

Celebration of Worship

July 5, 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 “*Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*”
**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.**

Welcome & Silent Meditation

Invocation Mr. Mark Griffis

Call to Worship *from Psalm 123*

Lift up your eyes to the Lord our God,
creator of the heavens and the earth.

**To you we lift up our eyes,
O you who are enthroned in the heavens!**

As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master,
as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

**So our eyes look to the Lord our God,
until he has mercy upon us.**

◆ Hymn 98 “*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*”

WE CONFESS OUR SINS & RECEIVE GOD’S GRACE

◆ Prayer of Confession
**Holy God, we hear the call to go and make disciples of
all nations, but when it comes to talking about our faith
in you, we often have a hard time getting the words out.
Part of our hesitation is that we fear the rejection or the**

**dismissive looks of others. Part of our hesitation is that we
don’t want others to feel like we’re pressuring them to
believe like us. And part of our hesitation is that we’re
not really sure what we believe about who Jesus is and
what it means to be his follower.**

**Forgive our confusion and timidity, we pray, and send us
like Jesus sent his disciples. Then may we learn to bear
bold witness in a skeptical world both through our words
and our actions. In Jesus’ name we pray...**

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

◆ Assurance of God’s Pardon

Who is in a position to condemn us?

**Only Christ. And Christ died for us; Christ rose for us;
Christ reigns in power for us; Christ prays for us.**

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, page 234 “*He Is Lord*”

He is Lord, He is Lord! He is risen from the dead and He is
Lord! Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus
Christ is Lord.

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE

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

Reception of New Members

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

◆ 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

Gospel Reading (page 817)

Mark 6: 1-13

Sermon “*Bearing Witness in a Skeptical World*”

◆ Hymn 614 “*For All the Saints*” (Vs. 1 & 4 only)

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation to the Table
Prayer of Thanksgiving
Words of Institution
Breaking of the Bread
Prayer of Dedication

WE FOLLOW CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

◆ Benediction

◆ Congregational Response Hymn 596
“Gentle Shepherd”

**Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us, for we need You to help us
find our way.**

**Gentle Shepherd, come and feed us, for we need Your strength
from day to day.**

**There’s no other we can turn to who can help us face another
day;**

**Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us, for we need You to help us
find our way.**

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.

