

**Morning Worship**  
Rally Day, August 11, 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

**Everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being: You have made us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they rest in you.**

**Give us purity of heart and strength of purpose, that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will, no weakness keep us from doing it; that in your light we may see light clearly, and in your service find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

\* HYMN, #430 "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you.**

**You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.**

**Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you.**

**Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.**

**Now inspire our silent personal prayers of confession...**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\* GLORIA PATRI

Hymn #579

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalms 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.**

Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.**

**For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.**

ANTHEM "A Psalm of Praise" Joseph M. Martin

*Come and make a joyful noise. Fill the earth with praise.  
Sing with heart and soul and voice. Joy to heaven raise.  
Let all of creation rejoice! Praise the Lord!*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

ORGAN INTERLUDE (11:00)

*Children, ages 4 through 2nd grade depart for Children' Worship.*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Philippians 4:4-7

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "The Power of Praise"

*"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness, come into his presence with singing." (Psalm 100:1-2)*

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\* HYMN, #220 "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

\* 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, #447

"Lead On, O King Eternal"

\* CHARGE

\* BENEDICTION

\* CHORAL RESPONSE

\* POSTLUDE

**WORSHIP NOTES**

**Ann Waddle** is the liturgist. **Tom Graves** 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**, Pastor Dave will continue the summer sermon series on the Psalms with "Talking with God in the Darkness" from Psalms 22 and 42.

**Pastor Dave is available** for individual meetings with visitors and members of the congregation Monday-Friday, 9:00 am-6:00 pm, or on Saturdays when circumstances require it. Email him at [david.stull.handley@gmail.com](mailto:david.stull.handley@gmail.com).

**THIS WEEK AT FIRST**

**Sunday, August 11**

9:45 am **Join the Party at Rally Day...** The Christian Education Committee has special plans for the morning in the fellowship hall at 9:45 am with a slide presentation of past church activities. Following 11:00 worship we will have **2nd Sunday Lunch**. The Fellowship Committee will be preparing chicken, pork chops, baked beans, macaroni salad, slaw, homegrown tomato/watermelon/cantaloupe

slices, rolls, cucumber salad, fresh baked cookies, drinks.

**Today is the last day to sign up for the Disciple Study** (see the table in the fellowship hall during 2nd Sunday Lunch)

1:00 pm **Session Council meets**

2-3:45 pm **Club 345 for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders**

4-6:00 pm **Middle School & Senior High Youth Groups meet.**

#### **Monday, August 12**

4:00 pm **Property Committee meets**

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

#### **Tuesday, August 13**

2:00 pm **Congregational Care Committee meets.**

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

#### **Wednesday, August 14**

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

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

#### **Saturday, August 17**

1:00 pm **Middle School & Senior High Youth Groups' Work Trip to NaCoMe** (returning on Sunday by 6 pm).

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Last Day to sign up for Disciple One Monday evening class -**

Rev. Ken Gillespie will be meeting at our 2nd Sunday Lunch with all persons interested in the Disciple One Class that will begin meeting next week. This comprehensive overview of the entire Bible unlocks the themes that unite the scriptures. Look for the DISCIPLE ONE INFO sign in the corner of the fellowship hall.

**Save the Date! September 7, 9-noon, with congregational breakfast served at 8 am.** "Healthy Congregations" is a national church consulting service that helps congregations in transition, especially when anticipating a new pastor's arrival. We will be aided in examining our communication patterns when going through times of change. Consult your church newsletter for details.

**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).

**Donations for our church kitchen shower** are gladly accepted. A list of what is needed is in the newsletter in the Presbyterian Women article and on the bulletin board.

**PW Kick-Off Dinner**, Monday, August 26, 6 pm. All women are invited to the dinner hosted by the Night Circle (cost: \$10). We will have a Kitchen Shower for our church kitchen! A list of what you can donate is in the newsletter and on the bulletin board. Jennifer Boyd will give an overview of our Horizon Bible Study, "An Abiding Hope, The Presence of God in Exodus and Deuteronomy." Menu: Roast beef served with mashed potatoes, Cole slaw, dinner rolls, chocolate cake.

**Children's Worship** now resumes weekly. During Children's Worship, children learn hymns, The Lord's Prayer, Doxology, and Apostles' Creed. 5th graders will help serve as aides during Children's Worship. We need one more adult volunteer to help lead Children's Worship. If interested please let Maggie know.

#### **In support of the Pastoral Counseling Center, a fundraiser**

**Pancake Breakfast** will be held on Sat. Sept. 28, 7-11 am, at Grace Lutheran Church, 2041 Madison St. Tickets are \$5 per person and can be purchased through Don Beck (648-4609) or Neesa in the church office. (If you prefer, you can simply make a donation to the PCCC for the use of those in the community (includes military families) in need of assistance.

**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.

**Senior High Mission Trip Report:** July 6-13, 15 youth and 4 adults loaded up on the church bus and headed to Webster Springs, WV. We went to work through an organization called WV Mission and Advocacy. While there, we spent days at the residence of Dennis & Dee O'Dell. Last year, the roof of their house collapsed under the weight of 50 inches of snow generated from Super Storm Sandy. Family & friends had helped to clean up and begin the rebuilding process. We were tasked with hanging drywall, laying sub floor, and various other tasks. The youth of FPC worked hard to help the O'Dell's. The statement on their t-shirts for the week summed up their actions..."I am loved; therefore, I serve!"



# **First Presbyterian Church**

*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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