

Communion Sunday

July 7, 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

O God, light of the minds that know you, life of the souls that love you, strength of the thoughts that seek you: help us so to know you that we may truly love you, so to love you that we may fully serve you, whose service is perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN MEDLEY (see insert)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.

O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus, our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name.

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 1

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.

In all that they do, they prosper.

The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

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 4:9-10, 21-24; John 7:37-39

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Living Waters Within"

"They are like the trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither." (Psalm 1:3)

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN #446 (vs. 1 & 2) "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken"

* 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.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The Offertory

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, #398

"There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE AND POSTLUDE

WORSHIP NOTES

Sarah Morgan is the Elder of the Day.

‡ **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, we will be commissioning our Vacation Bible School leaders, with prayers from the children. Pastor Dave will continue the summer sermon series on the Psalms, with "The Renewing Power of God's Word," from Psalm 19.

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, July 7

No Middle School Youth Group meeting.

Monday, July 8

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

Tuesday, July 9

2:00 pm **Congregational Care Committee** meets in the church library.

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

Wednesday, July 10

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

No Senior Highs meeting at Whitt's.

Saturday, July 13

Mission Trip Participants return.

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.

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, Doxology, and Apostles' Creed. Next year our 5th graders will 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*, then 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.

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).

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 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)



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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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