

VBS Sunday

July 21, 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, you are infinite, eternal and unchangeable, glorious in holiness, full of love and compassion, abundant in grace and truth. Your works everywhere praise you, and your glory is revealed in Jesus Christ our Savior. Therefore, we praise you, blessed and holy Trinity, one God, forever and ever. 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 all 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 46

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Come, behold the works of the Lord; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

"Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth."

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

ANTHEM

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Vacation Bible School Celebration

ORGAN INTERLUDE (11:00)

Children, ages 4 through fourth grade depart for Children's Worship.

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 14:22-33

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"When We Are Afraid"

"God is our refuge and our strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear..."

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN (see insert) "Be Still, My Soul"

* 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 #286 "Give to the Winds Thy Fears"

* CHARGE

* BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE

* POSTLUDE

WORSHIP NOTES

Rod Wolfe is the liturgist. **Liz Thomas** 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, Mark Banasiak will be preaching on "Do Walk Love," from Matthew 22:34-40 and Micah 6:6-8.

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 21

- 9:45 am **Elder training for Communion** (to serve our homebound members).
- 12:05 pm **HELP "un-decorating" VBS**-all materials are going to be donated to the Salvation Army for their program next year.
- 4-6:00 pm **Middle School Youth Group** meets.

No Session meeting.

Monday, July 22

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

Tuesday, July 23

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

Wednesday, July 24

- 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.

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 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.

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. For adults wishing a similar class, we plan to offer a similarly structured class in the winter of 2014. Contact Maggie in the church office if interested.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ELDERS

<u>CLASS OF 2013</u>	<u>CLASS OF 2014</u>	<u>CLASS OF 2015</u>
Suella Arrington	Steve Griffey	Arland Batson
Chip Connell	Amy Lewellen	Laura Black
Tom Graves	Susan Marks	Doug Hildreth
Todd Harvey	Ivy Prall	Leong Lee
Janet Hudson	Tom Presler	Tracy Jackson
Karlee Kimmell	Sue Reynolds	Sarah Morgan
Scott Sitter	Ed Ritter	Carolyn Riggins
Marcia Williams	Jane Wallace	Liz Thomas
Denice Williamson		

JUNE 2013 FINANCIAL REPORT

Income For June	\$80,107.74
Expenses For June	\$44,663.35
Net Operating Total For June	\$35,444.39
Year To Date Income	\$282,997.86
Year To Date Expenses	\$278,716.90
Year-To-Date Operating Total	\$4,280.96



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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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