

Sunday Worship

June 30, 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

God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN MEDLEY (see insert)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts:

Cleanse us from our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son.

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

Psalm 95:1-7

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice!

ANTHEM "Battle Hymn of the Republic" arr. J. Althouse
"Glory, glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on."

COMMISSIONING OF MISSION TRIP PARTICIPANTS TO WEST VIRGINIA (see insert)

ORGAN INTERLUDE (11:00)

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Revelation 3:14-22

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON "The Knock at the Door"

"Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you, and eat with you and you with me."

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN, #388 (vs. 1 & 4)

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

* 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 #438

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE

* POSTLUDE

WORSHIP NOTES

Steve Gallaher 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.

The rose this morning is given to the Glory of God and in celebration of the birth of *Savannah Grace Connell*, born June 21, 2013, to **Brad & Julianne Connell. Chip and Mary Ann Connell** are the proud grandparents.

Next Sunday, July 7, Communion will be celebrated by intinction, with the congregation coming forward. Pastor Dave will begin a summer sermon series on the Psalms, with "Living Waters from Within," from Psalm 1 and John 7:37-39.

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.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

Sunday, June 30

1:30 pm **Session meeting** in the library.

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

Monday, July 1

7:00 am **Men's Monthly Breakfast** 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.

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

Tuesday, July 2

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

Wednesday, July 3

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, July 4

Church office closed in observance of Independence Day.

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 of eight will meet July-September, on Wednesday evenings, 5:30-7:00 in Dave's office. david.stull.handley@gmail.com.

A New Midweek "Disciple" Class begins mid-August. What is the "Disciple" curriculum? It is a weekly in-depth study and discussion group that gives participants a comprehensive understanding of the entire Bible and how it all fits together. According to Jesus, a disciple is a learner, believer, follower, and proclaimer. The goal of the Disciple study is to develop strong Christian leaders who have a good grasp of the foundations of their faith. Or, as the Apostle Paul put it, "*to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.*" (Ephesians 4:12). This is a high-commitment/high pay-off venture beginning with weekly 2 1/2 hour sessions, mid-August through May. The homework required takes approximately an hour and a half of study time each day. Rev. Ken Gillespie, of our own congregation, will be the teacher. If you would like to be part of this venture, contact Pastor Dave or Maggie Brown, our interim Director of Christian Education.

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.*". 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.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Join us at Kingdom Rock!

Monday, July 15 - 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)



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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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