

Morning Worship

July 29, 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

Everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being: you have made us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they rest in you.

Give us purity of heart and strength of purpose, that no selfish preoccupation may hinder us from knowing your will, no weakness keep us from doing it; so that in your light we may see light clearly, and in your service find perfect freedom through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* HYMN #275 "God of Our Life"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you.

You call, but we have not listened.

We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns.

We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.

God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

Now hear our silent, personal confessions...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* GLORIA PATRI

Hymn #579

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE READING

Isaiah 40:6-11

A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?"

All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field.

The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass.

The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word

of our God will stand forever.

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!"

See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

ANTHEM (11:00) "The Lord is My Shepherd" (Psalm 23)

John-Travis Bussell, Michael Dozier, Briana Larsen, Esther Sooter

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 READING

Acts 16:16-34

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON "Songs From a Prison House at Midnight"

"About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them."

Acts 16:11

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN #466 "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The Offertory "He's Always Been Faithful"

arrangement by Andrea Handley

Esther Sooter, cello; John-Travis Bussell (solo)

* The Doxology, Hymn # 592

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #274

"O God of Earth and Space"

* CHARGE AND 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

* POSTLUDE

WORSHIP NOTES

Suella Arrington is the Elder of the Day.

Sarah Hedstrom is the liturgist.

Next Sunday, Pastor Dave will continue the summer sermon series

from the Book of Acts with the message, "Sharing Christ in a

Multi-Cultural World" from Acts 17:16-34.

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 offering plate.

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

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

Sunday, July 29

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

Monday, July 30

5:00 pm **Theology on Tap** meets at the Guadalajara Grill, 1068 South Riverside Drive (across from Big Lots). Please join us for conversations about theology and real life!

Tuesday, July 31

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

Wednesday, August 1

10:00 am **Bible Study** in the church library –please join us!

6:30 pm **Senior Highs** meet at Whitt's BBQ on Madison St. Please bring money for the meal.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rally Day will be Sunday, August 12. There will be a Christian Education program at 9:45 am in the fellowship hall. The Congregational Life Committee will prepare the 2nd Sunday Lunch to be served in the fellowship hall immediately following 11:00 worship. Menu: grilled pork

chops/chicken/hotdogs, baked beans, slaw, macaroni salad, homegrown sliced tomatoes, watermelon and cantaloupe, and chocolate chip cookies.

Past sermons from the series on Acts are available in print in the vestibule of the sanctuary and outside the church office: July 15, "When the Church Prays" (Acts 12:6), and July 22, "Playing the Ball Where It Lies" from Acts 16:6-10. Others are available from Neesa in the church office.

The Advent Craft Fair is planned for Dec. 2. So that children will not have to purchase the crafts they will create as Christmas gifts, the session has approved bake sales to help raise funds for crafts. Another way to help is for sponsorship of a craft, whether you or your family would be interested in funding supplies for a craft, if you have a craft that you would like to lead, or if you would like to donate baked items. Please contact Heather Thurman, fair director, at thurmanheather@yahoo.com or the church office, if interested. Watch bulletins and the newsletter for details and the upcoming dates for bake sales.

Interested in an in-depth weekly Bible study? Rev. Ken Gillespie will be leading the "Disciple" Bible Study beginning Thursday, August 9 throughout the 9-month school calendar. Please see details and a complete course description on the flyer in the vestibule and the table outside the church office.

All women in the church are invited to the Presbyterian Women's DINNER on Monday, August 27 at 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall. The Night Circle has an hour of fun, food and

games planned. The meal is catered at a cost of \$10 per person. Reservations for the meal and child care can be made by signing up on the bulletin board. Menu: Roast beef served with mashed

potatoes, cole slaw, dinner rolls, chocolate cake, iced tea, lemonade, and coffee.

Connie Parker, FPC Financial Administrator, will be mailing pledge statements in July. Please look over your statement and check to make sure your contributions are up to date. Also, please read the Financial Report at the bottom of this page.

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, Dave Handley (advisor).

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 contact the church at 645-6551 or by email maggiemcgrady@gmail.com.

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

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 **\$6,796.65** from Kroger, thanks to your purchases!

The **Annual Church Picnic** will be held at the Hudson Farm on Sunday, September 9. Details will be in the August newsletter.

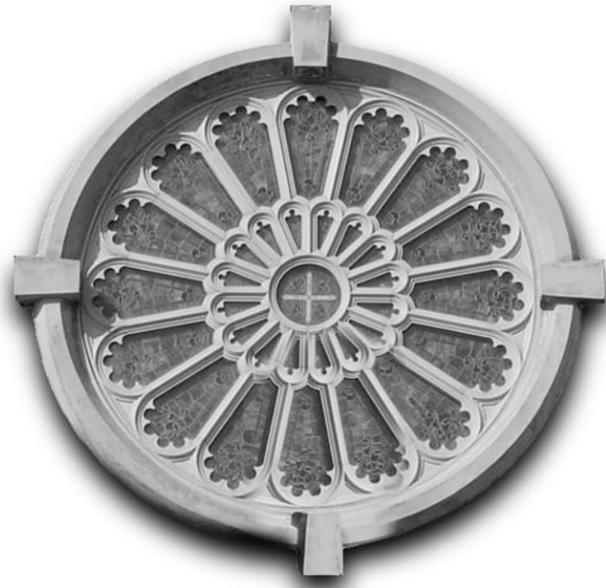
Church Bus Drivers are urgently needed! If you are interested in obtaining a Commercial Drivers License please contact Neesa in the church office. The church reimburses all licensing fees.

JUNE 2012 FINANCIAL REPORT

Income for June	\$31,857.79
Expenses for June	\$49,259.85
Net Operating Total for June	-\$17,402.06
Year to date income	\$234,456.80
Year to date expenses	\$255,458.58
Year-to-date operating total	-\$21,001.78

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ELDERS

<u>CLASS OF 2012</u>	<u>CLASS OF 2013</u>	<u>CLASS OF 2014</u>
Jennifer Ellis	Suella Arrington	Steve Griffey
Sarah Hedstrom	Chip Connell	Amy Lewellen
Bill Hutton	Tom Graves	Susan Marks
Hank Livingstone	Todd Harvey	Ivy Prall
Duncan McKellar	Janet Hudson	Tom Presler
Diane Miner	Scott Sitter	Sue Reynolds
Patty Orr	Jill Walton	Ed Ritter
Vicki Wallace	Marcia Williams	Jane Wallace
Rod Wolfe		



First Presbyterian Church

*With Christ as our Savior and Guide,
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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