has begun for our volunteer choir. This past Thursday at 4 o'clock the choir met with 10 members present.

WELCOME HOME - A/2C Donald E. McGuirt our Junior Deacon