

# Celebration of Worship

January 11, 2009 – 11:00 A.M.

We enter to worship;

we depart to serve

## WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

Prelude Amanda Teachnor, Organist

Welcome

- ◆ Opening Hymn “*God of Our Fathers*” (Verse 1)  
**God of our fathers, whose almighty hand  
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band  
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,  
Our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.**

Announcements  
(Please sign and pass the friendship pads at this time.)

Silent Meditation

Invocation Mr. Craig Hilgendorf

Call to Worship *from Psalm 29*

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God’s name,

**worship the Lord in holy splendor.**

The voice of the Lord is over the waters;

**the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty  
waters.**

The voice of the Lord is powerful,

**the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

- ◆ Hymn 223 “*I Stand Amazed*” (Vs. 1, 2, 5)

## WE CONFESS OUR SINS & RECEIVE GOD’S GRACE

- ◆ Prayer of Confession  
**Merciful God, you are active in our world,  
calling us to yourself, transforming broken lives,  
and bringing new life in hopeless situations.  
We hardly notice any of it, though.**

**Instead, our eyes are trained on the things that  
frighten us. We notice most the things that lead us to  
despair. We get overwhelmed by the negative things.  
Forgive us, we pray.**

**Help us to learn to see your work in our lives and in  
our world. Finish the work you began in our baptism.  
And fill us with the joy of knowing that you are  
“Emmanuel” God with us.**

**In Jesus’ name we pray...**  
(...*Silent confession will conclude with “Amen.”*)

- ◆ Assurance of God’s Pardon  
Hear the good news! In baptism you were buried with Christ.  
**In baptism we were also raised to new life with him,  
through faith in the power of God who raised Christ  
from the dead.**  
Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation; The old life is  
gone; a new life has begun. Friends, believe the good news:  
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

- ◆ Gloria Patri  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy  
Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.

## WE RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE

Children’s Moment Ms. Marti  
(Children’s Church is available for 4 yrs. through kindergarten.)

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer  
**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in  
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us  
our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into  
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the  
kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Morning Offering  
Anthem “*Where He Leads Me I Will Follow*”  
with “*I’ll Say Yes*” arr. Carol Cymbala

Where He leads me I will follow,  
Where He leads me I will follow,  
Where He leads me I will follow,  
I’ll go with Him, with Him all the way.

I’ll say “Yes, yes, yes.” I’ll say “Yes, yes, yes.”  
I’ll say “Yes, Lord.” I’ll say “Yes, Lord.”  
I’ll say “Yes, yes, yes.”  
I’ll say “Yes, Lord,” to Your will, Lord.  
Where He leads me I will follow, I’ll say “Yes, yes, yes.”

- ◆ Hymn 515 “*We Give Thee but Thine Own*” (Vs. 1)  
**We give Thee but Thine own,  
What-e’er the gift may be:  
All that we have is Thine alone,  
a trust, O Lord, from Thee.**
- ◆ Prayer of Dedication

## WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Old Testament Reading (page 215) 1 Samuel 3:1-10

New Testament Reading (page 812) Mark 1:1-11

Sermon “*Missing What’s Right in Front of Us*”

Ordination and installation of Deacons

- ◆ Hymn 21 “*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*”

## WE FOLLOW CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

- ◆ Benediction
- ◆ Congregational Response Hymn 84  
“*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*” (Vs. 1)  
**My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary,  
Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray, Take all my  
guilt away, O let me from this day be wholly Thine!**

Postlude

- ◆ (Indicates appropriate place for congregation to stand)

## OUR MISSION

At First Presbyterian Church of Sand Springs,  
we are filled with life as a congregation  
because God creates us, loves us and calls us  
to be his children and to be family to one another.  
Our purpose is to serve, play, learn and worship together,  
seeking to have our brethren, lost and found,  
accept the grace God offers  
and join us at the table of the Lord.

### PRAYER LIST—NEW CONCERNS

For peace in Israel and Palestine  
 Jan Powell—Severe bronchitis  
 Steve Duncan & family on the death of his father, Jim.  
 The family of Scratch Purser on his death.  
 Dale Hart (Sean Anderson's uncle)—In ICU  
 Harold Campbell (David Campbell's dad)—Heart problems  
 Charlie Moss—Heart problems  
 Opal Blevins (Judy Martin's mother)—Health concerns  
 Ruth Hert (Grandmother of Justin Pickrell)—Breast Cancer

(Please refer to newsletter for Ongoing Concerns and Homebound Members.)

