

# Celebration of Worship

February 15, 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 “*Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*” (Chorus)  
**Lord, I lift Your name on high, Lord, I love to sing Your praises. I’m so glad You’re in my life, I’m so glad You came to save us. You came from heaven to earth to show the way, From the earth to the cross my debt to pay. From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky, Lord, I lift Your name on high.**  
(Repeat)

Announcements

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

Silent Meditation

Invocation Mr. Phil Cook

Call to Worship from Psalm 30

I will praise you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up.

**O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.**

You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,

**So that my soul may praise you and not be silent.**

**O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.**

- ◆ Hymn 500 “*Abide With Me*”

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

- ◆ Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, we are uninspired by much of the leadership we see around us. Some of those who would vote to tax**

**us stubbornly avoid paying their own taxes. Some politicians who cry for government accountability are the most crooked of the lot. Some corporate leaders talk about the need to decrease wages while giving themselves huge bonuses or golden parachutes. We’re tempted to think we can trust no one but ourselves. Forgive us, we pray, for forgetting the kind of leadership you offer us.**

**Remind us of how much you have sacrificed so that we can have our lives restored in you.**

**And help us learn to be servants even when we get a chance to lead. In the name of your Son...**

(...*Silent confession will conclude with “Amen.”*)

- ◆ Assurance of God’s Pardon

Hear the good news! The proof of God’s amazing love is this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him.**

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 “*Bright Morning Star*” Marty Parks

Bright Morning Star, we worship You,  
Bright Morning Star, we honor You;  
Bright Morning Star, we praise Your name:  
Bright Morning Star, Jesus.

- ◆ Hymn “*We Are an Offering*”

**We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you, we are an offering.  
Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours, we are an offering.**

**All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.**

**We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you, we are an offering, we are an offering.**

- ◆ Prayer of Dedication

## WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Old Testament Reading (page 672) Ezekiel 34:1-24

New Testament Reading (page 813) Mark 1:40-45

Sermon “*Can We Trust Our Lives to God?*”

Ordination and Installation of Deacons

- ◆ Hymn 98 “*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*”

## WE FOLLOW CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

- ◆ Benediction

- ◆ Congregational Response Hymn 84  
“*Revive Us Again*” (Vs. 1 & Chorus)

**We praise Thee, O God, for the Son of Thy love,  
For Jesus who died and is now gone above.  
Hallelujah, Thine the glory! Hallelujah, amen!  
Hallelujah, Thine the glory! Revive us again.**

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.

