

Morning Worship

August 18, 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, you pour out the spirit of grace and the gift of prayer on all who desire it. Deliver us from cold hearts and wandering thoughts, that with steady minds and burning zeal we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* HYMN, #138 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.

In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through 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

Psalm 22

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?

O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night, but find no rest.

Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.

To you they cried, and were saved; in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.

All who see me mock at me; they make mouths at me, they shake their heads;

"Commit your cause to the Lord; let him deliver -let him rescue the one in whom he delights!"

Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.

My mouth is dried up like a dusty bowl, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death. For dogs are all around me; a company of evildoers encircles me. They have pierced my hands and my feet.

They cast lots for my clothing. But you, O Lord, do not be far away! O my help, come quickly to my aid!

For the Lord did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him.

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

And proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

ANTHEM "The Love of the Lord" Douglas E. Wagner
Sarah Klein, flute

"The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am His, and He is mine forever."

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

ORGAN INTERLUDE (11:00)

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Mark 15:21-39

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Talking with God in the Darkness"
"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"
(Psalm 22:1, Mark 15:34)

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, #368 "I've Got Peace Like a River"

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE

* POSTLUDE

WORSHIP NOTES

Steve Gallaher is the liturgist. **Janet Hudson** 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 the message, "Spiritual Warfare" from Psalm 18 and Ephesians 6:10-20.

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.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

Sunday, August 18

5:00 pm **Committees meet.**

6:00 pm **Session meets.**

No Middle School or Senior High Youth Group meetings. The group will be returning from NaCoMe.

Monday, August 19

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

Tuesday, August 20

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

Wednesday, August 21

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.

Thursday, August 22

4:00 pm **Deadline to sign up for the PW Kick-Off Dinner**, to be held 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, tea/coffee/lemonade.

6:00 pm **Salvation Army Annual Fundraiser Dinner** at First Baptist Church. 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. For more info, call Jill Crow (648-9529) or Lt. Christina Coulson (552-5250).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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.

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!"

FPC 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		



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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