

## Communion Sunday

September 1, 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 are always more ready to bestow your good gifts upon us than we are to seek them. You are more willing to give than we desire or deserve. Help us so to seek that we may truly find, so to ask that we may joyfully receive, so to knock that the door of your mercy may be opened for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\* HYMN, #482 "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

#### THE 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 upon 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.**

**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 146:5-10

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever; who upholds the cause for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.

**The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.**

The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

**The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!**

#### ORGAN INTERLUDE (11:00)

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

#### ANTHEM (11:00)

#### GOSPEL LESSON

James 1:27-2:9

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### SERMON

"God's Special Heart for the Poor"

*"Happy are those whose hope is in the Lord their God, who upholds the cause of the oppressed." (Psalm 146:5, 7)*

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\* HYMN #434 (v. 1, 4) "Today We are All Called to be Disciples"

\* 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 or 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, #294 "Wherever I May Wander"

#### \* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

#### \* CHORAL RESPONSE AND POSTLUDE

### WORSHIP NOTES

**Denise Williamson** is the Elder of the Day. **Sue Reynolds** is the liturgist.

**Next Sunday our guest preacher will be Jennifer Boyd.** She is a graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary and the University of California Santa Cruz. Jennifer and husband Greg Davis were moved to Clarksville in 2011 by the US Army, and became involved at First Presbyterian. Their son, Michael, and daughter, Hannah, are part of our children's ministry. Jennifer is involved with a Bible Study and discussion group of young mothers, the Hannah Circle, that meets on Monday mornings. Her sermon will come from Paul's Letter to Philemon, "From Useless to Useful."

‡ 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 visitors and 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](mailto:david.stull.handley@gmail.com).

### THIS WEEK AT FIRST

#### Sunday, September 1

No **Senior High or Middle School Youth Group** meetings.

#### Monday, September 2

**Church Office Closed** in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

#### Tuesday, September 3

10:00 am **PW Morning Circle** meets in the library.

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

#### Wednesday, September 4

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

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.

#### Saturday, September 7

**8:00 am Congregational Breakfast** in the fellowship hall - the Fellowship Committee will be cooking a hot breakfast!

**9am-noon Healthy Congregations** - a free seminar for the entire congregation. Child care is provided by contacting Maggie Brown, 645-6551. This seminar will help prepare us for our new pastor. See the Newsletter for more details and plan to attend this seminar preceded by the breakfast.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL APPETIZERS

#### Session One- What is a 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" (church government)

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

**Session Three- Heaven or Hell: What is your final destination?- all taught by Rhonda Banasiak based on Erasing Hell by F.**

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Week 1 - Jan. 12

Week 2 - Jan. 19

Week 3 - Jan.26

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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.

**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.

**Bob Wheeler's 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 Hiett. He is a graduate of Clarksville High & Rhodes College. 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, *The Money Nerve: Navigating the Emotions of Money*. All are welcome to join us!

**Advanced Confirmation Class** - High School students who have not completed Confirmation and are interested in the program, please join us for Advanced Confirmation. The class will meet on the 4th floor every other week beginning Sept. 15 for a total of 6 classes. Bring an interested friend!

**Presbyterian Women' Luncheon**, Monday, September 23, 12:30 pm in the fellowship hall -please join us for the program, "With the Troops" presented by Greg Williamson (photo-journalist and church member). He will share his first hand experiences while with the U.S. Troops in Afghanistan. Reservations are required for lunch (\$10) and child care. Menu: chicken salad atop salad greens, fresh fruit, croissant, carrot cake, and beverages.

**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](mailto:annwaddle@gmail.com).



# 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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