

# *Celebration of Worship*

*April 19, 2009 – 11:00 A.M.*

*We enter to worship;*

*we depart to serve*

## WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

Prelude Cathy Dunn-Protopapas, Guest Organist

Announcements

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

◆ Opening Hymn 291 *“Thine is the Glory”* (1<sup>st</sup> verse & chorus)

**Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;**

**Endless is the victory Thou o’er death hast won.**

**Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,**

**Kept the folded graveclothes where Thy body lay.**

**Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;**

**Endless is the victory Thou o’er death hast won. Amen.**

Welcome and Silent Meditation

Invocation Mr. Jon Neff

Call to Worship *from I Chronicles 16:8*

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; God’s steadfast love endures forever!

**Know that the Lord is God!**

It is God who made us and we are God’s; we are God’s people, and the sheep of God’s pasture. Praise the Lord!

**The Lord’s name be praised!**

◆ Hymn 588 *“In the Garden”*

◆ Morning Prayer (Unison)

**Gracious Lord of life, by mighty resurrection of your Son you overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him.**

**Grant that we who celebrate with joy Christ’s rising from the dead may be raised from the death of sin to the life of righteousness;**

**And may the living Lord breathe on us his peace, that our eyes may be opened to recognize him in breaking bread, and to follow wherever he leads.**

**In the name of the One who loved us to the end. Amen.**

## WE RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE

Children’s Moment Pastor Dan  
(Children’s Church is available for 4 yrs. through kindergarten.)

Sacrament of Baptism Aubrey Tatum Anderson

Presentation

Affirmations of the Parents Sean and Deana Anderson

1. Do you reaffirm your own faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord?

2. Do you claim God’s covenant promises on Aubrey’s behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for her salvation, as you do for your own?

3. Do you now unreservedly promise, in humble reliance upon God’s grace, to set before Aubrey an example of the new life in Christ?

4. Do you promise to pray with and for Aubrey and to bring her up in the knowledge and love of God?

Affirmations of the Congregation

1. Do you, the members of First Presbyterian Church, in the name of the whole church of Christ, undertake with Sean and Deana the Christian nurture of this child, so that in due time she may confess faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?

2. Will you endeavor by your example and fellowship to strengthen Aubrey’s family ties with the household of God?

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Act of Baptism

Welcome and Introduction

Service of Confirmation (Please see insert)

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 *“Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing”* Nettleton

Come, thou fount of ev’ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace!

Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.

Praise the mount! I’m fixed up on it, mount of God’s unchanging

love.

Here I find my greatest treasure, hither, by thy help, I’ve come;

and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger wand’ring from the fold of God;

he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O, to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wand’ring heart to thee:  
prone to wander, Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
here’s my heart, oh, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

◆ Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise Him all creatures here below.**

**Praise Him above ye heavenly host.**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

◆ Prayer of Dedication

## WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

New Testament Reading (page 883)

John 20:19-31

Sermon

*“The Ants in the Pants of Faith”*

◆ Hymn 293 *“Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies”*

## WE FOLLOW CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

◆ Benediction

◆ Congregational Response Hymn 171

*“Joy to the World”* (1<sup>st</sup> verse)

**Joy to the world! the Lord is come: Let earth receive her King; Let every heart prepare Him room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.**

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**

Dorothy Bartley—Shoulder replacement surgery  
 Len Gardner’s friend & family on the death of his son.  
 Phil Cook—Angioplasty  
 Jeff Mayhugh—MRSA  
 Jamie Manning (Doug Ruffner’s student)—Health concerns  
 Bobbie Ladd (Bob Baker’s daughter)—Lung cancer  
 Prayers for the Weaver family in their time of crisis.  
 Rick Hildebrant (Marti Lowery’s friend)—Liver cancer  
 Jimmy Don Talbot (Glenda Bare’s nephew)—  
 Deployed to Iraq  
 Nathasha Greene Pickerel—Diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes

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

**OUR MINISTRY AND UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Sunday, April 19**      **Confirmation Sunday**  
 11:00 a.m.      Morning Worship  
 12:00 Noon      Congregational Meeting  
 12:00 Noon      Bake Sale in the Narthex  
 2:00 p.m.      Newcomer Class

**Monday, April 20**  
 7:00 p.m.      AA Open Meeting & Al-Anon Meeting

**Wednesday, April 22**  
 5:30 p.m.      Dinner  
 6:00 p.m.      Trustee Meeting  
                   Newcomer Class  
                   Egypt, Islam & Mission Class  
                   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, April 23**  
 6:30 p.m.      Finance & Stewardship Meeting  
 7:00 p.m.      Al-Anon Meeting  
 8:00 p.m.      AA Closed Meeting

