

Celebration of Worship

June 21, 2009 – 11:00 A.M.

We enter to worship;

we depart to serve

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

Prelude Amanda Teachnor, Organist

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

- ◆ Opening Hymn 155 *“Spirit of the Living God”*
**Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me,
Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me.
Melt, mold me, Fill me, use me.
Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me.**

Welcome & Silent Meditation

Invocation Mr. Mark Griffis

Call to Worship *from Psalm 103*

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble.

They cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress;

Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind. For he satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry he fills with good things.

- ◆ Hymn 341 *“Come, Thou Almighty King”*

WE CONFESS OUR SINS & RECEIVE GOD’S GRACE

- ◆ Prayer of Confession
Holy God, we believe and trust that you are the creator of all things. We are shocked, then, when bad things happen in our lives. We wonder if you are punishing us for something we have done or failed to do. We wonder if you

have stepped back and are letting evil win the day. Sometimes, we even wonder if you still care about us. **Help us learn from the disciples and Job to cry out to you in our distress. Help us to discover that even a fleeting sense of your presence is more satisfying than answers to a dozen questions. And help us realize that you are not distant and aloof, but rather the God who reaches out to people in times of distress. In Jesus’ name we pray...**
(...Silent confession will conclude with “Amen.”)

- ◆ Assurance of God’s Pardon

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever.

He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.

- ◆ Gloria *“Lord, Be Glorified”*

**In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In my life, Lord, be glorified today.
In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In your church, Lord, be glorified today.**

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

Morning Offering

- ◆ 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

Gospel Reading (page 816) Mark 4:35-41

Old Testament Reading (page 420) Job 38:1-11

Sermon *“Where Is God in the Storm?”*

- ◆ Hymn 342 *“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”*

WE FOLLOW CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

- ◆ Benediction

- ◆ Congregational Response Hymn 516
“Give of Your Best to the Master” (1st verse & Refrain)
**Give of your best to the Master, Give of the strength of your youth; Throw your soul’s fresh, glowing ardor into the battle for truth.
Jesus has set the example – Dauntless was He, young and brave; Give Him your loyal devotion, give Him the best that you have.
Give of your best to the Master; Give of the strength of your youth; Clad in salvation’s full armor, join in the battle for truth.**

Postlude

- ◆ *(Indicates appropriate place for congregation to stand)*

We stand ready to welcome and receive those who would like to join with us in the journey of faith. Please speak to the pastor or one of the church members if you wish to join this congregation on the road to discipleship.

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.

