

Thanksgiving and Stewardship Sunday

November 18, 2012

8:30 & 11:00

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE "Ah, Holy Jesus"

‡ GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE AND GREETING

This is the day the Lord has made; (Psalm 118:24)

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

* CALL TO WORSHIP

God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* HYMN #551 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy and grace, we confess to you this day the times we have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you.

Forgive our hardness of heart toward those who are less privileged than we. Forgive the times we have been given the opportunity to act kindly toward a stranger or a friend, and have been too self-absorbed to reach out.

Forgive us for walking through life making our own plans, striving after our own purposes, and not consulting humbly with you to order our days.

We need the cleansing you have offered us through Jesus Christ; we need the renewing of our minds you have offered us in your Holy Spirit.

As we offer our silent, personal confessions, fill us with the joy of the forgiven and the vision of those who want to be your disciples...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* GLORIA PATRI

Hymn #579

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 138

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul. All the kings of the earth shall praise you.

They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord. For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.

You will not forsake the work of your hands.

ANTHEM (11:00) Howard Scudder, trumpet

"We Praise You, O God"

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Sacrament of Baptism (11:00) *Brayden Andrew Deardorff*

ORGAN INTERLUDE

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

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Philippians 4:4-7

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON "The Purifying Influence of Thanksgiving"

"Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which

surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN #555 "Now Thank We All Our God"

* 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.

FOCUS ON STEWARDSHIP Bill Hutton and Don Beck

"I am the Church.
You are the Church.
We are the Church together.
All who follow Jesus all around the world,
Yes! We're the Church together."

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The Offertory "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

* The Doxology, Hymn # 592

* Prayer of Dedication

* HYMN #554 "Let All Things Now Living"

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE AND POSTLUDE

WORSHIP NOTES

Duncan McKellar is the Elder of the day.

Mark Banasiak is the liturgist.

We celebrate today the baptism of *Brayden Andrew Deardorff* (born June 8, 2012), son of Justin & Lacey Deardorff, brother of Addison, Bryson, and Izzy.

Next week Pastor Dave's message will be "Thanksgiving for our Nation" from II Chronicles 7:12-20.

‡ 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, November 18

Pledge Cards will be received in Worship during the Offering.

9:00 am **Ten Thousand Villages** is here in the fellowship hall until 1:00 pm with their beautiful jewelry, crafts, Christmas décor and other artisan items from around the world for purchasing. You can do some Christmas shopping and support fair trade while you shop. The sale is open to the community.

9:45 am **Orientation session for newly-elected Elders.**

4-6 pm **Senior High and Middle School Youth Groups** meet. Middle School will go out to eat (bring \$\$).

5:00 pm **Committees meet**

6:00 pm **Session meets**

Monday, November 19

9:15 am **Hannah Circle** meets in the Explorers Classroom. Childcare is provided.

5:00 pm **Theology on Tap** at the Guadalajara Grill, 1068 Riverside Drive. Join us for lively discussions.

Tuesday, November 20

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

Wednesday, November 21

No prayer group meeting for the PNC

No Bible Study

No Senior High meeting at Arby's.

Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23

Church Office closed for the Thanksgiving holiday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Presbyterian Women's Luncheon, Dec. 3, at 12:30 pm in the fellowship hall - a representative from the Clarksville Dept. of Electricity will join us and give money-saving tips on "Ways to Save Electricity in Your Home." Meal and childcare reservations are required and can be made by signing up on the bulletin board no later than Thurs. Nov. 29. The catered meal cost is \$10. Menu: baked ham with mashed potatoes, green bean bundles, dinner rolls, pecan pie, iced tea, lemonade, and coffee.

The Angel Tree (sponsored by the Salvation Army) is outside the church office today. Angel tags with names of children and parents along with ages, sizes, etc. will be on the tree. You are encouraged to select an angel tag and purchase a gift. Please return the gift unwrapped and labeled with the original angel tag by Dec. 9. A group will be wrapping Tuesday, December 11.

Advent Booklet - the Communications Committee is compiling information to be included in the Advent Calendar Booklet. All small groups, committees, and Sunday School classes should submit planned Advent activities to the church office, ASAP.

NaCoMe Thanksgiving Feast -bring your family to NaCoMe for Thanksgiving where NaCoMe will do all the cooking and cleaning. Meal times are 1 pm and 3 pm with a worship service available at 12:00 noon. The cost is \$15 for ages 12 and up and \$6 for children ages 4-11. Reservations are required. Call 931-729-9723.

The Advent Craft Fair will be Sun. Dec. 2 in the fellowship hall from 2-4 pm. Due to generous donations from member sponsors, children's crafts will be at no cost. There will be 2 adult crafts which will be priced at cost. Samples of crafts are displayed on the table outside the church office.

We are now collecting food items for the Christmas Food Baskets. A list of what you can bring is in the newsletter and on the table outside the church office. Items may be left in the fellowship hall (coat rack & storage area). Volunteers will be needed on Fri. Dec. 21 and Sat. Dec. 22. More information will be in upcoming bulletins and the Dec. newsletter.

The Children's Choir will be performing "The Messiah for Young Voices" on Dec. 9 in the sanctuary during Sunday School time and everyone is invited.

Photo Make-ups -We must have 25+ families to have a make-up day. Call the church to schedule for Sat, Dec. 15.

Children's Nativity Pageant on Sunday, Dec. 16 at 10 am in the sanctuary - all children are invited to participate and should arrive at 9:45 am in order to select a costume. Everyone is invited to the pageant.



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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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