

Celebration of Worship

January 18, 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*
O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
You discern my thoughts from far away.
For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother’s womb.
**I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.**

- ◆ Hymn 67 “*Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine*”

WE CONFESS OUR SINS & RECEIVE GOD’S GRACE

- ◆ Prayer of Confession
**Living Christ, we hear your call to follow,
but are sometimes slow to do it.
We often want to be awed by your example but not
called to follow it. We want to see examples in our
world of people living by love as tenaciously as you,
but we hesitate to be those examples.**

**And sometimes when we try and fail, we despair of
ever beginning to come close to imitating you.
Forgive us, we pray. Remind us that you have the
power to make us what you’ve called us to be.
Then may we put one faltering foot in front of the
other and more fully follow you wherever you lead.
In your holy name we pray...**
(...Silent confession will conclude with “Amen.”)

- ◆ Assurance of God’s Pardon
Hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full
acceptance, that Christ came into the world to save sinners.
**He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that
we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good.**
I declare to you in the name of 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 Pastor Dan
(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 “*Make Us One*” arr. Carol Cymbala
Make us one, Lord, make us one, Holy Spirit, make us one.
Let Your love flow so the world will know we are one in You.
(Repeat)

- ◆ 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 1) Genesis 1:1-5

New Testament Reading (page 812) Mark 1:14-20

Sermon “*Follow Me*”

Ordination and installation of Deacons

- ◆ Hymn 657
“*Heaven Came Down and Glory Filled My Soul*”

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

Sue Hill and family on the death of her husband, Jerry
 Sean Anderson & family on the death of his uncle, Dave Harp
 Pam Smithey on the deaths of her friends, Mark & Sue Rittering
 Pam Smithey's father—Blocked carotid artery surgery
 Bob Stanton's sister, Valerie—Brian tumor
 Jan Powell—Hospitalized with severe bronchitis
 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 18

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Deacon Ordination
 12:45 p.m. Jr. High Confirmation Class

Monday, January 19

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

Wednesday, January 21

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 22

6:30 p.m. Finance & Stewardship Meeting
 7:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting
 8:00 p.m. AA Closed Meeting

Friday, January 23

6:30 p.m. Confirmation Retreat

Sunday, January 25

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
 2:30 p.m. Newcomer Class
 5:00 p.m. Chili Cook-Off & Talent Show

THOSE WHO SERVE

Greeter: Suzanne Maloney
 Ushers: Steve Duncan, Chairman; Lanette Duncan
 Magen Duncan; Justen Duncan
 Liturgist: Craig Hilgendorf
 Sunday School Superintendent: Jean Smith
 Sunday Morning Fellowship: 1/25 **Need volunteers**



NEWS AND SUCH

Jr. High Confirmation Class—The Jr. High Confirmation class begins today at 12:45 p.m. and continues next Sunday at the same time.

Finance & Stewardship Meeting—This committee will meet on Thursday, Jan. 22nd, at 6:30 p.m.

Confirmation Retreat—There will be a confirmation retreat for the Jr. High Confirmation class on Friday, Jan. 23rd, from 6:30 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.

Newcomer Class—We will be offering another newcomer class beginning next Sunday at 2:30 p.m. for those interested in learning more about faith in Christ and how we live that out at First Presbyterian. The class will continue for a total of four weeks. We will schedule alternative times, as needed, for those who are unavailable on any given Sunday afternoon. If you have any questions, please talk with Dan.

Chili Cook-Off & Talent Show—You won't want to miss this fun event next Sunday beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Brush up on your singing, dancing, magic tricks, jokes, or anything else you can think of that is fun! And dig out that award-winning chili recipe! Proceeds raise money for the campers going to Dwight Mission and Mo-Ranch.

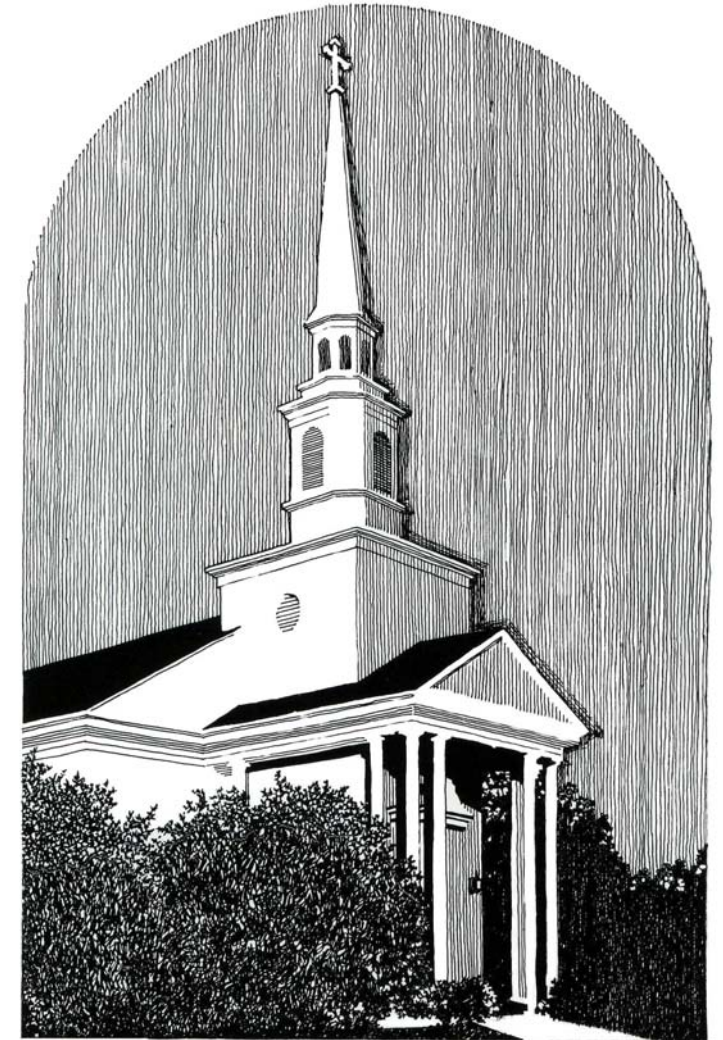


Sermon on the Amount—

Needed for Jan.:	\$19,762.08	Budgeted YTD:	\$9,120.96
Received in Jan.:	<u>8,759.45</u>	Received YTD:	<u>8,759.45</u>
Difference:	(\$11,002.63)	Difference:	(\$ 361.51)

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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