

Communion Sunday

August 4, 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, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

HYMN MEDLEY (see insert)

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,

We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, 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 34:1-8

I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.

O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.

I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.

This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord, and was saved from every trouble.

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

DISCIPLE ONE GRADUATES RECEIVE DIPLOMAS (11:00)
Arland Batson, Don Beck, Jennifer Ellis, Nancy Gillespie, Carol Shippen, Marcia Williams

ORGAN INTERLUDE (11:00)

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

ANTHEM (11:00) "Wings of the Morning" by John Rutter
Paige Schoonover, soloist

"If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; Even there shall Thy hand lead me, and Thy right hand shall hold me. O Lord, Thou art there. Thou art there." (from Psalm 39)

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 14:22-23
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON "When We Are Afraid"
"I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears." (Psalm 34:4)

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN #286 "Give to the Winds Thy Fears"

* 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, #426 "Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak"

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE AND POSTLUDE

WORSHIP NOTES

Susan Marks is the Elder of the Day. **Ross Hicks** is the liturgist.

Next Sunday is Rally Day. Pastor Dave will continue the summer series on the Psalms, with the message "The Power of Praise," from Psalm 100. The congregation and all visitors are invited to "Join the Party" in the fellowship hall. We will have a slide show at 9:45 am, the Gathering at 10:30 am, and the 2nd Sunday congregational lunch at 12:00 noon.

‡ **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.**

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, August 4

10:45 am **Called Session meeting** in the fellowship hall.

No Children's Sunday School today. Next Sunday will be Rally Day. All Sunday School classes will meet in the fellowship hall at 9:45 am.

4-7:00 pm **Senior High and Middle School Youth Swim Party** at the Posey's, 1880 Rossvie Road.

Monday, August 5

7:00 am **Men's Monthly Breakfast** at Shoney's on Kraft St. All men, all ages, are invited to join in on conversations on life and faith. A brief devotional follows the meal.

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

Tuesday, August 6

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

Wednesday, August 7

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

6:30 pm **Senior Highs** meet at Chick-Fil-A on Madison Street. Bring \$\$ for the meal. We will eat and then hand out till 7:30 pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 interested, contact Pastor Dave or Maggie Brown.

"Healthy Congregations", a free seminar sponsored by our Session, will be held on Saturday, Sept. 7, 9:00 am - noon. A congregation-wide breakfast prepared by our Fellowship Committee will be served at 8 am in the fellowship hall. This seminar will help prepare us for a new pastor and transitioning. The seminar assists congregations in understanding emotional systems within congregations, along with examining ways of communication that are healthy plus those that may be hurtful. See the August Newsletter for more details and plan to attend this seminar and breakfast.

The Salvation Army is having their Annual Fundraiser Dinner on Thurs. Aug. 22 at First Baptist Church, starting at 6 pm. This fundraiser helps the local Salvation Army Emergency Shelter keep its doors open 7 days a week (year round), providing food, housing, and support programs for those families and individuals needing assistance. You can help by filling a table of eight from your business or with friends at a cost of \$300, buying an individual ticket (\$37.50), OR providing The Salvation Army with a generous gift. Please respond by Aug. 12 by mailing your response to The Salvation Army, P.O. Box 623, Clarksville, TN 37041. Please include your check plus a contact name, phone number, and email address. If you are sponsoring a table, please include the names of those who will be attending. For more info, call Jill Crow (648-9529) or Lt. Christina Coulson (552-5250).

Children's Worship will resume weekly worship on Rally Day, Aug. 11. During Children's Worship, children learn The Lord's Prayer, Doxology, and Apostles' Creed. 5th graders will help serve as aides during Children's Worship. We also need one more adult volunteer to help lead Children's Worship. If interested please let Maggie know.

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).

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 youth to join FPC upon completion of the study. Contact Maggie if you are interested in this course. 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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