

# Morning Worship

8:30 & 11:00

February 12, 2012

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

‡ GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE AND GREETING

The LORD be with you.

**And also with you.**

\* CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 95: 1, 2

O come, let us sing to the Lord  
and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

**Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving,  
singing joyful songs of praise.**

\* HYMN #478 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone. (Silent  
Prayer)**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart  
and mind and strength. (Silent Prayer)**

**We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
(Silent Prayer)**

**Grant us the gift of true repentance, O God;  
Soften our hearts with sorrow for our sins. (Silent Prayer)**

**Have mercy on us and forgive us,  
that we may delight in your will, and walk in  
your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\* GLORIA PATRI, Hymn #579

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Genesis 50:15-21

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

ORGAN INTERLUDE (11:00)

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

ANTHEM (11:00) "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

Bevan

*There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea.*

*There's a kindness in His justice which is more than liberty.*

*For the love of God is broader than the measure of man's mind.*

*And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.*

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 23:32-38

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON With Christ in the School of Prayer

(6) "Forgiving Those Who Have Hurt Us"

*Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.*

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\* HYMN #347 "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"

\* THE APOSTLES' CREED *Hymnal, Page 14*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The Offertory Michael Lardizabal,  
guitar/solo

*As we forgive our debtors...*

\* The Doxology, Hymn #592

\* Prayer of Dedication

\* HYMN #467

"How Great Thou Art"

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* CHORAL RESPONSE

\* POSTLUDE

## WORSHIP NOTES

**Hank Livingstone** is the Elder of the Day. **Rod Wolfe** is the liturgist.

**Sermons** in the series on the Lord's Prayer are available in the vestibule of the sanctuary and outside the church office.

**Next Sunday, the sermon focus** will be "Finding the Power of God in Our Temptations," from Matthew 4:1-11.

**For Those Wishing to Become Members of First Pres**

A special three week class will be offered by Pastor Dave on **Sundays March 18, 25, and April 1** from 9:45-10:30 in the pastor's office. New members would then be received by the Session and welcomed by the

congregation on **Easter Sunday, April 8**. For all who are interested, contact Pastor Dave at

[david.stull.handley@gmail.com](mailto:david.stull.handley@gmail.com).

**Pastor Dave** is available for individual meetings with members of the congregation Monday-Friday, 9:00 am – 6:00 pm, or on Saturdays when circumstances require it. Email him at [david.stull.handley@gmail.com](mailto:david.stull.handley@gmail.com).

‡ **Please sign and pass the Friendship Pad** found at the end of your pew. Write prayer concerns and/or notes to the church office on the cards found in your pew and place in the offering plate.

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

## NOTES FOR REFLECTION

"Forgiving Those Who Have Hurt Us"

Genesis 50:15-21; Luke 23:32-38

*Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.*

\*What two deep truths about God and about himself helped Joseph forgive his brothers? (Genesis 50:19-20)

\*As you consider a person you have forgiven, or one you need to forgive, how does this picture of Jesus praying from His cross help you?

### THIS WEEK AT FIRST

#### Sunday, February 12

- 9:15 am **Children's Choirs meet** (4 yr. olds-1<sup>st</sup> graders on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor & 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> graders on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor). All are welcome!
- 10:30 am **Gathering Time** in the fellowship hall for coffee and cookies (through 10:50 am).
- 12:05 pm **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Lunch and Special Listening Sessions**—The Congregational Life Committee has prepared BBQ chicken, slaw, red beans & rice, potato salad, green beans, rolls, red velvet cake, coffee, iced tea and lemonade. After the meal we will have the **Listening Sessions** and table facilitators asking us to reflect on **“What are your hopes and dreams for what we could do differently or better?”** An alternative date will be Wednesday, February 15 for those who cannot make this gathering. Childcare is provided.
- No Middle School or Senior High Youth Group meetings.** Youth will be returning from NaCoMe Camp.

#### Monday, February 13

5:00 pm **Theology on Tap meets** at the Guadalajara Grill, 1068 South Riverside Dr. “Lead us not into temptation” is the discussion focus.

#### Tuesday, February 14

5:30 pm **Yoga class** in the fellowship hall

#### Wednesday, February 15

- 10:00 am **Bible Study** group meets in the church library.
- 4:00 pm **Property Committee** meets.
- 6:00 pm **Special Listening Session** in the fellowship hall. This is the alternative date for those who cannot make the Sunday, Feb. 12 meeting. Table facilitators will ask “What are your hopes and dreams for what we could do differently or better?” Childcare will be provided.
- 6:30 pm **Senior High Wed. @ Wendy's**, Madison St. —bring

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Presbyterian Women's Luncheon** is Mon. Feb. 27, 12:30 pm in the fellowship hall. The program will be “Diary of Nannie Haskins” by Ellen and Sarah Kanervo. Please sign up on the bulletin board for your meal (\$9) and child care reservations. Menu: loaded chicken breast on a bed of rice, steamed broccoli, French bread, lemon cake, iced tea, lemonade, and coffee).

