

Communion Sunday

September 2, 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 supplication on all who desire it.
Deliver us from cold hearts and wandering
thoughts, that with steady minds and
burning zeal we may worship you in spirit
and in truth; through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.**

* HYMN #485 "To God Be the Glory"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned
against you in thought, word and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have
left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart and
mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are, and direct what we
shall be, so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways, to the glory of
your holy name.**

Now hear our silent, personal confessions...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* GLORIA PATRI

Hymn #579

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM (11:00) "Here I Am to Worship"

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Sacrament of Baptism (11:00)

Hymn #492, vs. 1

"Baptized in Water"

ORGAN INTERLUDE (11:00)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 32:22-32

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON Lessons for Living from the Old Testament

(3) "Wrestling With God"

*"Jacob sent his family across the river, along with
everything he had. He was left alone. And a man wrestled
with him until daybreak."*

(Genesis 32:23-24)

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN #282 "If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee" (vs. 1 & 3)

* 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.

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 #540 "God Be with You Till We Meet Again" (vs. 1 & 2)

* CHARGE AND BLESSING

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

Scott Sitter is the Elder of the Day.

Ross Hicks is the liturgist.

Next Sunday, Pastor Dave's message will be from Exodus 3:1-

15, "When Faced with an Overwhelming Task."

We celebrate with Greg & Jill Walton, the baptism of Rhodes Gregory Walton. Taylor, Jackson and Kayleigh Black are the siblings.

‡ **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, September 2

We will not have Children's Worship today so that children may share the Sacrament of Holy Communion with their families. Children in kindergarten and younger may join Ms. Helene in the nursery.

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, September 3

Church Office closed for the Labor Day holiday.

No **Theology on Tap** meeting.

Tuesday, September 4

10:00 am **PW Morning Circle** meets in the church library.

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

Wednesday, September 5

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

The Annual Congregational Potluck Picnic will be held at the Hudson Farm next 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 plus volleyball games. Maps are available. Please join us for this old-fashioned dinner-on-the-grounds congregational picnic!

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.

Thanks to all who generously contributed to the recent FUEL project. A total of \$1835 has been 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.

New Member Classes offered Sept. 23 & 30 –for those considering membership at First Presbyterian Church, Pastor Dave will be meeting with a group in his office Sept. 23 & 30, 9:45-10:30. Following the 10:30 session, there will be a meeting of the Elders of the Church (The Session), who will offer an official welcome into our church family. This will take place at the Gathering Time in the fellowship hall.

The Nominating Committee for the church's elders was chosen at the August Session meeting: Rod Wolfe, chair, Marshall Duncan, Jennifer Ellis, Barbara Grigsby, Sarah Hedstrom, and Elaine Price. The Committee will work on recruiting 8 elders plus 1 youth elder, to be recommended to the Congregation at the election meeting on Oct. 28. The Committee will also be responsible for recommending an additional member to serve on the Professional Staff Committee. Names for consideration as elder may be submitted to Rod Wolfe or the church office (by Sept. 9). A form to submit names (green card) is available in the vestibule or outside the church office. Please ask the person's permission before submitting names.

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 Presbyterian Women's Luncheon will be Mon. Sept. 24, 12:30 pm in the fellowship hall. David Kanervo will speak on "The Political Scene in This Election Year." The catered meal cost is \$10 per person. Meal and childcare reservations are required and can be made by signing up on the bulletin board. Menu: chicken salad on a bed of salad greens with fresh fruit, croissant, carrot cake, tea, lemonade and coffee.

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.



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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