

## Morning Worship

September 8, 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

**Eternal God, we pray for your blessing on the church in this place. Here may the faithful find salvation, and the careless be awakened. Here may the doubting find faith, and the anxious given peace. Here may the tempted find strength, and the sorrowful comfort. Here may the weary find rest, and the strong be renewed. Here may the aged find consolation and the young be inspired, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\* HYMN, #150 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God.**

**Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.**

**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 27:1-4, 11-14

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh -my adversaries and foes- they shall stumble and fall.**

Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.

**One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.**

Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

**Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen against me, and they are breathing out violence.**

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

**Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!**

ANTHEM

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

ORGAN INTERLUDE (11:00)

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

The Apostle Paul's Letter to Philemon

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"From Useless to Useful"

Jennifer Boyd

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\* HYMN, #391 (verses 1, 5 & 6)

"Take My Life"

\* 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

**Rhonda Banasiak** is the liturgist. **Sarah Morgan** 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.**

**We welcome guest preacher Jennifer Boyd today.** 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.

**Next Sunday**, Pastor Dave will begin a sermon series on The Apostles' Creed, with a message "I Believe," from Matthew 16:13-20.

**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](mailto:david.stull.handley@gmail.com).

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST

### Sunday, September 8

- 9:45 am **Ann Waddle** will be sharing her mission experiences in Oklahoma with the Library Sunday School Class today. All are welcome to join us today and every Sunday.
- 3-5:00 pm **Annual Congregational Potluck Picnic** 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.

**Club 345, Middle School and Senior Highs** - no meeting, please attend the picnic.

### Monday, September 9

- 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.
- 10:30 am **Deborah Circle** meets.
- 4:00 pm **Property Committee** meets.
- 5:00 pm **Theology on Tap** at the Guadalajara Grill.

### Tuesday, September 10

- 12:30 pm **Martha Circle** meets.
- 2:00 pm **Congregational Care** meets.
- 5:30 pm **Yoga** in the fellowship hall.
- 7:00 pm **Night Circle** meets.

### Wednesday, September 11

- 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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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 Hiatt. 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 by Thursday, Sept. 19. 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 in need of assistance (includes military families).

**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.

## 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 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



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We seek to know God's love and share it  
With each other, our community, and the world.  
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discipleship!*

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