

Morning Worship

October 21, 2012

8:30 & 11:00

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

‡ GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE AND GREETING

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Almighty God, to 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 Christ our Lord. Amen.

* HYMN #466 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Mark 8:22-25

ANTHEM (11:00)

PW MOMENT

Rhonda Banasiak

ORGAN INTERLUDE (11:00)

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

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

II Kings 6:8-16

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON "Open Our Eyes Lord!"

"Alas, my master, what shall we do?!"...And Elisha prayed,
'Lord, open his eyes that he may see.'"

II Kings 6:15 & 17

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN #324 "Open My Eyes That I May See"

* 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The Offertory

* The Doxology, Hymn # 592

* Prayer of Dedication

* HYMN #383 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

* 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

Sue Reynolds is the Elder of the day.

Ann Waddle is the liturgist.

Next Sunday Pastor Dave's message will conclude the fall series "Lessons for Living from the Old Testament", with the message from Micah 6:1-8, "The Three Commandments."

‡ 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 FPC

Sunday, October 21

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

4-6:00 pm Senior High and Middle School Youth meetings.

5:00 pm Committees meet

6:00 pm Session meets

Monday, October 22

10:30 am Deborah Circle (women dealing with deployment) meets in the Explorers Classroom. Childcare is provided.

11:30 am Presbyterian Women Officers meet.

12:30 pm The Presbyterian Women's Luncheon is in the fellowship hall with "Pumpkin Carols & Fun" led by Sue Reynolds. Get ready to sing some fun songs and decorate mini pumpkins!

5:00 pm Theology on Tap at the Guadalajara Grill, 1068 Riverside Drive. Join us for a lively discussion of the question, "If God is all-loving and all-powerful, why is there so much suffering in the world?" Pastor Dave will lead the discussion.

Tuesday, October 23

5:30 pm Yoga class in the fellowship hall.

Wednesday, October 24

- 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.

Friday, October 26

1-8:00 pm **Photographing for New Directory**

Saturday, October 27

10:00am-8:00 pm **Photographing for New Directory**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregational Meeting next Sunday, Oct. 28 at 12 noon, to elect 9 elders. Nominating Committee Recommendations for 3-year terms as elders: Arland Batson, Laura Black, Doug Hildreth, Leong Lee, Tracy Jackson, Sarah Morgan, Carolyn Riggins, Liz Thomas; for 1-year term as Youth Elder: Karlee Kimmell; for Professional Staff Committee (to be approved by Session): Vicki Wallace and Niesha Wolfe.

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

Fun Carnival & Trunk-or-Treat – on Sunday, Oct. 28, from 2-4 pm we will have Trunk-or-Treat and a carnival at the AOC. At 2:00 children are invited to trick-or-treat from decorated automobile trunks in the AOC parking lot. Meanwhile, downstairs in the gym there will be 2 bounce castles and plenty of games and crafts. Signups to donate cookies and/or cupcakes plus Trunk-or-Treat participation are on the bulletin board.

All Saints' Sunday will be Nov. 4. Each worshipper will be encouraged to bring a tapered candle in honor of a loved one now passed on. Following the first scripture lesson, worshippers will be invited to come forward, light the candle, and place it in a sand bed at the Communion table.

2nd Sunday Luncheon, Nov. 11, will feature warm fellowship, an Italian-themed meal, and stories from two members whose lives have been touched by some aspect of the church's ministry.

Stewardship Sunday, Nov. 18 – a reflection of stewardship will be offered by one of our church members; pledge cards will be passed out at offering time during worship.

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.

Advent Booklet - the Communications Committee is compiling information to go in the Advent Booklet. All small groups, committees, and Sunday School classes should submit Advent activities they are planning to the church office, ASAP.

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.

Ten Thousand Villages will be bringing their beautiful jewelry, crafts, Christmas décor and other artisan items from around the world to our fellowship hall on Sunday, Nov. 18 from 9 am-1pm. Plan to do some Christmas shopping and support fair trade while you shop. Invite your friends – the sale is open to the community.

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.

ALL SAINTS DAY, NOV. 1

Mark Your Calendars for November 1! All Saints Day is a time to remember our loved ones who have passed on to us our Christian Faith.

On Thursday night, November 1st, our adult choir will join choirs from Madison Street United Methodist Church and Trinity Episcopal Church for an All Saints Concert. The concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Episcopal Church on Franklin St. George Mabry, professor emeritus at APSU, wrote music specifically for the concert. Also featured on the program will be music written by Jeffrey Wood, APSU professor of music and Paul Byrom, who is a graduate student at APSU.



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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