

March 16th, Palm Sunday, found us in Thomson, Georgia, at 11 a.m. and just in time to slip into the little Presbyterian church there before the morning service began. It should be said at this stage that the south-eastern USA is overwhelmingly Baptist and Methodist - we had motored from the old state capital of Milledgeville to the neighbouring town of Warrenton 20 minutes earlier to find that they had no Presbyterian church at all.

After the call to worship and Introit from a large choir, the first hymn was "All glory, laud and honour", where we were on familiar ground tune-wise. This was followed by a Gideons' presentation, Gospel reading and children's address, after which the surprisingly few young ones left for Children's Church. Curiously, the choir also left and didn't return, but we never found out where they'd gone!

The sermon by the senior pastor, Dr. John Cook, was "Unbelief, and the response of Jesus" - succinct, direct and very relevant - and was, we understand, also broadcast on local radio.

After the offering we sang the Doxology, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow", which made it seem like ages since we'd last had the pleasure of doing that.

The pastor and congregation, though not big in number and mainly of a certain age (like ours), were very friendly and welcoming, and they have a full programme of activities throughout the week. This includes an Adult Sunday School, covering subjects like "Women in the Bible." No After-Church fellowship, though (which we recommended to them), and we were pleased to leave our greeting cards from Polmont Old. These were gratefully received, and also seemed to be new to them!

We were happy to leave behind our warmest greetings and wishes from Scotland.

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Worship in a Danish Church

A few years ago, while staying with friends in Denmark, I attended the early Sunday morning service with them in their small village Church. (The Danish Church is Lutheran). There was just a handful of people in the congregation, but fortunately their numbers were enhanced due to a baptism. But what really stood out as being different was the fact that we remained seated while we sang the hymns, and stood for the prayers!