

## Sunday Worship

June 9, 2013

*"In Your will is our peace;  
In Your love is our rest;  
In Your service is our joy."*

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE "When Morning Gilds the Skies" Hayes/Gaspard

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, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

\* HYMN MEDLEY (see insert)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.**

**In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from our selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior.**

**Hear our petitions that come quietly from our hearts and minds...**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\* GLORIA PATRI

Hymn #579

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 27

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

**The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh -my adversaries and foes- they shall stumble and fall.

**Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.**

One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after; to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life; to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

**For the Lord will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.**

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

**Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!**

ANTHEM

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

ORGAN INTERLUDE (11:00)

*For summer Sundays children remain with parents in worship;  
younger children may go to the nursery downstairs.*

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 1:1-18

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Knowing God:

(4) "The One Who Lights Up Our Lives"

*"I AM the Light of the world; whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of Life." (John 8:12)*

*"In Him was Life, and that Life was the Light of all people. The Light shines in our darkness, but the darkness did not overcome it."*

(John 1:4-5)

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\* HYMN, #179 (verses 1 & 4) "God Is My Strong Salvation"

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The Offertory "It is Well" Spaffard/Bliss

\* The Doxology, Hymn #592

\* Prayers of Dedication

\* HYMN #276 "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* CHORAL RESPONSE

\* POSTLUDE "Crown Him With Many Crowns" arr. J. Innes

### WORSHIP NOTES

**Steve Griffey** is the Elder of the Day. **Maggie Brown** is the liturgist.

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

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

**Next Sunday, June 16, Pastor Dave will continue** the sermon series on the "I AM" sayings of Jesus. See Exodus 3:1-14 for the background to all seven of these messages. Next Sunday the text is "I AM the Way, the Truth, and the Life," from John 14:6.

**We welcome Andrea Handley** to worship today, joining First Pres organist Carol Shippen for a series of organ/piano duets on favorite hymn tunes. Andrea currently serves as organist at Trinity United Methodist Church in Wilmette, Illinois and Director of the Chicago Bronze English Handbell Ensemble.

**Today and through the summer**, we will start each of our services with a medley of favorite hymns in order to sing more that we know and love. Please remember to place hymn suggestions and requests in the offering plate or send lists to Neesa.

**Pastor Dave is available** for individual meetings with members of the congregation Monday-Friday, 9am-6pm, or on Saturdays when circumstances require it. Email him at [david.stull.handley@gmail.com](mailto:david.stull.handley@gmail.com).

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST

### Sunday, June 9

2:00 pm **The church bus leaves** for NaCoMe from the AOC. Craig Schryver will be driving and Maggie Brown will be chaperoning on the bus.

2-3:45 pm **Club 345** for all 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders at the AOC. Bring a friend and join Bessie Grimaldi, the leader, for a devotion, snacks, and games in the AOC!

4-6:00 pm **Middle School Youth Group** meets.

### Monday, June 10

4:00 pm **Property Committee** meets.

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

### Tuesday, June 11

2:00 pm **Congregational Care Committee** meets.

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

### Wednesday, June 12

10:00 am **Bible Study** in the church library.

6:30 pm **Senior Highs meet at Whitt's** on Madison St. Bring \$\$ for the meal. We will eat and then hang out till 7:30 pm.

### Friday, June 14

8:30 pm **The bus will return Campers from NaCoMe** to the AOC at approximately 8:30 or so. Mikey Dahlke will be driving.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Help for Oklahoma** thru June 10: The churches of Clarksville are sending relief and recovery help to victims of the Oklahoma tornadoes and flooding. Collections of the following items are being received at Grace Nazarene Church, 3135 Trenton Rd, 647-7768, through Monday. The truck will deliver the items on Tuesday. Donations needed: flat shovels, rakes, bug spray, safety goggles, wheelbarrows, cots, tarps, grills and charcoal, commercial shelving (or any kind of shelving), folding plastic tables (rectangular 6' or 8'), plastic bins with lids (all sizes). Place the following items in a 2 or 2.5-gallon Ziploc bag to make Crisis Care Kits: 12 to 18 oz. shampoo with flip-top cap, 2 bars of bath-size soap, 4 to 6 oz tube of toothpaste, 3 toothbrushes, box of Band-Aids (30 or more), 1 fingernail clipper, 1 sturdy hair comb, 2 hand towels, 4 pocket-size pkgs. of facial tissue, 1 Beanie Baby-size stuffed toy. Filled Crisis Care Kits can be packed into banana boxes (grocery stores will give those to you) if you would like to bring them by the box instead of by the bag.

**For those wanting to explore membership at First Presbyterian with Pastor Dave**, a 2-week class will be offered on Sundays, June 23 & 30, from 9:45-10:30 in the pastor's office. The 1st

week, we will explore the mission statement & core beliefs of First Presbyterian Church, Clarksville; the 2nd week, we will look at the wider denomination--the history and unique elements of what it means to be a Presbyterian. Members who would like to sit in and discuss these same things are welcome to call Pastor Dave join and us.

**Matt and Margaret Lyle invite you** to their home, 1540 Appleton Road to enjoy an evening of worship led by Ryan Vernich on Thursday, June 27 at 7:00 pm. Ryan is preparing for his 2nd mission trip to Ethiopia and would like to share with you how the Lord is working in His life to serve the Ethiopian community. This event will have a relaxed "coffee house" feel. A free-will offering box will be available to anyone who feels led, however, Ryan is mainly seeking prayer for his trip. Please join us for this unique evening of worship together!

**Children's Worship** will next gather on June 16 (Father's Day) and July 21 (VBS Sunday). Children's Worship will resume weekly worship on Rally Day, August 11. During Children's Worship, children learn The Lord's Prayer, the Doxology, and the Apostles' Creed. Next year our 5th graders will be eligible to help serve as helpers during Children's Worship. We also need one more adult volunteer to help lead Children's Worship. If interested please let Maggie know.

**Sunday School Classes for the summer (June 2-July 28):** All rising first graders through high school will meet in the movie room on the 4th floor. We will be watching 30 minutes of *The Ten Commandments*. Following the movie we will address how it is like or different from the Bible, and how do these themes apply to life today. Preschoolers will go to the nursery on the 2nd floor and adult classes will meet as usual.

**Presbyterian Prayer Chain** - If you want to share a concern or celebration with members of our FPC prayer group, contact Ann Waddle (931-624-2597; annwaddle@gmail.com).

**VBS will be July 15-19** and the theme is "*Kingdom Rock; Where Kids Stand Strong for God*". The Training Session for shepherds will be Sunday, July 7 at 12:05 pm. Lunch and childcare will be provided. VBS Registration forms are available in the vestibule, outside the church office, and in the newsletter. All VBS children will be invited to sing in worship on July 21.

**Family Camp**, a new camp at **NaCoMe** will be offered August 2-4 (the weekend before public school begins). This will be a wonderful way to start the school year for your family. If you are interested, please contact the church office as registration forms are separate from the Youth Summer Camp form.

**Confirmation Class 2013-2014** - this year will include rising 7th graders and high-schoolers (who have not completed confirmation and are interested in joining the church). Our teaching staff will be leading a 6-week study designed to prepare high-schoolers to join FPC upon completion of the study series. Contact Maggie Brown in the church office if you are interested in this course of study. We plan to offer a similar class for adults in the winter.



# 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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