

Morning Worship
September 30, 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 Revelation 4:1, 8-11

After this I looked, and there stood a throne, with One seated on it. Around the throne was a rainbow, and in front of the throne something like a sea of crystal!

Four angelic creatures, day and night without ceasing, sang: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!

Elders dressed in white robes, with golden crowns on their heads fell down to worship the Lord.

They cast their crowns before the throne, singing, ‘You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power; for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.’ Amen.

* HYMN #138 “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSIO

Truly, you are holy, Lord God Almighty.

We are sinful, and do not deserve to be in your presence. Yet your love for us is so merciful, you clothe us with the white robes of Jesus’ righteousness.

You give us the gift of humble and contrite hearts.

We confess, dear Lord, that we have wandered from your ways, we have wasted your gifts, we have forgotten your love. Forgive and cleanse us through

the loving sacrifice of Jesus Christ our Savior. And in your mercy, meet with us now in our silent prayers of confession....

SILENT CONFESSIO

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* GLORIA PATRI

Hymn #579

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 17:6-8, 15

I call upon you, O Lord, for you will answer me; incline your ear to me, hear my cries.

Wondrously show your steadfast love, O Savior of those who seek refuge. Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings.

I shall behold your face in righteousness;

When I awake I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.

ANTHEM (11:00)

“Keep Me, Keep Me”

“Keep me as the apple of the eye,

Hide me in the shadow of Your wings.”

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

ORGAN INTERLUDE (11:00)

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

I Kings 19:1-13

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Spiritual Exhaustion”

“Elijah asked that he might die: ‘It is enough now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors!’”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN #345, vs. 1 & 5 “Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles’ Creed, pg. 14

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The Offertory

“There Is a Balm in Gilead”

“Sometimes I feel discouraged,

and think my work’s in vain.

But then the Holy Spirit

revives my soul again.”

* The Doxology, Hymn # 592

* Prayer of Dedication

* HYMN #540

“God Be With You Till We Meet Again”

* CHARGE AND BENE

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

Sarah Hedstrom is the Elder of the day.

Rod Wolfe is the liturgist.

Next Sunday is World Communion Sunday. Elder Sue Reynolds will be preaching, “Come One, Come All!”, from Psalm 100:2-5 and Luke 22:7-20. We will also receive the Peacemaking Offering in worship. This offering supports the PC(USA)’s efforts to equip and nurture God’s people as peacemakers, and to assist the whole Church to witness Christ’s peace to the nation and world.

‡ **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 pew cards and place in offering plate.

* **If you are able, please stand.**

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

Sunday, September 30

- 9:45 am **New Member Class** offered today –for those considering membership at First Presbyterian Church, Pastor Dave will be meeting with a group in his office. If interested in learning more about our church and the denomination, please join us.
- 10:30 am **Called Session meeting** in fellowship hall, 3rd St. side.
- 10:30 am **The Gathering Time** in the fellowship hall (join us for refreshments and fellowship).
- 4-6 pm **Senior High and Middle School Youth** meet at the AOC. Middle School should bring money for a fast-food meal.

Monday, October 1

- 7:00 am **Men's Breakfast** at Shoney's (corner of Kraft & N. 2nd St.) –all men, all ages, are invited to join us in conversations about life and faith. A brief devotional follows the meal.
- 9:15 am **Hannah Circle** (a mothers group) meets in the Explorers Classroom. We are using "The Power of a Praying Parent" by Stormie Omartian, as the basis for our study. Childcare is provided.
- 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, October 2

- 10:00 am **PW Morning Circle** meets
- 5:30 pm **Yoga class** in the fellowship hall.

Wednesday, October 3

- 9:00 am **Prayer for the Pastor Nominating Committee** (please note the change in day and time).
- 10:00 am **Bible Study** in the church library –please join us.
- 6:30 pm **Senior Highs** meet at Arby's on Madison Street. Please bring money for dinner.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ColorCraft Studios is contracted to do our new church directory. Photographers will be at FPC on Fri. Oct. 26 – Sun. Oct. 28 to photograph families. Signup sheets will be available after worship on Sundays, Sept. 30 and Oct. 7. After signups take place, ColorCraft will be calling families that have not scheduled an appointment.

Volunteers are needed to help in the nursery. We've had a baby boom and need loving arms to hold and rock babies. If you are able to help, please sign up on the church bulletin board.

A volunteer is also needed to help with childcare for the Monday morning PW Deborah Circle, from 10:30 am-12pm

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 church elders and a new member to serve on the Professional Staff Committee) has been meeting to work on recruiting 8 elders plus 1 youth elder. A list of name will be recommended to the Congregation at the election meeting on Oct. 28.

2nd Sunday Lunch, Oct. 14 – The Congregational Life Committee will be preparing baked ham, Paula Deen 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 Wed. at 9 am in the parlor. Please note the change in day and time!

NEW PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLES!

- **The Hannah Circle**, a mothers group, meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays each month at 9:15 am with childcare provided.
- **The Deborah Circle**, women dealing with deployment, meets the 2nd & 4th Mondays each month from 10:30 am-12 pm and childcare is provided.
- **Single & Newly Married Women** is a new circle which is forming, 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 1st Tues. 10 am) (Oct. 2)
- Night Circle (meets 2nd Tues. 7:00 pm) (Oct. 16)
- Midday Circle (3rd Tues. 2:30 pm) (Oct. 16)

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>



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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