

Morning Worship

August 19, 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

**Come, O Holy Spirit,
Come as Holy Fire and burn in us,
Come as Holy Wind and cleanse us within,
Come as Holy Light and lead us in the darkness,
Come as Holy Truth and dispel our ignorance,
Come as Holy Power and enable our weakness,
Come as Holy Life and dwell in us.**

**Convict us, convert us, consecrate us, until we are
set free from the service of ourselves, to be your
servants to the world. Amen.**

(Cardinal John Henry Newman, 1801-1890)

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

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved
you with our whole heart. We have failed to be
an obedient church. We have not done your
will, we have broken your law, we have
rebelled against your love. We have not loved
our neighbors, and we have refused to hear the
cry of the needy.**

**Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Now hear our silent, personal confessions...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* GLORIA PATRI

Hymn #579

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE READING

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

For everything there is a season, and a time for every
matter under heaven:

A time to be born, and a time to die;

**A time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is
planted;**

A time to kill, and a time to heal;

A time to break down, and a time to build up;

A time to weep, and a time to laugh;

A time to mourn, and a time to dance;

A time to throw away stones, and a time to gather
stones together;

A time to embrace, and a time to refrain from
embracing;

A time to seek, and a time to lose;

A time to keep, and a time to throw away;

A time to tear, and a time to sew;

A time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

A time to love, and a time to hate;

A time for war, and a time for peace.

**For everything there is a season, and a time for every
matter under heaven.**

ANTHEM (11:00) "To Everything There Is a Season"

*"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose
under heaven: A time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance."*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

ORGAN INTERLUDE (11:00)

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

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON Lessons for Living from the Old Testament

(1) "The Laughter of God"

*"There is a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to
mourn, and a time to dance." (Ecclesiastes 3:4)*

*"Now Sarah said, "God has brought laughter for me;
everyone who hears will laugh with me." (Genesis 21:6)*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN #145, vs. 1 & 2 "Rejoice! Ye Pure in Heart"

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Apostles' Creed*, pg. 14

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The Offertory

* The Doxology, Hymn # 592

* Prayer of Dedication

* HYMN #362 "I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry"

* 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

Todd Harvey is the Elder of the Day. **Sarah Hedstrom** is the liturgist.

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.**

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

Sunday, August 19

NO Senior High and Middle School Youth meeting (the group will be returning from NaCoMe around 6 pm).

4:30 pm **Volunteers to help stuff F.U.E.L. bags** should meet in the fellowship hall. If you would like to donate to F.U.E.L. please make checks to FPCPW.

5:00 pm **Committees meet** in the chapel.

6:00 pm **Session meets** in the library.

Monday, August 20

5:00 pm **Theology on Tap** meets at the Guadalajara Grill, 1068 South Riverside Drive (across from Big Lots). Please join us for lively discussion on Christian faith and living.

Tuesday, August 21

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

Wednesday, August 22

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.

Thursday, August 23

4:00 pm **Deadline to sign up for PW Dinner** (see announcements for details).

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.

The C.E. Committee needs a laptop and speakers to use for Children's Worship. If you have any old equipment you could donate, please contact Maggie Brown.

Thanks to all who generously contributed to the recent FUEL project. A total of \$1795 was donated which takes care of our immediate need and gets us started for the school

year. Presbyterian Women purchase food, bag it up, and deliver to Byrns Darden Elementary School every Thursday of the school year. The bags go home on Friday with children who are in need of extra food for the weekend. We need about \$3000 for the entire year, so we will ask for your help again in the future (please make out checks to FPCPW with FUEL in the memo line).

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. Dispatches to God's Household-The General Epistles, will be given. Wherever you make your home, God is always there. These letters continue to speak to us today as we grapple with how to live in community as disciples of Christ. Join us as we study what it means to belong to the household of God. Night Circle hosts. 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. Bring quilts and/or chairs to sit on plus old shoes for creek-wading. Maps are available.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Classes meet each Sunday from 9:45 am to 10:30 am. Nursery is provided for infants on the 2nd floor.

<u>Children & Youth</u>	<u>Class Location</u>	<u>Curriculum/Study</u>
2's - Kindergarteners	2 nd floor	<i>We Believe</i>
1 st - 12 th Graders	4 th floor	<i>We Believe,</i> Confirmation
<u>Adults</u>	<u>Class Location</u>	<u>Curriculum/Study</u>
Brotherhood (men)	3 rd floor	<i>The Present Word</i>
Explorers (men/women)	2 nd floor	<i>Disciple Series</i>
Friendship (women)	3 rd floor	<i>The Present Word</i>
Gospel (men/women)	3 rd floor library	<i>Feasting on the Word</i> and other sources



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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