

Morning Worship

October 14, 2012

8:30 & 11:00

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

‡ GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE AND GREETING

* CALL TO WORSHIP

God of all glory, on this first day you began creation, bringing light out of darkness. On this first day you began your new creation, raising Jesus Christ out of the darkness of death. On this Lord's Day grant that we, the people you create by your Word and Spirit, may be joined with all your works in praising you for your great glory. Through Jesus Christ, in union with the Holy Spirit, we praise you now and forever. 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.

Meet with us now in our silent prayers of confession....

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* GLORIA PATRI Hymn #579

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE READING

Isaiah 40:1-5

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

ANTHEM (11:00) "Nobody Knows the Trouble I See"
K. Lee Scott

"Nobody knows the trouble I see, nobody knows but Jesus.
Nobody knows the trouble I see, glory hallelujah."

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

ORGAN INTERLUDE (11:00)

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

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON II Kings 5:1-16

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON "Why God Can Only Reach a Broken Heart"

*"You have kept count of my tossings and turnings;
you put my tears in your bottle."*

(Psalm 56:8)

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN "Be Still My Soul" (tune, *Finlandia*, Sibelius)

**Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Leave to thy God to order and provide;
In every change, He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.**

**Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake
To guide the future, as He has the past.**

**Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
His voice Who ruled them while He dwelt below.**

**Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
When we shall be forever with the Lord.
When disappointment, grief and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.**

* 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 #276 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

* 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 AND POSTLUDE

WORSHIP NOTES

Susan Marks is the Elder of the day. Ross Hicks is the liturgist.

Next Sunday Pastor Dave's message will be from II Kings 6:8-23, "Open Our Eyes, Lord!"

‡ 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.

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.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

Sunday, October 14

10:30 am **The Gathering Time** in the fellowship hall.

12:05 pm **2nd Sunday Lunch** – baked ham & chicken, corn casserole, roasted potatoes, fresh apple salad, lima beans, apple cake, tea lemonade, and coffee.

No Senior High or Middle School Youth meetings. We will be returning from NaCoMe Fall Youth Retreat.

Monday, October 15

9:15 am **Hannah Circle** (a mothers group) meets in the Explorers Classroom. Childcare is provided.

5:00 pm **Theology on Tap** at the Guadalajara Grill, 1068 Riverside Drive. Join us for a discussion of the “omni’s” of God’s nature and what they mean for our personal faith: omniscient, omnipotent, omnipresent.

Tuesday, October 16

12:30 pm **PW Midday Circle** meets.

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

7:00 pm **PW Night Circle** meets.

Wednesday, October 17

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

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

5:30 pm **Wed. Night Supper** in the fellowship hall followed by the **Wed. Night Studies** at 6:00 pm. (see back)

7:30 pm **Senior Highs** meet at Arby’s on Madison Street. Please bring money for a dessert and drink.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ColorCraft Studios photographers will be at FPC on Fri. Oct. 26 – Sun. Oct. 28 to photograph families. Those who failed to sign up will receive a call from ColorCraft to schedule a photo appointment.

Volunteers are needed to help in the nursery. We've had a baby boom and need loving arms to hold and rock babies. **A volunteer is also needed** to help with childcare for the PW Deborah Circle, 10:30 am-12pm on the 2nd & 4th Mondays of each month. If you are able to help out during any of these times, please contact Maggie Brown.

ESP Trip – Sat. November 17 to Patti's for lunch at noon and then to the Badgett Theater musical, “Variety Christmas Spectacular” at 2 pm. See the ESP board for details. **TODAY** is the sign up deadline!

The Nominating Committee is meeting to work on recruiting 9 elders plus 2 people to serve on the Professional Staff Committee. A list of names for elder will be recommended to the Congregation at the election meeting on Oct. 28.

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. 9-9:30 am in the library.

The Presbyterian Women’s Luncheon will be Mon. Oct. 22, 12:30 pm in the fellowship hall. The program “Pumpkin Carols & Fun” will be led by Sue Reynolds and the Night Circle. Get ready to sing some fun songs and decorate mini pumpkins! Meal and childcare reservations are required and can be made by signing up on the bulletin board. The catered meal cost is \$10. Menu: Turkey & dressing, green beans, mashed potatoes, rolls, pumpkin pie, tea, lemonade & coffee.

Fun Carnival & Trunk or Treat - Sunday, Oct. 28, from 2-4 pm we will have Trunk-or-Treat and a carnival at the AOC. Signups to donate cookies and/or cupcakes plus Trunk-or-Treat participation are on the bulletin board.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER & STUDIES

“The Ripple Effect of Christian Community”

Oct. 17 & 24; Nov. 7 & 14

5:30 pm supper, 6-6:55 pm presentation and discussion in the fellowship hall

Oct.17: **We Need Each Other** (I Cor. 12)

Oct. 24: **The Inclusive Community:** kids & adults, rich and poor (Philemon; Acts 2:17-18)

Oct. 31: No gathering so families can manage Halloween

Nov. 7: **A Different Kind of Love in Christian Community** (John 3:1-17; Mark 5:21-43)

Nov. 14: **A Community That Cares for the Poor & Outcaste** (Matt. 25:31-46)

Childcare is provided. Suggested meal donations: \$5 for adults, \$3 children ages 4-12, 3 and younger free. No more than \$12 per family.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLES

- **Hannah Circle**, a mothers group, meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays each month at 9:15 am, and childcare is provided. (Oct. 15)
- **Morning Circle** meets the 1st Tues. at 10 am.
- **Deborah Circle**, women dealing with deployment, meets the 2nd & 4th Mondays from 10:30 am-12 pm, and childcare is provided. (Oct. 22)
- **Night Circle** meets the 2nd Tues. at 7:00 pm. (Oct. 16)
- **Midday Circle** meets the 3rd Tues. at 2:30 pm. (Oct. 16)
- **Single & Newly Married Women** (a new circle forming). If you, or anyone you know is interested in being a part of this group, please contact Maggie Brown or Vicki Wallace.



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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