

Communion Sunday

August 5, 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

Almighty God, you pour out the Spirit of grace and understanding upon all who desire it.

Deliver us from cold hearts and wandering thoughts,

that we may give to you this hour that worship you so richly deserve.

You have given us minds to know you, hearts to love

you, and voices to sing your praise.

Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and truly worship you, through

Jesus

Christ our Lord. Amen.

* HYMN, #420 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and merciful God,

we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.

We have offended against your holy laws.

We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord.

And grant, O merciful God, for his sake that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of 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

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalms 146

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help. When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes

of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

the Lord loves the righteous.

The Lord watches over the strangers; he

upholds

the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

ANTHEM (11:00)

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

arr. Jane

Holstein

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 17:16-34

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Sharing Christ in a Multicultural World"

"He was the true light that enlightens everyone coming into the world."

(John 1:9)

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN #423

"Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"
(verses 1-4)

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed, pg. 14

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, #439 "In Christ There is No East or West"

* 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 AND POSTLUDE

WORSHIP NOTES

Chip Connell is the Elder of the Day.

Mark Banasiak is the liturgist.

Next Sunday, Pastor Dave will conclude the summer sermon series from the Book of Acts with the message, "Experiencing the Holy Spirit," from Acts 19:1-7.

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 them in the offering plate.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

Sunday, August 5

5-7:00 pm **Senior High Youth Swim Party** at Mary Kaylyn Posey's

home, 1880 Rossvie Road. See Mark for details.

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

and to play games.

Monday, August 6

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.

5:30 pm **Theology on Tap** meeting at the Guadalajara Grill, 1068 South Riverside Drive (across from Big Lots). Please join us for conversations about theology and real life!

Tuesday, August 7

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

Wednesday, August 8

10:00 am **Bible Study** group meets in the church library. Please join us!

6:00 pm Joint meeting for **Finance & Stewardship** and the **Worship Committees**.

6:30 pm **Senior High's Wed. at Whitt's BBQ** on Madison Street. Bring \$\$ for the meal.

Friday, August 10

6:00 pm **Visitors & New(er) Members Dinner** at the home of Maggie Brown. Invitations have been mailed and RSVPs are due to the church by Tuesday, August 7.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rally Day will be Sunday, August 12. There will be a Christian Education program at 9:45 am in the fellowship hall featuring a bulletin board expo from small groups in the church. The Congregational Life Committee will prepare the 2nd Sunday meal: grilled pork chops/chicken/hotdogs, baked beans, slaw, macaroni salad, sliced homegrown tomatoes, cantaloupe and watermelon, chocolate chip cookies, tea, lemonade, & coffee.

We will be helping the FUEL program by donating 60 bags of food to go home with local children who do not have enough. We need \$250 for the food and volunteers to help pack the bags. Please make out checks to FPC with FUEL in the memo line. Volunteers can come to the fellowship hall at 4:30 pm on Aug. 19 before committee meetings. The bags will be given to children on Aug. 30. More info will be forthcoming on how you can help with FUEL for the school year.

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); July 22, "Playing the Ball Where It Lies" (Acts 16:6-10). Others are 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, tea/lemonade.

Pledge Statements have been mailed. Please look over your statement and check to make sure your contributions are up to date. Thank you!

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 fpccclarksville@gmail.com.

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.

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.



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*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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