

First Sunday in Lent
February 17, 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, #138 "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.

We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.

We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.

We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God.

Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness.

In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin.

Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

Now hear our silent, personal confessions...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* GLORIA PATRI

Hymn #579

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 24

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? and who shall stand in his holy place? Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully. They will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the God of their salvation.

Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors! That the King of glory may come in.

Who is the king of glory?

The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, Mighty in battle. The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

ANTHEM "In the Shadow of Your Wings" John Leavitt
Ashley Greer, oboe

*Gracious God be merciful,
My soul is crying out to you.
My only refuge, Lord, is you.
My soul finds love and truth in you.
No other place of safety Lord, but you.
In the shadow of Your wings I hide.*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

ORGAN INTERLUDE (11:00)

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

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18; I John 3:1-3

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON "The Greatest Promise in the Bible"
"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." (Matthew 5:8)

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #326 (vs. 1 & 4) "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The Offertory "Gabriel's Oboe"
* The Doxology, Hymn #592
* Prayer of Dedication

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

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE AND POSTLUDE

WORSHIP NOTES

Chip Connell is the Elder of the Day. **Rhonda Banasiak** is the liturgist.

‡ **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 17

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

6:00 pm **Session** meets.

Monday, February 18

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

Tuesday, February 19

9:00 am **Preschool registration** for fall 2013 begins for children already enrolled and their siblings.

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

Wednesday, February 20

10:00 am **Bible Study** group meets in the church library

5:30 pm **Congregational Supper**

6:00 pm **Wednesday Night Lenten Studies**, Feb. 20 & 27 and

March 6 & 13. Pastor Dave will lead our reflections based on the book Respectable Sins: Confronting the Sins We Tolerate by Jerry Bridges (more details on back).

6:00 pm **Hand Bell Choir** practice on the 4th floor.

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

7:00 pm **Adult Choir** practice on the 4th floor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Jimmy Terry will be our guest preacher next Sunday, Feb, 24 at 11:00 - In March of 1982, Pastor Terry came to Clarksville to organize the Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church. During his 30 years of ministry in our community, Pastor Terry has founded the Tabernacle Christian School, served as a member of the NAACP, was instrumental in the naming of Wilma Rudolph Boulevard, served as chairman of the Black History Committee and is the current President of the Clarksville Area Ministers Alliance. Wherever he goes, Pastor Terry wears his "Trust Jesus" button and shares the love of God. This is what he will do for us on Sunday, February 24 at our 11:00 service. Pastor Dave will preach at the 8:30 service.

An Invitation to join Pastor Dave at an ecumenical Men's Retreat, March 7-10 - Walk to Emmaus is a three day experience to grow deeper in faith along with some 60 other men from a variety of churches. Beginning on Thursday evening and continuing through Sunday afternoon, March 7-10, Pastor Dave will join Pastor Skip Armistead (Hilldale United Methodist Church) and Pastor Charles Boyd (Liberty Chapel of Guthrie) in leading this unique experience that will take place at the Hermitage United Methodist Church. A similar weekend for women will take place two weeks later, March 21-24. The cost of the three day experience is \$100. Talk with Pastor Dave if interested.

Preschool registration for fall 2013 began Mon. Feb. 11 for church families. On Tues. Feb. 19 we will begin registration for children already enrolled and their siblings. On Mon. Feb. 25, enrolling begins for all other children. Call Mary Linn Sadler, the director, at 645-0313, for an application, to schedule a visit to the Preschool, or for more information.

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.

All women in the church are invited to participate in the Presbyterian Women Circles and Bible study which meet

monthly at the church:

Hannah Circle, 1st & 3rd Mon. each month, 9:15 am
 Morning Circle, 1st Tues., 10 am
 Deborah Circle, 2nd & 4th Mon., 10:30 am
 Martha Circle, 2nd Tues., 12:30 pm
 Night Circle, 2nd Tues., 7:00 pm

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 (see today's insert).

WED. NIGHT SUPPER & LENTEN STUDIES

The Christian Education Committee
 invites you to the
Wednesday Night Lenten Study series
February 20 & 27 and March 6 & 13
Light Supper at 5:30 pm
Studies from 6-7:00 pm

Pastor Dave Handley will lead us in this four-week class based on the book by Jerry Bridges, "**Respectable Sins: Confronting the Sins We Tolerate**". We will reflect on the so-called "respectable sins" such as greed, lack of self control, the need to control others, impatience, a judgmental spirit, laziness, anger, ego, and competitiveness. Each week we will begin with a light supper at 5:30; we will open with some favorite hymns at 6:00, followed by prayer, and then the lesson and discussion from 6:15-7:00.

We will enjoy a light supper at 5:30 pm. Suggested meal donations: \$5 for adults, \$3 for children ages 4-12, free for ages 3 & younger. No more than \$12 per family.

Nursery care will be provided each Wednesday for infants through age 3. Ages 4 and up will use "The Easter Garden" for a children's study. More details are in today's insert.

JANUARY 2013 FINANCIAL REPORT

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| Income for January | \$38,222.78 |
| Expenses for January | \$45,448.96 |
| Net Operating Total for January | -\$7,226.18 |
| Year-to-date Income | \$38,222.78 |
| Year-to-date Expenses | \$45,448.96 |
| Year-to-date Operating Total | -\$7,226.18 |



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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