

Scout Sunday and Communion Sunday
February 3, 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

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.

* HYMN, #229 "From All that Dwell Below the Skies"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess
our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our
offenses against you.
You alone know how often we have sinned in
wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts,
in forgetting your love.
Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and
sorry for all we have done to displease you.
Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and
walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ
our Savior.
Now hear our silent, personal confessions...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* GLORIA PATRI Hymn #579

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 36:5-9

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your
faithfulness to the clouds.

**Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your
judgments are like the great deep.**

**How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people
may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.**

They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give
them drink from the river of your delights.

**For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see
light.**

ANTHEM "Create in Me a Clean Heart"
"Create in me a clean heart, oh God,
and renew a right spirit within me."

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

ORGAN INTERLUDE (11:00)

On Communion Sunday there is no Children's Worship.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON John 3:1-9, 4:4-19

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Hungering for the Right Things"
*"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness,
for they shall be filled." (Matthew 5:6)*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN, #333 "Seek Ye First"

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

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory (8:30) "Let Us Break Bread Together" Lew Metts

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy.....who forever sing
to the glory of your name:

"Hosanna in the highest!

That ancient song we sing

For Christ is our Redeemer,

The Lord of heaven our King.

O may we ever praise Him

With heart and life and voice,

And in His blissful presence eternally rejoice."

THE LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

* HYMN, #420 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE AND POSTLUDE

WORSHIP NOTES

Jane Wallace is the Elder of the Day.

Today is **Scouting Sunday** and members of our Boy Scout Troop
500 are ushering and reading scripture for the service.

Next Sunday is **Preschool Appreciation in worship and Pastor
Dave's message** will continue our reflections on the Beatitudes,
"The Most Important Word in the Bible" from Matthew 5:7.

‡ 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, February 3

Fair Trade Chocolate and Olive Oil are on sale outside the church
office.

12:05 pm New Members and Visitors Committee meets.

5:00 pm Super Bowl Party for Middle School and Senior High

Youth Groups. Senior Highs should bring a snack to share.

Monday, February 4

7:00 am **Men's Breakfast** at Shoney's (corner of Kraft & N. 2nd St.). All men, all ages, are invited to join us in conversations about life and faith. A brief devotional follows the meal.

9:15 am **PW Hannah Circle** meets.

5:00 pm **Theology on Tap** meets at the Guadalajara Grill.

Tuesday, February 5

10:00 am **PW Morning Circle** meets.

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

Wednesday, February 6

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 8

4:00 pm **Middle School and Senior High Youth** leave the AOC for the Retreat at NaCoMe. We will return Sunday at 3:30 pm approximately.

6:00 pm **ESP sponsored dinner at Edward's Steakhouse and Roxy Theatre.** We will dine at Edward's Steakhouse (107 Franklin St.) at 6:00 pm and then walk across the street to the Roxy Theater for the 8:00 pm showing of *Always Patsy Cline*. Sign up on the ESP bulletin board or call the church office ASAP!

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!

2nd Sunday Lunch is February 10 immediately following 11:00 worship. Menu: pork tenderloin, red beans and rice, slaw, cheesy vegetable bake, roasted potatoes, and red velvet cake.

Ash Wednesday Worship Service, February 13 at 6:00 p.m.

Worshippers will have the opportunity to begin the journey of Lent by coming forward for the imposition of ashes on our foreheads, in the sign of the cross. Those who are able will kneel, others may stand, as you hear Jesus' words, *"Repent, and believe the good news!"* The two movements of our souls during Lent are signified there: the downward mark of the ashes signifies humbling ourselves before the Judge of all the earth; the horizontal mark of the ashes signifies the freedom of sins forgiven and a fresh start.

Wednesday Night Lenten Studies, Feb. 20 & 27 and March 6 & 13. A light supper will be served at 5:30 pm and the study is at 6:00 pm. Beginning on February 20, Pastor Dave will lead a

study based on the book Respectable Sins: Confronting the Sins We Tolerate by Jerry Bridges. These so called "respectable sins" we tolerate (according to Bridges) include greed, lack of self control, the need to control others, impatience, a judgmental spirit, laziness, anger, ego and competitiveness. It is not necessary to have the book. There will be Nursery care for infants through age 3. Ages 4 and up will use "The Easter Garden " for a children's study.

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 in the fellowship hall. Ann Waddle will present the program, "Home Emergency Planning." The meal is catered (\$10) and the menu is: grilled chicken breast on a bed of rice, vegetable medley, French bread, lemon cake, iced tea, lemonade, and coffee. Reservations are required for your meal and/or child care so please sign up on the bulletin board by 4 pm on Thursday, February 21.

Empty Bowls Project - the annual fundraiser will be on Tues. Feb. 26. The cost per ticket 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.

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).

DECEMBER 2012 FINANCE REPORT

Income for December	\$122,740.76
Expenses for December	\$53,894.69
Net Operating Total for December	\$68,846.07
Year-to-date Income	\$598,793.02
Year-to-date Expenses	\$525,363.70
Year-to-date Operating Total	\$73,429.32



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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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