

Communion Sunday

November 3, 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 Lord our God, through Jesus you have taught us that love is the fulfilling of the law. Send your Holy Spirit upon us, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, that we may love you with our whole being, and our neighbors as ourselves, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

* HYMN, #446 "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, love, and communion, we confess that we have failed to love you with all our heart, soul, and mind; and to love our neighbor as ourselves. We ignore your commandments, stray from your way, and follow other gods. Have mercy on us. Forgive our sin and raise us to new life, that we may serve you faithfully and give honor to your holy name.

Now hear our silent, personal confessions...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* GLORIA PATRI Hymn #579

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE READING Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.

Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart.

Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

ANTHEM (11:00) "If You Love Me" Natalie Sleeth
"If you love me, truly love me, keep my commandments day by day."

A TESTIMONY FOR STEWARDSHIP The Woodson Family

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON I Corinthians 13
This is the Word of the Lord. pg. 934 pew Bible
Thanks be to God.

SERMON "The Greatest Thing in the World"
"There are only three things that last: Faith, Hope, and Love; and the greatest of these is Love."

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN #335 "Though I May Speak"

* 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

"In Remembrance" by Buryl Red

"In remembrance of me, eat this bread.

In remembrance of me, drink this wine.

In remembrance of me, pray for the time when God's own will is done."

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

* HYMN, #485 "To God Be the Glory"

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE AND POSTLUDE

WORSHIP NOTES

Jane Wallace is the Elder of the Day. Our Liturgist is Rhonda Banasiak.

Next Sunday, Pastor Dave's message will be "A Season of Thanksgiving and Anticipation," from Psalm 107, focusing on our church's promising future.

‡ 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, November 3

No Senior High or Middle School Youth meetings (group will be returning from NaCoMe around 3:00 pm).

Monday, November 4

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, November 5

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

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

Wednesday, November 6

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

5:30 pm Congregational Dinner

6-7:00 pm **Wed. Night Special Studies** (see the back for details)

6:30 pm **Senior Highs** meet at Bojangles on Madison Street. Bring \$\$ for the meal. We will eat and then hand out till 7:30 pm.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS AND STUDIES

The Dinners and Studies continue
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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Stewardship Committee this year is being led by Ann Waddle, chair; Ross Hicks, Kerri Woodson, and Randy Kelley. They have requested Thanksgiving Sunday, November 24, be designated our Stewardship Sunday. The theme will draw attention to the mood in our church at this time, "**A Season of Thanksgiving and Anticipation**". In worship, each Sunday in November, one or more of our members will give thanks for different ways that lives are being changed because of our church's faithful witness. We will reflect upon the part we can play to invest in the future of First Presbyterian Church as this "New Season of Thanksgiving and Anticipation" begins. What portion of our financial resources are we willing to trust God with to build a new future at First Presbyterian Church?

Congregational Meeting, November 17 after the 11:00 worship service - we will hear the report of the **Pastor Nominating Committee** on their process, the kind of candidates they looked at, and the unanimous enthusiasm they have for the one they are recommending. You will receive a brochure about him, his training, experience, and pictures of his family. On **December 1**, you will get a preview of good things to come, as he will preach at both services. On Nov. 17, we will also be voting on the **Elder Nominating Committee recommendations for 8 new elders** to serve on the Session for the next three years, and one youth elder to serve for a year: Christina Barnett, Elynor Busler, Matthew Dye, Steve Gallaher, Steve Miner, Mary Kaylyn Posey, Mary Lynn Sadler, Denice Williamson, Gordon Woodson.

A Farewell Reception for Pastor Dave Thanksgiving / Stewardship Sunday, November 24, will be Pastor Dave's last Sunday with us. The Professional Staff Committee will be hosting a farewell reception from 9:45-10:45 in Fellowship Hall, with light refreshments. Carol Shippen and Andrea Handley will play "organ and piano" duets on Thanksgiving themes at both services. The Committee will be preparing a **notebook of letters from you** that he can take with him as he returns home to Evanston, IL.

Decorating for Advent - Everyone is invited to join the worship committee in decorating and hanging greenery at 9 am on Sat. Nov. 30.

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.



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*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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