

Communion Sunday

July 1, 2012

8:30 & 11:00

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

In Your will is our peace;

In Your love is our rest;

In Your service is our joy.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

‡ GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE AND GREETING

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

* CALL TO WORSHIP (A prayer for our Nation)

Almighty God,

You have given us this good land as our heritage.

Help us always to remember your generosity,
so we may constantly seek to do your will.

Bless our land with humble gratitude, mutual
respect,

and concern for the most vulnerable. Save us
from arrogance, thoughtless judgments, and
cold hearts toward the poor.

Make us who come from many nations, with many
different languages, a united people. In this
land

which the people rule, give those whom we
have

entrusted with the authority of government a spirit of
wisdom, a passion for justice, and a heart for
peace.

When times are prosperous, let our hearts be
thankful; in troubled times, do not let our
trust in you fail, nor our concern for others
wither.

We ask all this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen!

* HYMN #262 "God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, love, and communion,

we confess we have failed to love you with all
our heart, soul, and mind; and to love our
neighbor as ourselves.

We ignore your commandments, stray from your
way, and follow other gods.

Have mercy on us, we pray. Forgive our sins and
raise us to new life, that we may serve you
faithfully and give honor to your holy name.

Now meet us in our silent time of confession...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* GLORIA PATRI

Hymn #579

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 40:1-10, 17

Congregational Response

I am poor of spirit and needy.

You are my help and my deliverer, O my God!

ANTHEM (11:00)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

ORGAN INTERLUDE (11:00)

*During the summer children may remain with their parents in
worship;
younger children may go to the nursery.*

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 9:1-19

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Anatomy of a Conversion"

"Who are you, Lord?"...

"I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting."

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN #322 (sing twice) "Spirit of the Living God"

* THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM, 1563

What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

**That I belong--body and soul, in life and death—not
to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus
Christ,**

**who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid
for all my sins, and has completely freed me
from the dominion of the devil; that he
protects me so well that without the will of my
Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my
head; indeed that everything must fit his
purpose for my salvation.**

**Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of
eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly
willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The Offertory

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 ... who forever
sing

to the glory of your name:

"Hosanna in the highest!"

That ancient song we sing,

for Christ is our Redeemer,

the Lord of heaven our King.

O may we ever praise Him

with heart and life and voice,

And in His blissful presence eternally rejoice.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

* HYMN #564 "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

* CHARGE

* BENEDICTION

Remember, you go nowhere by accident.
Wherever you go, God is sending you.
Wherever you are, God has placed you there.
Christ who lives within you has something He wants to do through you.
Believe this! And go in His grace, love, and power.
Amen.

* CHORAL RESPONSE

WORSHIP NOTES

Vicki Wallace is the Elder of the Day. Sue Reynolds is the liturgist.

Next Sunday, Pastor Dave will continue the summer sermon series

with the message "When Tradition Undercuts Our Mission," from Acts 10-11:18, 15:1-35.

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.

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.

* POSTLUDE

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

Sunday, July 1

7:00 am Men's Monthly Breakfast at Shoney's (corner of Kraft

& North 2nd Streets) - all men, all ages, are invited to join

us in conversations about life and faith! A brief devotional follows the meal.

4-6:00 pm Middle School Youth meet at the AOC for a devotion

and to play games.

Monday, July 2

5:30 pm Theology on Tap meeting at the Guadalajara Grill.

Tuesday, July 3

5:30 pm Yoga in fellowship hall.

Wednesday, July 4

Church Office closed in observance of Independence Day.

No Senior High meeting.

Saturday, July 7

9:00 am Emergency Shelter Training session in the fellowship hall for people interested in helping during an emergency and/or disaster at the AOC. The AOC is an approved emergency shelter and Loaves & Fishes is approved to prepare meals for disaster victims. We need folks from our church to train to assist Red Cross personnel should a disaster occur. Contact Ann Waddle at 624-2597 or annwaddle@gmail.com for details. Please sign up on the bulletin board by the deadline, TODAY, July 1.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please pray for our Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) to make the correct decisions. Prayer could be at home or join to listen or pray with others each Tuesday at 9:30 am in the library. If you know of a Presbyterian pastor that you or your family thinks is great, who would possibly be interested in a change of churches, just let any member of the PNC know so the person can be contacted. PNC members: Diane Miner, Chair, Rhonda Banasiak, Don Beck, Kelly Duncan, Steve Griffey, Susan Marks, Sam Mills, Scott Sitter, Vicki Wallace, and Dave Handley.

Confirmation Class for the fall - If you (or your child) is a rising 7th grader or older, and plan to participate in this fall's Confirmation Class, please call (645-6551) or email (fpcclarksville@gmail.com).

Summer Sunday School: Pre-school through 6th Graders will study "The Gospel According to Dr. Seuss." 7-12th Graders will study "The Gospel According to 'The Hunger Games'". Both classes meet on the 4th floor. Nursery is available for little ones. Ms. Helene will be using the Play-n-Worship Curriculum in the nursery.

There will not be any Children's Church through the summer; children are invited to sit with their families through worship. Nursery is provided for ages birth through rising Kindergarten.

Congratulations to our Preschool! FPC Preschool has once again earned the Three Star Rating (the highest available) by

the Tenn. Dept. of Human Services. Congratulations to member and director, Mary Linn Sadler, and her great team of teachers.

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 \$6,497.65.

Church Bus Drivers are urgently needed! If you are interested in obtaining a Commercial Drivers License please contact Neesa in the church office. The church reimburses all licensing fees.

Rally Day will be Sunday, August 12, and we will have the 2nd Sunday Lunch in the fellowship hall following 11:00 worship.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

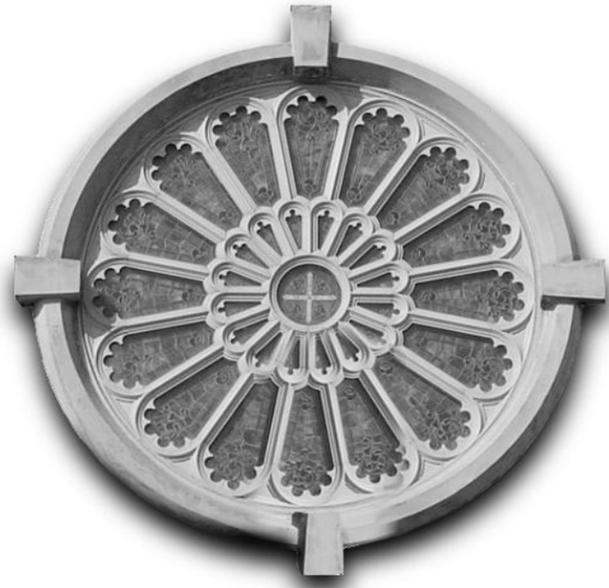


Operation Overboard is coming! Time to "Dare to go Deep with God"! VBS will be July 9-13th from 9am until noon at FPC for ages 2-6th grades. Volunteers are needed for all types of jobs. We need shepherds, teachers, snack staff, and more. If you are interested in helping, please contact Liz Thomas (c-249.9180, h- 552-6093, or email- ethomas824@aol.com) or sign up on the bulletin board outside the church office.

VBS registration forms are available in this newsletter and in the church office. Please complete a form for each child attending.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ELDERS

Table with 3 columns: CLASS OF 2012, CLASS OF 2013, CLASS OF 2014. Lists names of church elders for each class.



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We seek to know God's love and share it
With each other, our community and the world.
We invite you to join us in this journey of
discipleship!*

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