

Sunday Worship
January 27, 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

Everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being: You have made us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they rest in you.

Give us purity of heart and strength of purpose, that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will, no weakness keep us from doing it; that in your light we may see light clearly, and in your service find perfect freedom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* HYMN, #292 "All Beautiful the March of Days"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,

We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Now hear our silent, personal confessions...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* GLORIA PATRI

Hymn #579

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 40:1-5, 16-17

I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry.

He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord. Happy are those who make the Lord their trust, who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods.

You have multiplied, O Lord my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you. Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted.

May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who love your salvation say continually, "Great is the Lord!"

As for me, I am poor and needy, but the Lord takes thought of me. You are my help and my deliverer; do not delay, O my God.

ANTHEM

"Open My Eyes"

"Open thou mine eyes and I shall see,
Incline my heart and I shall desire,
Order my steps and I shall walk
In the ways of thy commandments."

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

ORGAN INTERLUDE (11:00)

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

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 26:36-46

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON Jesus' Secret to Happiness: the Beatitudes
(3) "Not My Will, but Yours"

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth."

Matthew 5:5

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN, #391 (verses 1, 5 & 6)

"Take My Life"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed, hymnal pg. 14

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The Offertory

* The Doxology, Hymn #592

*Prayers of Dedication

* HYMN, #392

"Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord"

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE AND POSTLUDE

WORSHIP NOTES

Sarah Hedstrom is the liturgist and Elder of the Day.

Next Sunday, we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper by intinction, with the congregation coming forward. **Pastor Dave's message** will continue our reflections on the Beatitudes, "*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled.*" (Matthew 5:6). It is Scouting Sunday, and members of our Boy Scout Troop 500 will be ushering for the service.

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

‡ **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 27

- 2-3:45 pm **Club 345** for 3rd, 4th & 5th graders at the AOC. Bring a friend!
- 4-6:00 pm **Middle School and Senior High Youth Group** meet at the AOC. Middle School should bring money for a fast-food meal.

Monday, January 28

- 10:30 am **PW Deborah Circle** meets.
- 11:30 am **PW Board of Officers** meets.
- 12:30 pm **The Presbyterian Women Luncheon** is in the fellowship hall and the program is the "Habitat Mission" and will be given by Shelby Logsdon. We will be awarding PW Honorary Life Memberships to some lovely ladies. Bring items to donate to 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.
- 5:00 pm **Theology on Tap** meets at the Guadalajara Grill. The discussion will be on "The Silence of God," with Mark 4:35-41 and John 11:1-37, providing the background.

Tuesday, January 29

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

Wednesday, January 30

- 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.

Friday, February - Sunday, February 3

- Women's 9th Annual Retreat** at NaCoMe - All women are encouraged to join us for a time of fellowship, recreation, reflection, worship and sharing. The cost is \$94 which includes 2 nights' stay and meals. See the bulletin board for more details and to sign up.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On February 10, we are inviting our Preschool Family to join us for worship and the 2nd Sunday Lunch. In addition to meeting some of these families, we will be honoring our preschool teachers and staff. Our preschoolers will sing and lead us in The Lord's Prayer. Please plan to attend!

Middle School and Senior High Youth will attend the NaCoMe Winter Youth Retreat on Friday, Feb. 8 - Sunday, Feb. 10.

ESP will sponsor a night of dinner and theater (*Patsy Cline* at the Roxy) in February. Details will be in the February Newsletter and on the ESP board.

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 (IE: envelopes, camp forms, preschool apps).

All women in the church are invited to participate in the Presbyterian Women Circles and Bible Study. February scheduled meetings at the church:

- Hannah Circle, Mon. Feb. 4, 9:15 am
 Morning Circle, Tues. Feb. 5, 10 am
 Deborah Circle, Mon. Feb. 11, 10:30 am
 Martha Circle, Tues. Feb. 12, 12:30 pm
 Night Circle, Tues. Feb. 12, 7:00 pm

The February Presbyterian Women Luncheon will be at 12:30 pm on Monday, February 25. Ann Waddle will present the program, "Home Emergency Planning." A signup sheet for the meal and childcare will be posted soon. Menu: grilled chicken breast on a bed of rice, vegetable medley, French bread, lemon cake, iced tea, lemonade, and coffee.

Empty Bowls Project - cost for tickets for the annual fundraiser on Tues. Feb. 26 is \$15 and can be bought in the church office. Empty Bowls is all about remembering those in our community who struggle to put to put food on the table. Your ticket buys a meal which includes a handmade ceramic bowl, soup, bread, dessert and drink. Lunch will be 11am-1pm at Trinity Episcopal, New Providence UMC, and Grace Church of the Nazarene. Dinner will be 4:30-7pm at Immaculate Conception Church. 100% of the proceeds benefit Loaves & Fishes & Urban Ministries.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

You are invited to join a Sunday School Class!
 Classes are held each Sunday from 9:45 am to 10:45 am.
 Nursery is provided on the 2nd floor.

CHILDREN & YOUTH	Location	Curriculum/Study
2's - Kindergarteners	2nd floor	<i>We Believe</i>
1st - 12th Graders	4th floor	<i>We Believe</i> , and Confirmation
ADULTS		
Brotherhood (men)	3rd floor	<i>The Present Word</i>
Explorers (men/women)	2nd floor	<i>Disciple</i> series
Friendship (women)	3rd floor	<i>The Present Word</i>
Gospel Seekers (men/women)	3rd floor	<i>Feasting on the Word</i> , and other sources



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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