

All Saints Sunday

October 27, 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, you have called us to be members of one body. Join us with those who in all times and places have praised your name, that with one heart and mind, we may show the unity of your church, and bring honor to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

* HYMN, #526 (verses 1-4) "For All the Saints"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.

O Lord, have mercy upon us. Grant to us the gift of penitent hearts, and restore us to our rightful minds, according to Your promises declared through 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

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Revelation 7:9-17

ANTHEM (11:00) "All the Saints in Glory" Carl Schalk

*Life eternal! What joy unknown, when, amid earth's closing
thunders, Saints shall stand before the throne.*

LIGHTING MEMORIAL CANDLES

ORGAN INTERLUDE

(11:00) Children ages 4 through fourth grade depart for Children's Worship. Younger children may go to the nursery downstairs.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Hebrews 11 selections; 12:1-2

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON "I Believe in the Communion of the Saints"

"Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses...let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith." (Hebrews 12:1-2)

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN #281 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

* 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The Offertory "Shall We Gather at the River"

Jessica Rodriguez, soloist

*Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.*

* The Doxology, Hymn #592

* Prayers of Dedication

* HYMN, #522 "Lord, When I Came Into This Life"

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE AND POSTLUDE

WORSHIP NOTES

Ed Ritter is the Elder of the Day. **Rhonda Banasiak** is the liturgist.

Next week is Communion Sunday. Pastor Dave's message will be, "The Greatest Thing in the World," from I Corinthians 13.

‡ **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 27

2-4:00 pm **Trunk or Treat and Fun Carnival at the AOC** (carnival details are on back). **Senior High and Middle School Youth** will assist with the games. Following the carnival, both youth groups will go out for a fast-food meal. Bring \$\$.

No Club 345 - please attend the Fun Carnival.

Monday, October 28

9:00 am **Deborah Circle meets.**

11:30 am **PW Board of officers meets.**

12:30 pm **Presbyterian Women Luncheon** in the fellowship hall. The program, "Personal/Home Security and ID Fraud" will be presented by a member of the Clarksville Police Department.

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

Tuesday, October 29

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

Wednesday, October 30

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

5:30 pm **Congregational Dinner.**

6:00 pm **October Special Studies** (see details on back)

6:30 pm **Senior Highs** meet at Chick-Fil-A on Madison Street. Bring \$\$ for the meal. We will eat and then hang out till 7:30 pm.

Friday, November 1

4:00 pm **Middle School & Senior High Youth leave AOC** for NaCoMe Fall Retreat (return Sunday @ 3:30 pm).

Saturday, November 2

10am-3pm **10,000 Villages** will be at Trinity Episcopal Church, 317 Franklin St. You will be able to shop for unique jewelry, crafts, Christmas decor & other items made by artisans from around the world.

2nd Sunday Lunch, Nov. 10, 12:05 pm. Menu: white sauce lasagna, red sauce lasagna, spaghetti, tossed salad, garlic bread, green beans, Italian crême cake, and beverages.

Advent Booklet - All committees, Sunday School classes, and small groups are asked to submit activities scheduled during Advent for inclusion in the Booklet. Email info to richard.prall@linde.com or fpcclarksville@gmail.com. Some items in last year's: Christmas caroling, bell-ringing for Salvation Army, and holiday get-togethers.

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.

October walking group - we invite you to participating in walking Groups to enjoy better health while creating a closer-knit congregation. On Sundays, meet in front of FPC at 4 pm; Wednesdays at 11:00 am in front of FPC; Thursdays at 5:30 pm at 1540 Appleton Road by the barn. Questions? Contact Margaret Lyle, margaretwallace87@gmail.com or Maggie Brown, maggiemcgrady@gmail.com.

Angel Tree - We have the opportunity to share God's love and our good fortune with some children right here in Clarksville. We will once again participate in the Angel Tree project organized by the Salvation Army. The "tree" will be hung in the hall outside the church office by Sunday November 17th. Please select an angel, return your unwrapped gift with the paper angel attached ASAP but no later than Sunday 12/8/13. Gifts will be collected in the history room.

To listen to recorded worship services, go to fpcclarksville.org.

We need family members' birthdays! The year of birth is optional for adults. Leave a note in the offering plate or email (fpcclarksville@gmail.com).

Presbyterian Prayer Chain - If you want to share a concern or celebration with members of our FPC prayer group, contact Ann Waddle at annwaddle@gmail.com.

Congregational Meeting - on November 17 after the 11:00 worship service we will be voting on the unanimous recommendation of the **Pastor Nominating Committee**. A brief report will be given and a brochure provided introducing you to the new pastor and his family. We will also be voting on the **Elder Nominating Committee** recommendations for 9 new elders.

WEDNESDAY DINNERS & STUDIES

Wednesday Night Dinners and Studies will continue October 30, November 5 and November 13

Dinner begins at 5:30

Studies are from 6-7pm.

****Childcare is available for children 3 and younger.****

CHILDREN'S TOPIC:

The Christmas Shoppe- Children 4 and older will hear the Christmas story and create Christmas symbols to be given to Homebound church members and guests at Room in the Inn. Through this experience, they will learn more about the true meaning of Christmas. Led by Maggie Brown.

ADULT TOPICS:

24/6-A DVD based study where participants discuss how to "Remember the Sabbath and Keep it Holy" in our 24/7 over-scheduled world. Led by Julia Semsick and Jen Boyd.

Seek the Peace of the City- conversations about blessing the place where you live and work. An in-depth study of Jeremiah 29:7 and ways in which God may be calling us to seek the peace of Clarksville. Book study led by Matt Lyle (book can be downloaded on line).

Spiritual Discipline-a look at different practices to lead you to the transformation you're longing for. An interactive study designed to guide us toward a daily intimate time with Christ - focusing on prayer. Study led by **Margaret Lyle**.

RSVP for meals/childcare to Maggie Brown at FPC 645.6551 or maggiemcgrady@gmail.com.

TRUNK OR TREAT AND FUN CARNIVAL

Today, October 27 beginning at 2 pm we will have Trunk or Treat where children may trick or treat from the trunk of vehicles in the upper AOC parking lot. Anyone interested can decorate their vehicle, socialize, give out treats, and enjoy the kids and participating adults in their costumes.

Meanwhile, downstairs in the gym, there will be games, a bounce castle for older goblins (as well as one for the smaller goblins), a make-it and take-it table, beanbag toss, crafts, and the popular cupcake/cookie walk, plus much, much more.

The carnival ends at 4 pm. We wish to thank all volunteers who are helping! Without your wonderful assistance, Trunk-or-Treat and the carnival cannot be a success.

Don't miss out on the family fun...grandparents too!



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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