

Morning Worship
September 23, 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, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* HYMN #455 "All Creatures of Our God and King"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what we are too embarrassed to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a viscous circle of self-condemnation.

Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Now hear our silent, personal confessions...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* GLORIA PATRI

Hymn #579

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Psalm 100

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

INVITATION TO JOIN OUR CHOIR Lydia Schoonover

ANTHEM (11:00) "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

ORGAN INTERLUDE (11:00)

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

II Samuel 12:1-7

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON "Prophets Who Have Saved You"

"The thing that David did displeased the Lord, and the Lord sent Nathan to David... 'You are the man!' said Nathan... And David said, 'I have sinned against the Lord!'"

(II Samuel 12:1, 7, 13)

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN #370, vs. 1-3 "Just As I Am, Without One Plea"

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The Offertory "Laudate Dominum" Mozart
Esther Sooter

"Praise the Lord, all nations: praise him, all peoples. Because his mercy upon us is confirmed: and the trustworthiness of the Lord will endure for ever."

* The Doxology, Hymn # 592

* Prayer of Dedication

* HYMN #339

"Be Thou My Vision"

* 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

Steve Griffey is the Elder of the Day.

Don Trotter is the liturgist.

Pastor Dave's message next Sunday will be "Spiritual Exhaustion," from I Kings 19:1-13.

Pastor Dave is available for individual meetings w/members of the congregation. Email him: 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 23

9:45 am **New Member Classes offered today and September 30** –for those considering membership at First Presbyterian Church, Pastor Dave will be meeting with a group in his office. 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.

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

Monday, September 24

10:30 am **Women Dealing with Deployment** - This group comprised of women currently facing deployment or those who have been through a deployment, uses Bible Study to help cope with the daily struggles of being a military wife during a time of war. We meet the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month from 10:30 am-12:00 pm in the Explorers classroom and childcare is 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!

11:30 am **PW Board** meets.

12:30 pm **Presbyterian Women Luncheon** in the fellowship

hall. Dr. David Kanervo, Professor of Political Science at APSU (and a member of our church) will speak on "The Political Scene in This Election Year."

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 25

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

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

Wednesday, September 26

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

4:00 pm **Deadline** to turn in names for consideration for church elder and the Professional Staff Committee. The Nominating Committee will then meet to work on a list of 9 elders to be recommended to the Congregation at the election meeting on October 28.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday Night Studies will be the first four Wednesdays in October (3, 10, 17 & 24). We will have a trial period of Wednesday Night Worship. A light dinner will be served at 5:30 pm with worship to follow at 6:00 pm. Childcare will be provided.

Color Craft Studios out of Bryant, AL, will be doing our new church pictorial directory. Photographers will be at FPC on Fri. Oct. 26 – Sun. Oct. 29 to photograph families. More information will be forthcoming.

Volunteers are needed to help in the nursery. We've had a baby boom and need loving arms to hold and rock babies so their parents are able to participate in worship. If you are able to help, please sign up on the church bulletin board outside of Neesa's office.

A volunteer is also needed to help with childcare for the Monday morning PW Circle of Women Facing Deployment. The women meet from 10:30 am-12:00 noon on the 2nd & 4th Mondays each month. If you are able to help out during any of these times, please contact Maggie.

ESP Trips- We are currently working on planning a trip to Patty's for lunch and then to the Badgett Theater for a musical. Information will be forthcoming.

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. 26). 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.

2nd Sunday Lunch, Oct. 14 – The Congregational Life Committee will be preparing baked ham, Paula Dean chicken, corn casserole, roasted potatoes, fresh apple salad, lima beans, and apple cake.

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 \$7,096.85. 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!

- **The Hannah Circle** (a mothers group) will meet on the 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month at 9:15 am. 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 Children's Church room.
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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 1st Tues. of the month at 10 am)
- Night Circle (meets the 2nd Tues. at 7:00 pm)
- Midday Circle (3rd Tues. at 12:30 pm).

These three circles meet in the church library.



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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