

Sunday Worship

November 17, 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, grant unto us the fullness of your promises. Where we have been weak, grant us your strength; where we have been confused, grant us your guidance; where we have been distraught, grant us your comfort; where we have been dead, grant us your life. Apart from you, O Lord, we are nothing, in and with you we can do all things. Amen.

* HYMN #464 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

THE 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. Now hear our silent, personal confessions...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* GLORIA PATRI Hymn #579

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.

For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

ANTHEM (11:00) "The Majesty and Glory of Your Name"

by Tom Fettke and Linda Lee Johnson

"When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of your fingers; Oh, what is man that you are mindful of him? You have given man a crown of glory and honor, and have made him a little lower than the angels. O Lord, our God, the majesty and glory of your name transcends the earth and fills the heavens. Little children praise You perfectly, and so would we, and so would we. Alleluia!"

A TESTIMONY OF THANKSGIVING Steve & Ashley Gallaher

ORGAN INTERLUDE

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

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 17:11-19 (page 852)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON "The Healing Power of Thanksgiving"

"The Samaritan leper knelt down at Jesus' feet and thanked him...Then Jesus said, 'Your faith has made you well.'"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN #554 "Let All Things Now Living"

* 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The Offertory

* The Doxology, Hymn #592

* Prayers of Dedication

* HYMN #466 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - We will act upon the **Pastor Nominating Committee's** recommendation and vote on the **Elder Nominating Committee** recommendations for 9 new elders.

* CHORAL RESPONSE AND POSTLUDE

WORSHIP NOTES

Laura Black is the Elder of the Day. **Ross Hicks** is the liturgist.

Next Sunday is Thanksgiving and Stewardship Sunday. Pastor Dave's last sermon with us will be, "The Multiplying Miracle of Thanksgiving" from Luke 9:10-17 and I Kings 17:8-16. Worshippers will be invited to come forward with an envelope provided in the bulletins for your financial pledge and your action pledge. Carol Shippen and Andrea Handley will provide organ/piano duets at Prelude and Postlude with favorite Thanksgiving themes. **A farewell reception for Pastor Dave** will be held in the fellowship hall, 9:45-10:45 am.

‡ **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 17

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 hanging in the hall outside the church. 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.

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

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

5:00 pm **Committees meet.**

6:00 pm **Session meets.**

Monday, November 18

9:00 am **PW Deborah Circle** meets.
 5:00 pm **Theology on Tap** at the Guadalajara Grill.
Tuesday, November 19
 30 pm **Yoga** in the fellowship hall.
Wednesday, November 20
 10:00 am **Bible Study** in the church library with Pastor Dave.
 6:30 pm **Senior Highs** meet at Bojangles on Madison Street.
 Bring \$\$ for the meal. We will eat & hang out till 7:30.
Friday, November 22
 12:00 pm **Deadline to have Letters for Pastor Dave** turned in to the office (for Dave's special notebook that he can take with him as he returns home to Evanston, IL). You can also email them to Todd Harvey, 2harveyt@realtracs.com.

| SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES | | |
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| Classes meet each Sunday from 9:45 am to 10:45 am. Nursery is provided for infants on the 2nd floor. | | |
| <u>Children & Youth Classes</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Curriculum</u> |
| 2's – Kindergarteners | 2nd floor | <i>We Believe</i> |
| 1st – 12th Graders | 4th floor | <i>We Believe</i> and Confirmation |
| <u>Adult Classes</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Curriculum</u> |
| Brotherhood (men) | 3rd floor | <i>The Present Word</i> |
| Explorers (men/women) | 2nd floor | <i>Disciple</i> series |
| Friendship (women) | 3rd floor | <i>The Present Word</i> |
| Gospel (men/women) | 3rd floor library | <i>Feasting on the Word</i> and other sources |

WINTER SUNDAY SCHOOL APPETIZER
Heaven or Hell: What is your final destination?
 - all taught by Rhonda Banasiak, 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS
 On **December 1**, we will get a preview of good things to come, as our new pastor will preach at both services. Communion will be celebrated by intinction.
The Christian Education Committee will be presenting our children with, "Our Family Christmas: An Advent Devotional" next Sunday, November 24. If you would like to purchase a copy of the book for your friends or family, please

contact Maggie Brown in the church office. The cost for one of these lovely books is \$7.00.
Decorating for Advent - Everyone is invited to join the Worship Committee in decorating and hanging greenery beginning 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.
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 musician/singer 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 Neesa Trotter at 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.

| ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE | |
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| Nov. 30 | 9:00 am Hanging of greenery and decorating of the church for Christmas and Advent (volunteers are needed) |
| Dec. 1 | New Pastor leads worship |
| Dec. 2 | 12:30 pm PW Luncheon |
| Dec. 8 | 4:30 pm Christmas Cantata 5:30 pm Christmas Potluck Dinner (the church provides ham, turkey, dressing, gravy, creamed potatoes, corn casseroles, rolls, drinks. A list of what each family can bring will be in the December newsletter). |
| Dec. 15 | 10:30 am Children's Christmas Musical in the sanctuary 12:10 pm Advent Craft Fair in the fellowship hall. There is no cost for the crafts and a light lunch will be available. |
| Dec. 21 | 9:00 am Christmas Food Baskets will be packed in the fellowship hall with delivery to follow. A list of what you can donate will be in the December Newsletter. |
| Dec. 22 | 10:30 am Children's Nativity Pageant in the sanctuary. |
| Dec. 24 | Christmas Eve Candlelighting Services at 4:30 and 6:00 pm |



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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