### OUR MINISTRY AND UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Sunday, January 11

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Deacon Ordination  
 12:00 Noon Congregational Meeting  
 12:30 p.m. Fellowship Dinner  
 1:00 p.m. Children's fellowship activity

#### Monday, January 12

7:00 p.m. AA Open Meeting & Al-Anon Meeting

#### Tuesday, January 13

7:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting

#### Wednesday, January 14

5:30 p.m. Dinner  
 6:00 p.m. Children's Choir  
 Jr. High Bible Study  
 Women's Bible Study  
 Men's Bible Study  
 M4M Service Hour  
 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice  
 Sr. High Bible Study

#### Thursday, January 15

7:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting  
 8:00 p.m. AA Closed Meeting

#### Sunday, January 18

9:30 a.m. Morning Fellowship  
 10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
 12:45 p.m. Jr. High Confirmation Class

### THOSE WHO SERVE

Greeter: Suzanne Maloney  
 Ushers: **Need volunteers**  
 Liturgist: Craig Hilgendorf  
 Sunday School Superintendent: Jean Smith  
 Sunday Morning Fellowship: 1/18 **Need volunteers**



### NEWS AND SUCH

**Congregational Meeting today**—The purposes of the meeting will be to elect the nominating committee for 2009, elect an elder to fill a one-year term, approve the pastor's terms of call as recommended by the session, and receive the 2009 budget. The fellowship dinner will begin immediately following the congregational meeting.

**January Fellowship Dinner**—The January fellowship dinner will be held following today's congregational meeting. Committee members include: Craig & Becky Hunt, Chairmen; Mary Jane Garner; Jerry & Sandra Hanner; Len & Jennifer Gardner; Bob & Jimmie Hardeman; Rex Goad; Janice Harrington; Janice Gold; Jim Harrington & Keely Wheeler-Harrington; Wade & Anne Gore; Bernese Helton; Tracy Grayson; Bill & Cindy Helton; John & Renate Grewe; Kelly Hewitt; Mark & Charlotte Griffis; Meghan Hewitt; Ron & Margaret Hammond; Craig & Crystal Hilgendorf

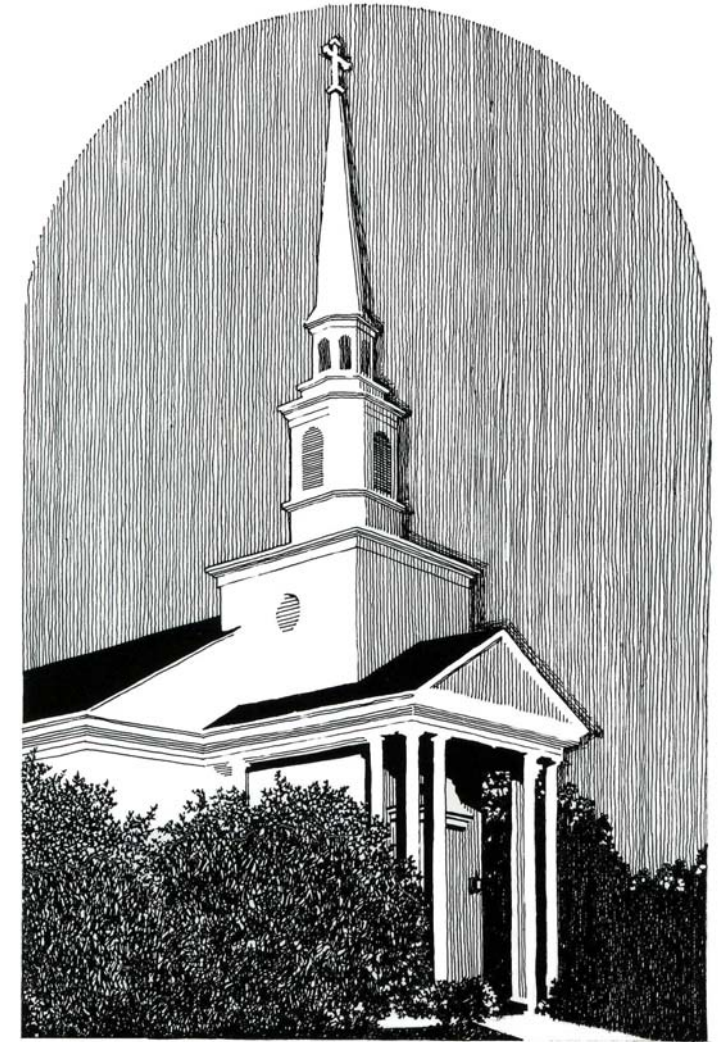
**Deacons' Meeting**—The Deacons will meet on Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

**WNL Resumes this week!**—Our regular WednesdayNightLive! activities will resume on Wednesday.

**Jr. High Confirmation Class**—There will be a Jr. High Confirmation class beginning next Sunday at 12:45 p.m.

### OUR STAFF

Dan Milford—Pastor  
 Willa Barnes—Secretary  
 Marti Law-Lowery—Director of Children's Ministries  
 Bill Zahringer—Director of Youth Ministries  
 Doug Ruffner—Director of Music  
 Amanda Teachnor—Organist and Accompanist  
 Krista Polanski—Treasurer  
 Kyla Rice—Children's Church Teacher



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