

Morning Worship
November 25, 2012
8:30 & 11:00

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE "With Music I Will Praise Thee"

by Natalie Sleeth; Vicki King, organist
Madison Carbary & Katie Haase, duet

‡ 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

Almighty God,

We pray for your blessing on our Church this day.

**Here may the faithful find salvation, and the careless
be awakened. Here may the doubting find faith,
and the anxious be encouraged. Here may the
lonely find fellowship, the tempted find strength,
and the sorrowful comfort. Here may the weary
find rest, and the strong be renewed. Here may the
aged find consolation and the young be inspired;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

* HYMN #145 "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God, in you we live and move and have our
being, your face is hidden from us by our sins, and
your mercy we forget in the blindness of our
hearts:**

**Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from
proud thoughts and vain desires, that with
reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to
you, confessing our faults, confiding in your
grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength:
through Jesus Christ your Son.**

Now hear our silent, personal confessions...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* GLORIA PATRI

Hymn #579

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 107 (selected verses)

**O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his
steadfast love endures forever.**

Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to an
inhabited town; hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted
within them. Then they cried to the Lord in their
trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.

**O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his
steadfast love endures forever.**

Some sat in darkness and in gloom, prisoners in misery
and in irons, for they had rebelled against the words of
God, and spurned the counsel of the Most High. Their
hearts were bowed down with hard labor; they fell
down, with no one to help. Then they cried to the Lord
in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress.

**O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his
steadfast love endures forever.**

The Lord turns rivers into a desert, springs of water into
thirsty ground.

**O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his
steadfast love endures forever.**

ANTHEM (11:00) Howard Scudder, trumpet

"To Christ, the Prince of Peace" by Walter Ehret

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

ORGAN INTERLUDE

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

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON II Chronicles 7:12-16

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON "Thanksgiving for our Nation"

*"If my people who are called by my name humble
themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their*

*wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven. I will forgive
their sin, and heal their land."*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN #564 "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The Offertory "Thanks Be to Thee" Tom King (8:30)

"All That We Have" Leo Adames (11:00)

* The Doxology, Hymn # 592

* Prayer of Dedication

* HYMN #155 "Rejoice, the Lord is King"

* CHARGE

* BENECTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE

* POSTLUDE

WORSHIP NOTES

Patty Orr is the Elder of the day.

Ross Hicks is the liturgist.

Next week Pastor Dave's message will be "Are You Ready for
Christmas?" from Mark 13:24-37.

‡ 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 (email david.stull.handley@gmail.com).

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

Sunday, November 25

No Senior High or Middle School Youth Groups meetings.

Monday, November 26

10:30 am Deborah 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 27

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

Wednesday, November 28

9-9:30 am **Prayer group** meeting for the PNC

10:00 am **Bible Study** meets in the library.

6:30 pm **Senior Highs** meet at Arby's for fellowship and supper. Bring \$\$ for the meal.

Saturday, December 1

9:00 am **Everyone is invited** to join the Worship Committee for a morning of fellowship in decorating and preparing our church building for Advent and Christmas. We will finish at 12:00 noon.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. Santa will be stopping by to have pictures taken with the kids and snacks will be served. Samples of crafts are displayed on the table outside the church office. If you would like to assist with helping at a craft table or donating snacks, please sign up on the bulletin board ASAP. The Middle School & Senior High Youth Groups will help with the Fair.

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 or calling the church 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 no later than Dec. 9. Gifts will be taken to the Salvation Army on the morning of Dec. 10.

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

The Christmas Cantata, "Advent Carol Service" will be Dec. 9

at 4:30 pm in the sanctuary. It will be followed by the **Congregational Potluck Dinner** at approximately 5:30 pm in the fellowship hall. The church will provide ham, turkey, dressing, corn casserole, mashed potatoes, gravy, rolls, tea, lemonade, and coffee. The rest will be covered dish. If your last name begins with A-L, please bring an extra large vegetable dish; M-Q, please bring an extra large dessert; R-Z, please bring an extra large salad dish.

Photo Make-ups - We have set Sat. Dec. 15, 11:00 am - 5:00 pm, as a make-up day for pictures. Call the church to schedule.

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 attend.

Advent Calendar Booklets are available on the table outside the church office and in the vestibule.

Memorial Poinsettias - The church will order Christmas poinsettias. Please notify the church office by Mon. Dec. 17 to have names in memorial or in honor (along with donors) listed in the bulletin on Dec. 23. Donations for the poinsettias should be made to the FPC Memorial Garden fund.

Maplemere Christmas Caroling - you are invited to join us for some old fashioned Christmas Caroling in the Maplemere neighborhood on Thursday, December 20. Meet at David & Susan Elliott's home, 115 Maplemere Dr. between 5-5:30 pm. Refreshments will be served at one of the neighbor's home at or around 7:00 pm.

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) or the church office. Volunteers will be needed on Fri. Dec. 21 beginning at 4 pm to sort/count food, and on Sat. Dec. 22 with packing and delivering baskets. More information will be in the Dec. newsletter.

Christmas Eve Candlelighting Services will be at 4:30 pm and 6:00 pm in the sanctuary. There will be special music, scripture readings, meditation, and candlelighting.

OCTOBER 2012 FINANCIAL REPORT

Income for October	\$30,786.65
Expenses for October	<u>\$46,271.40</u>
Net Operating Total for October	-\$15,484.75
Year to date income	\$430,649.26
Year to date expenses	<u>\$434,310.09</u>
Year-to-date operating total	-\$3,660.83



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*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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