

Sunday Worship

November 10, 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

Almighty 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 be encouraged.

Here may the tempted find help, 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 #288 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being: Your face is hidden from us by our sins; Your mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts. Cleanse us from all our offenses. Deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you.

As we confess our faults, and lean upon Your grace, may we find You to be our refuge and strength, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Now hear our silent, personal confessions...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* GLORIA PATRI Hymn #579

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 107:1-9 (page 487)

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to an inhabited town; hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress; he led them by a straight way until they reached an inhabited town.

Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.

For he satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry he fills with good things.

ANTHEM (11:00) "Offertory" by John Ness Beck

"What does the Lord require of you - but to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with your God?"

A TESTIMONY OF THANKSGIVING Ashley Harvey

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ORGAN INTERLUDE

(11:00 service: Children ages 4 through fourth grade go to Chapel for Children's Worship.)

GOSPEL LESSON Philippians 1:3-14, 19-21

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON "The Eye Opening Effect of Thanksgiving"

"I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will bring it to completion by the day of Christ Jesus."

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN #210 (verses 1 & 2) "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

* 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 Lord is My Light" by Oley Speaks
Brett Trent, soloist

"The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Of whom shall I be afraid?"

* The Doxology, Hymn #592

* Prayers of Dedication

* HYMN #272 "God of the Sparrow"

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE AND POSTLUDE

WORSHIP NOTES

Arland Batson is the Elder of the Day. **Don Trotter** is the liturgist.

Next week Pastor Dave's message will be, "The Healing Power of Thanksgiving" or "A Tale of Ten Lepers" from Luke 17:11-19.

‡ **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 10

9:45 am **Elder Training** in the parlor.

12:05 pm **Second Sunday Lunch** in the fellowship hall. Menu: red sauce lasagna, white sauce lasagna, spaghetti, tossed salad, garlic bread, green beans, Italian cream cake, tea, lemonade, and coffee.

2-3:45 pm **Club 345** at the AOC.

4-6:00 pm **Senior High & Middle School Youth Groups** meet.

Monday, November 11

4:00 pm **Property Committee** meets.

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

Tuesday, November 12

12:30 pm **PW Martha Circle** meets.

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

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

7:00 pm **PW Night Circle** meets.

Wednesday, November 13

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

5:30 pm **Wed. Night Supper.** Menu: C.E. provides drinks and a large salad. Please bring your favorite appetizer to share.

6:00 pm **Wed. Night Special Studies** (see details on back)

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

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 be giving thanks for different ways that lives are being changed because of our church's faithful witness. We will be reflecting upon the part we can play to invest in the future of First Presbyterian Church as the "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 Saturday, November 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.

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.

The PW Luncheon will be Monday, Dec. 2, 12:30 pm. All women are invited to lunch and to come for a time of festive holiday music presented by Leo Adames. Please make reservations for lunch and child care by signing up on the bulletin board no later than Wed. Nov. 27. Menu: baked ham with mashed potatoes, green bean bundles, dinner rolls, pecan pie, coffee, tea, and lemonade.

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.

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.



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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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