

Morning Worship

August 25, 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 supplication 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, #263 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, light of the hearts that see you, life of the souls that love you, strength of the thoughts that seek you: to turn from you is to fall, to turn to you is to rise, to abide in you is to stand fast forever. Although we are unworthy to approach you, or to ask anything at all of you, grant us your grace and blessing for the sake of Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

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 18

I love you, O Lord, my strength.

The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer, my God, my rock in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised, so I shall be saved from my enemies.

The cords of death encompassed me; the torrents of perdition assailed me; the cords of Sheol entangled me; the snares of death confronted me.

In my distress I called upon the Lord; to my God I cried for help. From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him reached his ears.

Then the earth reeled and rocked; the foundations also of the mountains trembled and quaked, because he was angry.

He reached down from on high, he took me; he drew me out of mighty waters.

He delivered me from my strong enemy, and from those who hated me; for they were too mighty for me.

They confronted me in the day of my calamity; but the Lord was my support.

It is you who light my lamp; the Lord, my God, lights up my darkness.

The Lord lives! Blessed be my rock, and exalted be the God of my salvation.

ANTHEM "How Can I Keep From Singing?"

"My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation. No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging. Since love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?"

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

ORGAN INTERLUDE (11:00)

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Ephesians 6:10-20

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Spiritual Warfare"

"Our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places." (Ephesians 6:12)

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN, #260

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

* 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, #423

"Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE

* POSTLUDE

WORSHIP NOTES

Maggie Brown is the liturgist. **Scott Sitter** 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.

The flowers this morning are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of the wedding of Camille Harvey and Trent Sanders, who were married yesterday in our sanctuary.

*** If you are able, please stand.**

Next Sunday, Pastor Dave will conclude the summer sermon series on the Psalms with the message, "God's Special Heart for the Poor" from Psalm 82 and James 1:22-2:6.

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 25

2-3:00 pm **Preschool Open House.**

No Club 345 for 3rd, 4th & 5th graders.

4-6:00 pm **Middle School and Senior High Youth Groups** meet. Middle School Youth should bring money for a fast-food supper.

Monday, August 26

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

6:00 pm **PW Kick-Off Dinner**, in the fellowship hall, hosted by the Night Circle. 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. Monetary gifts are gladly accepted also. Jennifer Boyd will give an overview of our Horizon Bible Study based on Deuteronomy.

Tuesday, August 27

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

Wednesday, August 28

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL APPETIZERS

Session One- What is Christian?

Week 1 - Sept. 15- "The Book- The Bible: What does it say and how do we use it?" led by Sue Reynolds

Week 2 - Sept. 22, "Servanthood - What do Christians do? Faith vs. Works" led by Rhonda Banasiak

Week 3 - Sept. 29, "Prayer - How do we talk to God?" led by Jane Wallace

Session Two- What is Presbyterian? (Teachers TBA)

Week 1 - Nov. 3, "History- A little bit on Calvin/Luther/John Knox"

Week 2 - Nov. 10, "Polity"

Week 3 - Nov. 17, "The Sacraments- Baptism and Communion"

Session Three- Heaven or Hell: What is your final destination?- all taught by Rhonda B. based on Erasing Hell by F. Chan and Love Wins by R. Bell

Week 1 - January 12

Week 2 - January 19

Week 3 - January 26

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 more details.

Ann Waddle will be sharing her mission experiences in Oklahoma with the Library Sunday School Class on September 8. All are

welcome to join us on September 8 and every Sunday.

Jennifer Boyd, preaching Sept 8. Jennifer and husband Greg Davis came to Clarksville via the U.S. Army. They have two children, Michael and Hannah. Jennifer has a Master in Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary, and will be preaching on a fascinating, but little known epistle of Paul to Philemon, entitled "Useless to Useful." Come & be blessed.

Annual Congregational Potluck Picnic, Sunday, September 8, 3-5:00 pm held at the Hudson Farm on Rosson Rd. (picnic takes the place of the 2nd Sunday Lunch). The Fellowship Committee will grill hamburgers and hot dogs and provide potato chips, drinks, plates, cups, & eating utensils. You are asked to bring a large picnic-type dish that will serve 10-12 (I.E.: baked beans, deviled eggs, potato salad, slaw, deviled eggs, casseroles, fruit or vegetable plates, brownies, pies, cookies, etc.) We will have hayrides and volleyball games. Bring quilts and/or chairs to sit on plus old shoes/towels for creek-wading. You are invited to bring sports equipment such as Frisbees, badminton, gloves & balls, etc. Maps to the farm are available in the vestibule & outside the church office.

We need your help! For church meals every month, the Fellowship Committee members bring many food prep items from home to aid in meal preparation. Existing bowls, pots, pans, etc. are broken or worn out. Donated kitchen items along with monetary gifts are gladly accepted! A list of items needed is in the newsletter (in Presbyterian Women article) and on the bulletin board. Items can be left in the office or kitchen.

Bob Wheeler' book signing September 15, 10:30 am & 3-5 pm in the fellowship hall. Bob grew up at our church and is the son of Yvonne Hiatt. He is a graduate of Clarksville High & Rhodes College. Now living in CA he owns an accounting firm and serves as the CFO of The Comedy Store. With 25+ years of experience as a CPA, Bob has published an insightful book that helps individuals and businesses deal with the emotions surrounding money and budgets, *Money Nerve: Navigating the Emotions of Money*. All are welcome to join us!

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.



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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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