

**Morning Worship**  
*September 16, 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, from whom every good prayer comes,  
and who pours out on all who desire it the spirit of  
grace and fervent prayer:**

**Deliver us from coldness of heart and wanderings of  
mind, that, with steadfast thoughts and kindled  
affections, we may worship you in Spirit and truth,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\* HYMN #285 "God, You Spin the Whirling Planets"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Forgive us, Lord Jesus, for the things we have done that  
make us feel uncomfortable in your presence.**

**Forgive us for the front that we polish so carefully  
for others to see, knowing it does not deceive you.**

**We acknowledge, with sorrow and true repentance,  
that we have craved those things not meant for us;  
and absorbed ourselves in self-interest.**

**We confess that our ears have often been deaf to your  
whisper; our eyes blind to your guidance.**

**Soften now our hearts with the gift of repentance  
that we may receive the blessing of your forgiveness.**

**May we hear your voice in our souls,**

**"Go in peace, and sin no more."**

**Now hear our silent, personal confessions...**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\* GLORIA PATRI

Hymn #579

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 139:1-10

ANTHEM (11:00) "Wings of the Morning" John Rutter

*"If I take the wings of the morning,  
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;  
even there shall thy hand lead me,  
and thy right hand shall hold me".*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

ORGAN INTERLUDE (11:00)

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Hosea 11:1-11

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "Did You Know" Rev. Ken Gillespie

*"It was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took him up in my  
arms, but they did not know that I healed them."*

(Hosea 11:3)

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\* HYMN #275

"God of Our Life"

\* 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 #223

"O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer"  
(verses 1 & 2)

\* 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**

**Marcia Williams** is the Elder of the Day.

**We welcome Rev. Ken Gillespie** to our pulpit today. Ken is an ordained minister in The United Methodist Church, serving 20 years as an Army chaplain and 13 years as pastor of the Adams United Methodist Church. He and his wife Nancy live in Adams, TN, and have two children and three grandchildren. Nancy sings in our choir.

**Pastor Dave's message next Sunday** will be "Prophets Who Have Saved You," from II Samuel 12:1-7.

**Pastor Dave** is available for individual meetings w/members of the congregation. Email him: [david.stull.handley@gmail.com](mailto: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, September 16**

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

5:00 pm **Committees meet.**

6:00 pm **Session meets.**

**Monday, September 17**

10:00 am **Mothers with Young Children** – a new PW Circle. Please see the back of your bulletin for details. Childcare is available.

5:00 pm **Theology on Tap** at the Guadalajara Grill, 1068 Riverside Drive. Join us for a lively discussion on Christian faith and living.

**Tuesday, September 18**

9:30 am **Prayer for the Pastor Nominating Committee.**

5:30 pm Yoga class in the fellowship hall.

**Wednesday, September 19**

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.

**Thursday, September 20**

4:00 pm **Deadline to sign up for the Presbyterian Women's Luncheon.** The 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.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Children's Church** –following the Children's Moment during the 11:00 service, children ages 4 – 4<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to go to the chapel. We are using the Noah's Park curriculum which is designed to help prepare children to fully participate in worship once they are older.

**New Member Classes offered September 23 & 30** –for those considering membership at First Presbyterian Church, Pastor Dave will be meeting with a group in his office, 9:45-10:30. On Sept. 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 or Professional Staff may be submitted to Rod Wolfe or the church office (by Sept. 16). 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 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. Stop by and get a card from Neesa.

**Church Bus Drivers are urgently needed!** If you are interested in obtaining a Commercial Drivers License, contact Neesa in the church office. The church refunds all licensing fees.

### NEW PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLES!

- **Mothers of Young Children**, will be meeting Monday, Sept. 17 at 10:00 am to kick off this new PW Circle. We will be using "The Power of a Praying Parent" by Stormie Omartian, as the basis for our study. We will meet in the Explorers Classroom and childcare will be provided in the former Childrens Church room.
- **Women Dealing with Deployment** - This group comprised of women currently facing deployment or those who have been through a deployment, will use Bible Study to help cope with the daily struggles of being a military wife during a time of war. We meet the second and fourth Mondays of the month from 10:30 am-12:00 pm. We will meet in the Explorers classroom and Childcare will be provided in the former Children's Church room. Both rooms are on the 2nd floor. Plan to attend and feel free to bring a friend!

One other new circle which is forming:

- **Single & Newly Married Women**  
If you, or anyone you know is interested in being a part of this group, please contact Maggie Brown or Vicki Wallace.

Our regularly scheduled Circles are

- Morning Circle (meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Tues. of the month at 10 am)
- Night Circle (meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues. at 7:00 pm)
- Midday Circle (3<sup>rd</sup> Tues. at 12:30 pm).

These three circles meet in the church library.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

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

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