

*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

The LORD be with you.
And also with you.

ˆ 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.

ˆ HYMN, #210 “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess
our sin and the sin of this world.**

**Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a
people divided against each other as we cling to
the values of a broken world.**

**The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land
and pollute the seas.**

**The fears and jealousies we harbor set neighbor
against neighbor and nation against nation.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us
free to serve you in the world as agents of your
reconciling love in Jesus Christ.**

Now hear our silent, personal confessions...

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 71

In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.

**Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me.
Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.**

For you, O Lord, have been my hope and my trust from my youth. Upon you I have leaned from my birth; it was you who took me from my mother’s womb.

My praise is continually of you. O God, do not be far from me; make haste to help me!

So even to old age and gray hairs, I will be confident you will not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to all generations to come.

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS

ORGAN INTERLUDE (11:00)

Children ages four- first grades depart for children’s worship

ANTHEM “Be Thou My Vision” by Pooler

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 5:1-16

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON Jesus’ Secret to Happiness: the Beatitudes
“Knowing Our Need for a Savior”

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN (see insert)

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

(Matt 5:1-16), with a focus on *"Blessed are the merciful"* and *"Blessed are the peacemakers..."* Newcomers are expected.

Tuesday, January 15

8:15 am **PW Hannah Circle** meets.

12:30 pm **Volunteers are meeting to paint bowls** at the AOC in the dining room for the Empty Bowls project. Join the fun and help fight hunger in our community. The cost is \$5 a bowl which will be donated to the Empty Bowls Hunger Project.

6:30 pm **Yoga class** in the fellowship hall.

Wednesday, January 16

9:00 am **Bible Study** group meets in the church library

6:30 pm **Senior Highs meet** at Chick-Fil-A on Madison Street. Please money for dinner.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Dave is the featured speaker at the Martin Luther King Unity Service to be held on Monday, January 21, 6:00 pm at the Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church, 709 Franklin Street. This expression of unity among all the churches is a fulfillment of Jesus' prayer in Gethsemane, *'...that they may all be one so the world may believe.'* (John 17:21). Come join us!

Planning Day will be on Saturday, January 26, beginning at 9:00 am in the fellowship hall. This is a time for members and visitors to our church to get involved with the various committees of the church. We meet at 9:00 am for coffee & announcements and then split up into committees and go to individual meeting rooms to plan programs and events for 2013. At 11:30 everyone returns to the fellowship hall for lunch which will be prepared by the Fellowship Committee (previously called Congregational Life). Copies of printed Committee descriptions are available in the vestibule and outside the church office.

The Wedding Guild (a group of volunteers who help with weddings) plans to meet on Planning Day from 9-11:00 am. Anyone interested in knowing more about the Guild may join us for info and a brief training session.

Guest preacher on January 27 - The Rev. Dr. Craig Wascovich will be our guest preacher in two weeks. Rev. Wascovich

this year.

The Presbyterian Women Luncheon will be Monday, January 28, at 12:30 pm in the fellowship hall. The program will be on the "Habitat Mission" and will be given by Shelby Logsdon. We will be awarding PW Honorary Life Memberships to some lovely ladies. They don't know who they are, so come join the surprise and fun. We will begin collecting items for SafeHouse: winter hats, gloves and scarves, gently-used purses filled with travel size toiletries, and canned foods. The meal is catered (\$10) and the menu is BBQ pork sandwich, baked beans, cole slaw, fruit cobbler, iced tea, lemonade, and coffee. Reservations are required for your meal and/or child care so please sign up on the bulletin board.

2013 Offering Envelopes (for those who requested them) may be picked up at the table outside the church office. Anyone else who would like envelopes, call Connie in the church office, 645-6551. To avoid confusion, please discard all 2012 envelopes.

Women's 9th Annual Retreat at NaCoMe, Friday, Feb. 1-Sun. Feb 3. More info will be available in upcoming bulletins.

Craft Fair Photos along with other activity photos are available on the table outside the church office where parents may pick up their child's photo.

