

Communion Sunday

January 8, 2012

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

“A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; I will remove from you the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.” (Ezekiel 36:26)

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

‡ GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE AND GREETING

The LORD be with you.

And also with you.

* CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 29:2-4

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name,
worship the Lord in holy splendor.

**The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders over mighty waters.**

The voice of the Lord is powerful,
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

Come, let us worship the Lord in holy splendor.

* HYMN, #481 “Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show”

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God,

in whom we live and move and have our being,
whose face is hidden from us by our sins,
and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of
our hearts:

Cleanse us from all our offenses.

Deliver us from proud thoughts and vain
desires that perish in the grasping.

Grant us penitent and humble hearts

that we may draw near to you, confessing our
faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in
you our refuge and strength; through Jesus

**Christ your Son. Now hear our silent, personal
confessions...**

*SILENT CONFESSION

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* GLORIA PATRI, Hymn #579

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

ORGAN INTERLUDE (11:00)

*Children ages four through first grades depart for children's
worship*

ANTHEM (11:00) “With All Your Hearts” Mendelssohn
“If with all your hearts ye truly seek Me, ye shall ever surely find Me.”
Thus saith our God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 6:7-15

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON With Christ in the School of Prayer
(1) The Melting of the Heart
“Pray, then, in this way: ‘Our Father...’”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN, #359 “More Love to Thee, O Christ”

* THE APOSTLES' CREED *Hymnal, Page 14*

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Offertory Sarah Wallace

Invitation to the Table

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to sing to
the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All Thy works shall praise Thy name,

In earth and sky and sea:

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

* HYMN, #540 “God Be With You Till We Meet Again”

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CHARGE

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

* POSTLUDE

NOTES FOR REFLECTION

“The Melting of the Heart”

Matthew 6:9

Pray like this: ‘Our Father...’”

*According to Jesus, the greatest commandment is to “*Love the Lord your God with all of your heart, and all of your soul, and all of your mind...*” Which is easier for you?

*When you pray, “*Our Father...*,” what pictures, thoughts, or feelings go through you? Does it draw you closer, or push you away?

*How do you express your love for God? How do you wish you could express your love more fully?

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

Sunday, January 8

9:40 am **All current Elders along with the Class of 2014,** meet in the AOC dining room for the examination.

Ordination and Installation will be during worship on January 15.

12:05 pm **2nd Sunday Lunch and Special Meeting** in the fellowship hall. Join us for an Italian meal and then stay for the first of two special meetings. The focus for today will be “What are the best things we do as a church, and how can these draw others to join us as members?” The alternative date is Wednesday, January 18 from 6:30-8:00 pm. The second will take place on Sunday, February 12 during the 2nd Sunday Lunch with Wednesday, February 15, 6:30-8:00 pm as the alternative date. The focus will be “What are your hopes and dreams for what we could do differently or better, to draw others to join us as members?”

4-6:00 pm **Middle School and Senior High Youth Group** meet at the AOC.

Monday, January 9

7:00 am **Men’s Breakfast** at Shoney’s (corner of Kraft & 2nd St.) All men, all ages, are invited to join us in conversations about life and faith! A brief devotional follows the meal.

5:00 pm **Theology on Tap meets** at the Guadalajara Grill, 1068 South Riverside Dr. Bill Moser is the discussion leader.

Tuesday, January 10

7:00 pm **Presbyterian Women Night Circle meets** in the church library.

Wednesday, January 11

10:00 am **Bible Study** group meets in the church library

6:30 pm **Senior Highs meet** at Wendy’s on Madison Street. Please money for dinner.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Ordination and Installation of Elders, Class of 2013 will be during worship on January 15.

The 15th Annual Unity Worship Service in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., will be held in our sanctuary on Monday, January 16 at 6:00 pm. Come and join us as Dave Handley and our choir will participate in leading the service. FPC held the very first Unity Service in Clarksville on January 18, 1998.

