

Morning Worship

September 29, 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

O God, you are infinite, eternal and unchangeable, glorious in holiness, full of love and compassion, abundant in grace and truth. Your works everywhere praise you, and your glory is revealed in Jesus Christ our Savior. Therefore we praise you, blessed and holy Trinity, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

* HYMN, #288 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns.

We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

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 103:1-13

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits -who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The Lord works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever.

He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.

As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.

ANTHEM "One Faith, One Hope, One Lord" Craig Courtney
Howard Scudder, trumpet

*"There is one body, one Spirit, we were all called to one hope.
There is one God and Father of all, above all,
and through all, who is in us all."*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

ORGAN INTERLUDE (11:00)

*Children will remain in worship with parents today.
Younger children may go to the nursery.*

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Genesis 1: selected verses
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON "What Does It Mean to Believe in 'God the Father, Almighty Maker of Heaven and Earth?'"
*"When you pray, say: Our Father, hallowed be your name."
(Luke 11:2)*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN, #293 "This is My Father's World"

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Apostles Creed*, hymnal pg. 14

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The Offertory "Seligkeit" by Schubert
Mekia Hickman, soloist (sung in German)

"Joys without number bloom in heaven's hall. O, there I would like to be. In heaven, harp and psalter resound, and everyone dances and sings. O, there I would like to be to rejoice forever!"

* The Doxology, Hymn #592

* Prayers of Dedication

* HYMN, #554 "Let All Things Now Living"

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE

* POSTLUDE

WORSHIP NOTES

Maggie Brown is the liturgist. **Amy Lewellen** 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 sermon will continue his series on the Apostles' Creed with the message, "What Does It Mean to Believe in Jesus Christ, God's Only Son, our Lord?" from Philippians 2:1-11 and Colossians 1:15-20.

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, September 29

- 9:45 am **New Member Class** meets in the Pastor's office.
- 4-6:00 pm **Middle School and Senior High Youth Group meetings.** Middle School should bring \$\$ for a fast-food meal.

Monday, September 30

- 9:00 am **PW Deborah Circle** meets.
- 5:00 pm **Theology on Tap** at the Guadalajara Grill.

Tuesday, October 1

- 10:00 am **PW Morning Circle** meets.
- 5:30 pm **Yoga** in the fellowship hall.

Wednesday, October 2

- 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

The Nominating Committee for the church's elders will begin meeting October 8. The Committee is comprised of Ivy Prall, chair, Marita Beck, Bob Hudson, Karlee Kimmell, Marcia Williams, and Rod Wolfe. The Committee will work on recruiting 8 elders and 1 youth elder. The Committee will also be responsible for recommending an additional member to serve on the Professional Staff Committee. Using the green nominating card, names for consideration may be submitted to Ivy Prall or the church office in a sealed envelope. Please ask the person's permission before submitting names.

Please continue to pray for our Pastor Nominating Committee who meet weekly and are working diligently! Two pastors who are very promising candidates have visited recently. Both pastors are prayerfully considering our church as a possibility for their next call.

Young Women's Book Study of "One Thousand Gifts" by Ann Voskamp will begin meeting this fall. The time and location will be determined after reviewing the schedules of those who want to participate. If you are interested, please email: margaretwallace87@gmail.com.

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.

Louisiana Saturday Nite, October 19, 5-8:00 pm - Loaves & Fishes will again host this Cajun food and fun night fundraiser to benefit the less fortunate in our community. Tickets (\$10 each) may be purchased through Neesa in the church office, the Loaves & Fishes office, or Jill Crow. Meals may be dine in or carry out.

The Pastoral Counseling Center will be hosting an Anniversary Banquet evening honoring the legacy of George Gracey Pastor Jimmy Terry, Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church, will pay tribute to his friend on Friday, October 25, 6-8 p.m. at Madison Street UMC. The Pastoral Counseling Center of Clarksville marks its 25th Anniversary with a Dinner Banquet and Silent Auction. The cost for the event is \$25 per person or \$200 for a table of eight. The event will feature a silent auction, a catered dinner and live music from Lydia Walker. 25 years ago, George was instrumental in founding the Pastoral Counseling Center. You may purchase tickets or a table by making checks to PCCT: Clarksville, and mail to Pastoral Counseling Center of Clarksville, 100 Vine Court, Nashville, TN 37205. The deadline for making reservations and purchasing tickets is Friday, October 11.

Presbyterian Women Luncheon, Monday, October 28, 12:30 pm in the fellowship hall. The program, "Personal/Home Security and ID Fraud" will be presented by a member of the Clarksville Police Dept. Reservations are required for lunch (\$10) and child care. Please sign up for both on the bulletin board. Menu: turkey and dressing with mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, pumpkin pie, and beverages.

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

AUGUST FINANCIAL REPORT

Income for August	\$35,034.94
Expenses for August	<u>\$47,331.32</u>
Net Operating Total for August	-\$12,296.38
Year to date Income	\$362,520.59
Year-to-date Expenses	<u>\$383,395.22</u>
Year to date Operating Total	-\$20,874.63



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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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