

Morning Worship
August 12, 2012, Rally Day
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 Nehemiah 8:9-10, Psalm 30:1-5

This day is holy to the Lord our God.

**Therefore, do not mourn or weep,
when you hear the word of God;
for the Joy of the Lord is your strength!**

We will praise you, O Lord, for you have lifted us up;
We cried to you for help, and you have healed us!

Sing praises to the Lord, give thanks to his holy name.
For weeping may last for the night, but joy comes in the morning!

* HYMN #430 "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in you we live and move and have our being, your face is hidden from us by our sins, and your mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts:

Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts 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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE READING Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt – a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord.

But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

ANTHEM (11:00) "From Generation to Generation"

Setting by Bailey/Mayo

"From generation to every generation we have heard the story. God's faithfulness will always endure. God's love is sure."

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Commissioning of Sunday School Teachers
Bible Presentation

ORGAN INTERLUDE (11:00)

Children, ages four - fourth grade depart for Children's Worship

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 19:1-7

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON "The Power Beyond Ourselves"

"Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" (Acts 19:2)

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN #316, vs. 1 & 2 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

* 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

* The Doxology, Hymn # 592

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #398 "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

* 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

Tom Graves is the Elder of the Day.

Maggie Brown is the liturgist.

Next Sunday, Pastor Dave will begin a new sermon series,

“Lessons for Living from the Old Testament,” with the message “The Laughter of God,” (Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7).

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 in offering plate.

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

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

Sunday, August 12

9:45 am **Christian Education** slide show and refreshments in the fellowship hall.

12:05 pm **The Congregational Life Committee is preparing 2nd Sunday Lunch** to be served in the fellowship hall. Menu: grilled pork chops/chicken/hotdogs, baked beans, slaw, macaroni salad, homegrown sliced tomatoes, watermelon and cantaloupe, chocolate chip cookies, tea, lemonade, and coffee.

5:00 pm **Confirmation Class & Elder Sponsors Cookout** at the home of Sharon & Loy Duncan.

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

Monday, August 13

5:00 pm **Theology on Tap** meets at the Guadalajara Grill, 1068 South Riverside Drive (across from Big Lots). This week, everyone is asked to bring a symbol of what gives you inspiration: a book, quote, person, scripture, work of art, or picture. Please join us!

Tuesday, August 14

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

Wednesday, August 15

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

4:00 pm **Property Committee** meets.

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

Saturday, August 18

1:00 pm **NaCoMe Beginning-of-the-School-Year Work Trip** for Middle School & Senior High Youth. The cost is \$25. The group will return on the bus by 6 pm on Sun.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Sunday School year, our children will experience a new type of Children’s Church. The Christian Education Committee recommended a new curriculum, which the session approved, that alters the form of Children’s Church to a more structured worship format. Following the Children’s Moment during the 11:00 service, children ages 4 – 4th grade are invited to come to the chapel for Children’s Worship. We will use the Noah’s Park curriculum which is designed for this age group to teach Biblical lessons incorporating skits, music, prayer and discussion in the worship to help prepare children to fully participate in worship once they are older. This is an exciting time and we appreciate your prayers for God’s blessing on this new service.

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), and July 29, “Songs from a Prison House” (Acts 16:11). Other sermons are available from Neesa in the church office.

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 plus volunteers to help pack the bags. Please make out checks to FPCPW 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.

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.

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.

The **Annual Congregational Potluck Picnic** will be held at the Hudson Farm on Sunday, Sept. 9, 3-5:00 pm. The Congregational Life Committee will grill hamburgers and hot dogs and provide potato chips, drinks, plates, cups, and eating utensils. You are asked to bring a picnic-type dish to share which serves 10-12 (i.e.: deviled eggs, slaw, potato salad, baked beans, fruit/vegetable plate, cookies, brownies, pies, etc.) Bring quilts and/or chairs to sit on plus old shoes for creek-wading. We will have hayrides and volleyball games. Maps to the farm will be available in late August.



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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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