

**Sunday Worship**  
*January 20, 2013*

*"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.

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

**O God, light of the hearts that see you, life of the souls that love you, strength of the thoughts that seek you: to turn from you is to fall, to turn to you is to rise, to abide in you is to stand fast forever. Although we are unworthy to approach you, or to ask anything at all of you, grant us your grace and blessing for the sake of Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.**

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

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God,  
In whom we live and move and have our being,  
whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and  
whose 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 Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me;

**He has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn - to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.**

They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

**I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult to my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.**

ANTHEM "Prayer for Today" setting by Michael Kemp

"God in heaven, I make my prayer for people who live in fear or pain or doubt. For children who live in terrible warring places. For all good people everywhere who live in comfort, love, and peace, but who do not always hear the call of those who live with nothing at all."

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

ORGAN INTERLUDE (11:00)

*Children ages four - fourth grades depart for children's worship*

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

(2) "Good Grief & Godly Comfort"

*"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."*

Matthew 5:4

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\* HYMN

"Be Still My Soul"

**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: when dearest friends depart,  
And all is darkened in the veil of tears,  
Then shalt thou better know His love, His heart,  
Who comes to soothe thy sorrow and thy fears.  
Be still, my soul: thy Jesus can repay  
From His own fullness all He takes away.**

**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

*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 "Go Light Your World" Wiley/Winkler  
Sarah Klein, flute

\* The Doxology, Hymn #592

\*Prayers of Dedication

\* HYMN, #158

“The One is Blest”

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* CHORAL RESPONSE AND POSTLUDE

### WORSHIP NOTES

**Don Trotter** is the liturgist and Elder of the Day.

**Next Sunday, our guest speaker will be Rev. Dr. Craig**

**Wascovich**, pastoral counselor with the Pastoral Counseling Centers of Tennessee. His Clarksville office is at the First Christian Church on Madison Street. He has helped many of our members at important times in their lives, and has done the same for members of many other churches in the Clarksville area. The Center offers professional counseling on a sliding fee scale, according to one's ability to pay. This ministry has been supported by First Presbyterian Church since Rev. George Gracey was instrumental in helping to found it. Don Beck currently serves as chairman of the Board; Jill Crow and Dave Handley also are members of the Board this year.

**Sermons from December 16, 23, and 30** are available in print in the vestibule of the sanctuary and outside the church office.

**Pastor Dave** is available for individual meetings with members of the congregation Monday-Friday in the afternoons, or on Saturdays when circumstances require it. Email him at [david.stull.handley@gmail.com](mailto:david.stull.handley@gmail.com).

‡ **Please sign and pass the Friendship Pad** found at the end of your pew. Write prayer concerns and notes to the church office on the cards found in your pew and place them in the offering plate.

\* **If you are able, please stand.**

### THIS WEEK AT FIRST

**Sunday, January 20**

4-6:00 pm **Middle School and Senior High Youth Group** meet at the AOC.

**Monday, January 21**

5:00 pm **Theology on Tap** meets at the Guadalajara Grill. Pastor Dave will lead a discussion of the Beatitudes (Matt 5:1-16), with a focus on "*Blessed are the merciful*" and "*Blessed are the peacemakers...*" Newcomers are expected.

6:00 pm **Unity Service** at the Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church, 709 Franklin Street. **Pastor Dave is the featured speaker.** 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!

**Tuesday, January 22**

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

**Wednesday, January 23**

10:00 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.

**Saturday, January 26**

9 am **Planning Day** in the fellowship hall. This is a time for members and visitors to our church to get involved with the various church committees. 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 a soup and sandwich lunch (White Chili, Zesty Veggie Cheese, and Chicken Noodle soups with grilled cheese and tuna sandwiches, and fresh-baked cookies) prepared by the Fellowship Committee. See today's insert for Committee descriptions.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Wedding Guild** (a group of volunteers who help with weddings) plans to meet on Planning Day, Jan. 26, 9-11:00 am. Anyone interested in knowing more about the Guild can contact Neesa in the church office or simply join us on Planning Day for info and a brief training session.

**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 *BY JAN. 24* for your meal and/or child care, so please sign up on the bulletin board or call the church office.

**Women's 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Retreat** at NaCoMe, Fri. Feb. 1-Sun. Feb 3.

All women are encouraged to join us for a time of reflection and sharing and getting to know other women of FPC. Sign up on the bulletin board outside the church office.

**A New Drop Box** has been installed above the door bell/intercom outside the church office entrance door. The box is a locked and secure black mail box in which members may drop off correspondence such as envelopes, camp forms, preschool applications, etc.

**Craft Fair Photos**, along with other activity snapshots are on the table outside the church office. Please take yours home.



# 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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