

Morning Worship

August 26, 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 passion may hinder us from knowing your will, no weakness keep us from doing it; that in your light we may see light clearly, and in your service find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* HYMN #341 "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God,

the Good News gives us hope that you freely pardon all who repent and turn to you.

Now fulfill in every contrite heart the promise of redeeming grace. Forgive us all our sins, and cleanse us from a wounded conscience; through the perfect sacrifice of Christ Jesus 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

Psalm 139:1-10

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up;

you discern my thoughts from far away.

**You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.**

**Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord,
you know it completely.**

You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

Where can I go from your spirit?

Or where can I flee from your presence?

If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

**If I take the wings of the morning and settle at
the farthest limits of the sea, even there your
hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall
hold me fast.**

ANTHEM (11:00) "Jacob's Ladder" arr. Simon Lindley
"As Jacob with travel was weary one day, at night on a stone for a pillow he lay; he saw in a vision a ladder so high, that its foot was on earth, and its top in the sky: Alleluia to Jesus who died on the tree, and hath raised up a ladder of mercy for me. This ladder is long, it is strong and well-made, has stood hundreds of years and has not yet decayed; many millions have climbed it and reached Zion's hill and thousands by faith are climbing it still."

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

ORGAN INTERLUDE (11:00)

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

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 28:10-22

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON Lessons for Living from the Old Testament

(2) "Discovering God in the Hard Places"

"Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it!'" (Genesis 28:16)

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN

"Nearer, My God, To Thee"

Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

**E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me,
still all my song shall be,
nearer, my God, to thee;
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!**

**Though like the wanderer, the sun gone down,
darkness be over me, my rest a stone;
yet in my dreams I'd be
nearer my God, to thee;
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!**

**There let the way appear, steps unto heaven;
all that thou sendest me, in mercy given;
angels to beckon me
nearer, my God, to thee;
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!**

**Then, with my waking thoughts bright with thy
praise,
out of my stony griefs Bethel I'll raise;
so by my woes to be
nearer, my God, to thee;
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!**

**Then when, on joyful wing cleaving the sky,
sun, moon, and stars forgot, upward I fly,
still all my song shall be,
nearer, my God, to thee;
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!**

(Words: Sarah F. Adams
Music: Lowell Mason)

* 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 #535 (sing twice) "Go With Us, Lord"

* 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

Janet Hudson is the Elder of the Day.

Ann Waddle 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 26

2-3:00 pm **Preschool Open House**

4-6:00 pm **Senior High and Middle School Youth** meet at the AOC. Middle School youth should bring money for a fast-food dinner.

Monday, August 27

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 "*Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God.*"

6:00 pm **Presbyterian Women Dinner** in the fellowship hall. Dispatches to God's Household-The General Epistles, will be given. Our study will be on what it means to belong to the household of God. Night Circle hosts.

Tuesday, August 28

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

Wednesday, August 29

10:00 am **Bible Study** in the church library -please join us.

6:30 pm **Senior Highs** meet at Whitt's BBQ on Madison

Street. Please bring money for the meal.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Sunday School year, our children will experience a new type of Children's Church. 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 and use the Noah's Park curriculum which is designed for this age group to help prepare children to fully participate in worship once they are older.

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 an immediate need and gets us started for the school year. We will need about \$3000 for the entire year, so we will ask for your help again in the future. Checks should be made to FPCPW with FUEL in the memo line.

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 Tues. 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 (towels) for creek-wading. You are welcome to bring sports equipment such as Frisbees, badminton, etc. We will have hayrides through the fields and creek beds plus volleyball games. Maps are available. Please join us for this old-fashioned dinner-on-the grounds congregational picnic!

FINANCIAL UPDATE

As of July 31, 2012, our pledge revenue is down by \$48,254 when compared to this time last year. Our overall budget has been cut in recent years and we need the congregation to keep their pledges current so that church programs and monthly expenses can be paid.

\$287,291.00 PLEDGED INCOME AS OF JULY 31, 2011

-239,036.83 PLEDGED INCOME AS OF JULY 31, 2012

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We seek to know God's love and share it
With each other, our community and the world.
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of discipleship!*

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