

World Communion Sunday

October 6, 2013

*"In Your will is our peace;
In Your love is our rest;
In Your service is our joy."*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE "I Have Joy" traditional Ghanaian folk song
Briana Larsen & Michael Dozier

*"I have joy in my heart. Deep, deep down in my heart.
Jesus said to me that no one can destroy it."*

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE AND GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Great God, you are the giver of life. Through Jesus Christ you give us this holy Communion to renew your life within us. We pray for the church around the world, remembering Jesus' prayer, "That they may all be one, so the world may believe." Sanctify her life, renew her worship, give conviction to her witness, restore her unity. This we pray in the name of one God--Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

* HYMN, #439 "In Christ There Is No East or West"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess our wrongdoing and our self-centeredness. We have turned away from neighbors in need and not reached out to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world. We have not sought ways to be peacemakers. We have held on to our possessions, thinking that in them we can find our security.

In your great mercy, cleanse us from our sins and free us from our selfishness, that we may be joyful and obedient disciples of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Now hear our silent, personal confessions...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* GLORIA PATRI

Hymn #579

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

(FPC member, Nicholas Nieves, will offer the prayer in English, then Spanish)

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON John 1:1-5, 14, 18
(member Prudencia Gwelleng will translate the scripture into her Cameroon native language, Bamunka)

ORGAN INTERLUDE (11:00)

Children will remain in worship with their parents. Younger children may go to the nursery downstairs.

ANTHEM (11:00) "O Sifuni Mungu" Roger Emerson
(sung partially in Swahili)
Briana Larsen & Michael Dozier, soloists
David Steinquest, percussionist

*"All Creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and sing with us!
All men, all creatures, everybody praise God! Sing!"*

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Philippians 2:1-11
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON God's Peace Initiative
"I Believe in Jesus Christ, God's Only Son,
Our Lord?" --The Apostles Creed

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN #442, verses 1-2 "The Church's One Foundation"

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Apostles Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(special Peacemaking Offering today; see bulletin insert)

The Offertory "My Lord What a Mornin'" Brett Trent
(traditional African American spiritual)

"You will hear the trumpet sound, you will hear the sinner cry, you will hear the Christian shout, to wake the nations underground. Looking to my God's right hand when the stars begin to fall."

WORDS OF INSTITUTION OF THE LAST SUPPER

(Elder Leong Lee will translate the words of the Apostle from I Corinthians 11 in the Chinese Mandarin language)

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 of 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, #435 "We All Are One in Mission"

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE AND POSTLUDE

WORSHIP NOTES

Ivy Prall is the Elder of the Day.

Today we will receive the Peacemaking Offering, which when combined with the gifts of all PC(USA) members, will be used to help transform cultures of violence into communities of peace. 25%

is retained here at FPC to benefit a local community mission project. The remaining 75% goes to our Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly for peacemaking projects throughout the world.

New Members joining our church today: **Greg & Jen Boyd** (children **Michael and Hannah** will be baptized); **Mark, Margaret, and Ceiteag ("Katie") Hennis; Bob Gandy; Sarah Klein; and Jeff Shepherd.** Welcome!

Next Sunday, October 13, Pastor Dave will continue the series on the Apostles Creed with the message, "I Believe in the Holy Spirit," from John 14:15-27 and Acts 1:4-8.

‡ **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.**

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

Sunday, October 6

10:30 am **Session meets** in the Fellowship Hall.

4-6:00 pm **Senior High and Middle School Youth Group meetings.**

Monday, October 7

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.**

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

Tuesday, October 8

12:30 pm **PW Martha Circle** meets in the library.

2:00 pm **Congregational Care Committee** meets.

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

7:00 pm **PW Night Circle** meets in the library.

Wednesday, October 9

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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT STUDIES

The Christian Education committee is offering a Fall Study Series for the four week period beginning Wednesday, October 23rd. We will serve a light meal beginning at 5:30 and begin classes at 6:00. This fall, we are pleased to offer the following:

For Children 3 and Up- **The Christmas Shoppe-** Children will hear

the Christmas story and create Christmas symbols to be given to homebound church members.

For Adults:

24/6- A DVD based study where participants discuss how to "Remember the Sabbath and Keep it Holy" in our 24/7 world.

"Seek the Peace of the City," taught by Matt Lyle.

"Spiritual Discipline" (teacher TBA)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Elder Nominating Committee for the church's elders will begin meeting Oct. 10. The Committee will work on recruiting 8 elders and 1 youth elder, and 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. Please ask the person's permission before submitting names.

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.

Louisiana Sat. Nite, Oct. 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 are 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.

Oct. 27 will be All Saints Sunday. Each worshiper will be provided with a candle to memorialize loved ones who have passed on. You will be invited to come forward during worship to light your candle from the Christ Candle and place it in the designated bowl (this is an update from the newsletter).

Oct. walking group - we invite you to participating in walking Groups to enjoy better health while creating a closer-knit congregation. Details are in the newsletter.

Presbyterian Women Luncheon, Monday, October 28, 12:30 pm in the fellowship hall. See the newsletter for details & sign up.



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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