**The most important season of the church year is Lent**, the 40 days of preparation leading up to Holy Week and Easter. On **Ash Wednesday**, February 22, we will have a service of Repentance at 6:30 pm, culminating with worshippers coming forward to receive the imposition of ashes placed on the forehead in the sign of the Cross. Those who are able are invited to kneel before the cross and pray, “O God, be merciful to me, a sinner.” After the sign of the ashes, the worshipper arises and says, “Thanks be to God.” Childcare will be provided.

**Preschool Registration for the Fall of 2012** - registration begins on Feb. 13 for church families. On Feb. 21 we'll begin registering children already enrolled and their siblings. On Feb. 27 registration opens for all others. For more info, an application, or to arrange a visit to the Preschool, call Mary Linn Sadler, 645-0313.

**The church office has re-chargeable gift cards** from Kroger that support our youth programs with a 4% return to the church on all your Kroger purchases. To date we have received **\$5,672.45**.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Classes meet each Sunday from 9:45 am to 10:45 am. Nursery is provided for infants on the 2nd floor.

<u>Children &amp; Youth Classes</u>		<u>Location</u>	<u>Curriculum</u>
2's - Kindergarteners	2nd floor		<i>We Believe</i>
1st - 12th Graders	4th floor		OT, Confirmation, Religion Study
<u>Adult Classes</u>		<u>Location</u>	<u>Curriculum/Study</u>
Brotherhood (men)	3rd floor		<i>The Present Word</i>
Explorers (men/women)	2nd floor		<i>Being Reformed &amp; Interpretation Bible</i>

Friendship (women)	3rd floor	<i>The Present Word</i>
Gospel (men/women)	3rd floor library	<i>Feasting on the Word</i>

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT STUDIES AND DINNER

**The Christian Education Committee** invites you to the Lenten study series **“The Last Words of Christ from the Cross”** February 29 - March 28, 6-7:00 pm taught by Dave Handley & Meg Flannagan

This five week class will plumb the depths of the mystery of Atonement, from the words of Christ and the hymns of the Church.

Join us as we look at: What was won for us by Christ's death? How are the possibilities of our lives and our faith different because He “drank the cup”?

Feb 29, “*Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they're doing.*”

(Luke 23:34). How does Jesus' forgiveness of us, empower our forgiveness of others?

March 7, “*I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise.*”

(Luke 23:45) How does Jesus' death give us confidence in Life after our death?

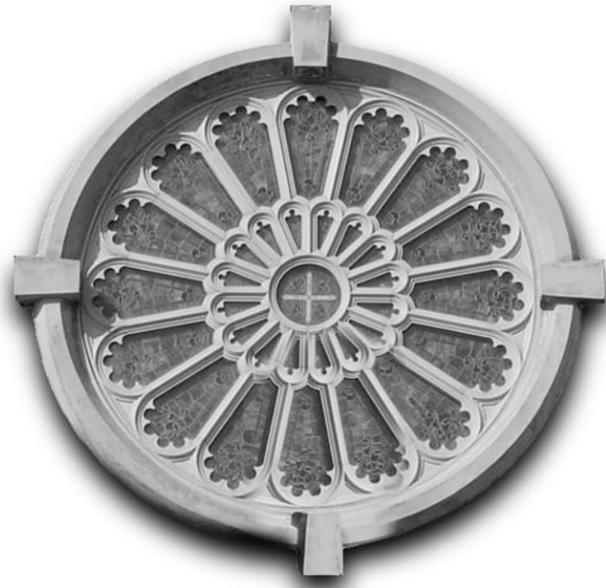
March 14, Hymns that teach the Faith, and give us Faith. Meg

Flannagan will teach the texts, sing the verses, and inspire us to sing our Faith from heart and mind.

March 21, “*My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*” (Mark 15:34, Psalm 22:1) What was Jesus' experience at this moment, and why was it necessary?

March 28, “*It is finished!*” (John 19:30) A shout of victory, or a cry of defeat? “*Father, into Thy hands I commend my spirit!*” (Luke 23:46) How do these last words help us to walk by faith?

We will enjoy a light supper at 5:30 pm and childcare will be provided each Wednesday.



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in the Reformed Tradition so that people may fulfill  
their God-given potential and express God's love  
in our community and throughout the world.*

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