**Saturday, April 25**  
 4:00 p.m.      Couples Date Night – “Fireproof”

**Sunday, April 26**  
 9:30 a.m.      Morning Fellowship  
 10:00 a.m.      Sunday School  
 11:00 a.m.      Morning Worship  
 12:00 Noon      CE Meeting  
 2:00 p.m.      Newcomer Class

**THOSE WHO SERVE**

Greeter: Sharon Bolton  
 Ushers: Tom Byerly, Captain; The Byerly family  
 Liturgist: Jon Neff  
 Trustee Lock-Up: Ron Hammond  
 Sunday School Superintendent: Bobbie Cook  
 Sunday Morning Fellowship: 4/26 **Need volunteers**



**NEWS AND SUCH**

Please refer to “OUR MINISTRY AND UPCOMING EVENTS” for meetings and events scheduled this week.

**Congregational Meeting**—There will be a short meeting held immediately following today’s worship service to elect a fourth Elder to the Class of 2011.

**Deacons’ Bake Sale**—There’s lots of food available for sale in the Narthex today. Proceeds go towards sending the youth to summer camp. Please buy something and help the cause!

**Newcomer Class**—The first of four Newcomer classes begins this afternoon at 2:00 p.m. for those interested in learning more about faith in Christ and how we live that out at First Presbyterian. A make-up class will be held on Wednesday evening at 6:00 p.m. If you have questions, please talk with Dan.

**Egypt, Islam & Mission Class**—Make plans now to join Nancy Collins on Wednesday nights the rest of this month from 6:00-7:00 p.m. and learn about her experiences as a mission co-worker in Egypt.

**“Fireproof”**—Couples Date Night on Sat., April 25 at 4:00 p.m., followed by dinner and a lesson at 6:00. A total of six bible study lessons provide practical insights for building an enduring, red-hot marriage. Cost: \$20 per couple. See Jeanie Kvach for reservations.

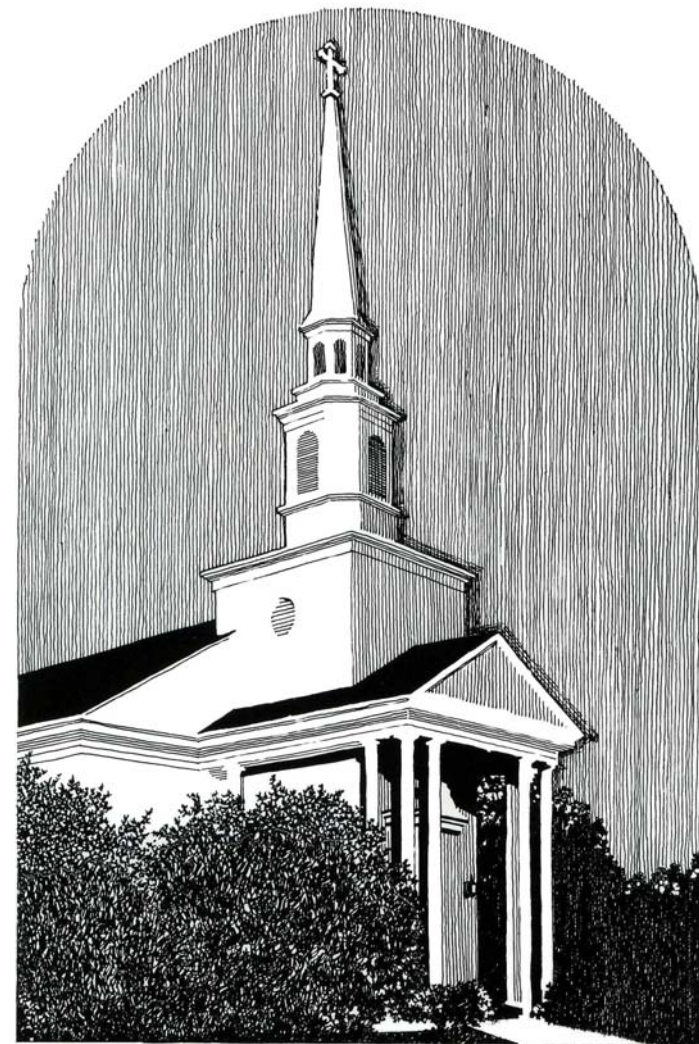


**Sermon on the Amount—**

Needed for Apr.:	\$19,762.08	Budgeted YTD:	\$68,407.21
Received in Apr.:	<u>16,278.04</u>	Received YTD:	<u>65,326.36</u>
Difference:	(\$ 3,484.04)	Difference:	(\$ 3,080.85)

**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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Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

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