The Presbyterian Women’s Luncheon is Monday, January 23, 12:45 pm in the fellowship hall. Peggy Hunter, Professional Storyteller, will be here to delight us with a story! Please sign up on the bulletin board for a meal reservation (\$9) and/or child care. Menu: BBQ pork sandwich, macaroni salad, cole slaw, fruit cobbler, tea, coffee, and lemonade.

Planning Day, Saturday, January 21, - all church committees will convene in fellowship hall at 9:00 am to plan the work of the church for 2011. We will break for lunch in fellowship hall at 11:30 and the Session will meet immediately following the meal. This is a good time to join a committee and become more involved at First Presbyterian Church! You do not need to be a church member to service on a committee. Information on what each committee does is in the vestibule, outside the church office and in the January newsletter. If you are interested in being on a committee, contact Neesa in the church office, 645-6551.

2012 Offering Envelopes (for those who requested them) may be picked up at the table outside the church office. Anyone else

WORSHIP NOTES

Patty Orr is the Elder of the Day. **Rod Wolfe** is the liturgist.

Today we receive the sacrament by intinction (congregation comes down aisle to your right, returns by opposite aisle. Take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup, and say "Thanks be to God!")

Next Sunday, Pastor Dave will continue the sermon series on Prayer with the message, “The Greatness of God,” (...*hallowed be Thy name...*), from Psalm 8:1-9 and Isaiah 6:1-8.

Last Sunday’s New Year’s message, “Seek and You Shall Find” is available in print in the vestibule of the sanctuary and outside the church office.

Pastor Dave is available for individual meetings with members of the congregation Monday-Friday in the afternoons, or on Saturdays when circumstances require it. Email him at david.stull.handley@gmail.com.

‡ **Please use pew cards** to write visitor information, prayer concerns, and notes and place them in the offering plate.

* **If you are able, please stand.**

who would like envelopes, call the church office, 645-6551. To avoid confusion, please discard 2011 envelopes.

Women’s 8th Annual Retreat at NaCoMe, Friday, Feb. 3-Sun. Feb 5. More info will be available in upcoming bulletins.

Preschool Registration for the Fall of 2012 begins on Mon. Feb. 6 for church families. On Tuesday, Feb. 14, we will begin enrolling other children until all classes are filled. For more information, an application, or to arrange a visit to the Preschool, contact Mary Linn Sadler at 645-0313.

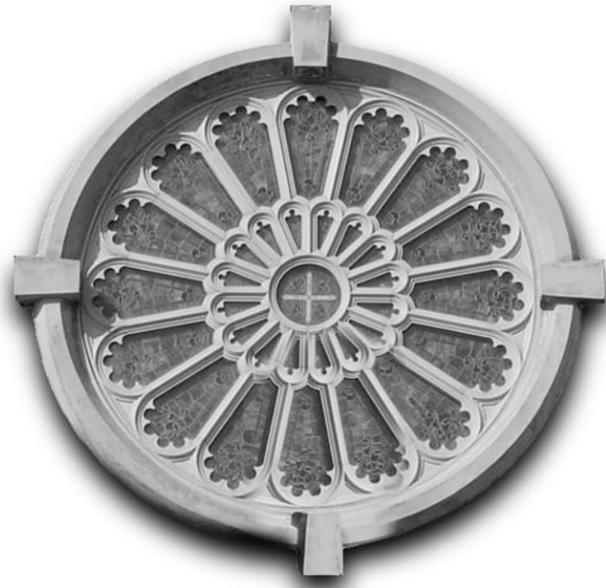
All Women are invited to be part of one of the small groups for study and fellowship through Presbyterian Women Circles. All monthly meetings are in the church library:

Morning Circle meets 1st Tuesday at 10:00 am

Night Circle meets 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 pm

Craft Fair Photos are available on the table outside the church office where parents may pick up their child’s photo.

Church Bus Drivers are urgently needed! If you are interested in getting a CDL, please contact Neesa for details at 645-6551.



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their God-given potential and express God's love
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