

Sunday Worship

June 23, 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, you pour out the Spirit of grace and faith on all who desire it. Deliver us from cold hearts and wandering thoughts, that with steady minds and burning zeal, we may worship you in Spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN MEDLEY (see insert)

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.

Hear now our confessions 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

Isaiah 5:1-4

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.

He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard.

What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it:

When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

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 LESSON

John 15:1-11

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON Knowing God: (6) "The Fruitful Life"

"I AM the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:7

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN, #313 "Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song"

* 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

* The Doxology, Hymn #592

* Prayers of Dedication

* HYMN #485

"To God Be the Glory"

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE

* POSTLUDE

WORSHIP NOTES

Tracy Jackson is the Elder of the Day. **Ann Waddle** 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, Pastor Dave's sermon will be "The Knock at the Door," from Revelation 3:14-22.

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 at fpccclarksville@gmail.com, or leave on her desk.

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.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

Sunday, June 23

9:45 am **New Members' Class**, a 2-week class will be offered today and June 30, from 9:45-10:30 am in the pastor's office. Today, we will explore the mission statement and core beliefs of First Presbyterian Church, Clarksville. Next Sunday, 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 and join us.

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

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

Monday, June 24

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

Tuesday, June 25

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

Wednesday, June 26

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.

Thursday, June 27

7:00 pm **Matt and Margaret Lyle invite you to their home**, 1540 Appleton Rd. to enjoy an evening of worship led by Ryan Vernich. 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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Men's Small Group to Grow in Faith - Pastor Dave invites men of the church for a three month weekly experience discussing key passages from the Gospels. Whether you are a member, or have recently begun attending, this is an opportunity to grow in seeing your life as a disciple who seeks to "follow Christ" in the details of your everyday life. The group will meet July-September, on Wednesday evenings, 5:30-7:00 in Dave's office. david.stull.handley@gmail.com

There will be a called Session meeting next Sunday, June 30, at 1:30 pm in the library.

The next Men's Monthly Breakfast will be Monday, July 1, 7:00 am at Shoney's on the corner of Kraft & N. 2nd Streets. All men, all ages, are invited to participate in conversations about life and faith. A brief devotional follows the meal.

Children's Worship will next gather on 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.*" 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.



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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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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Join us at Kingdom Rock!

**Monday, July 15 through Friday, July 19
from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon.**

All children ages 2 through entering 6th grade
are welcome.

Early Registration is encouraged!

(Registrations are required for each child)