

# Celebration of Worship

July 12, 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 16*

I say to the LORD, “You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.”

**I keep the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.**

Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

**You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

- ◆ Hymn 115 “*There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy*”

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

- ◆ Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we are people with divided hearts. We want to do what is right, but we are challenged by situations that make doing the right thing costly. Too often, we cave to our self-interest, our fear of losing face, or our fear of the cost of discipleship. When we do and we realize it, we regret it and hope to do better the next time we’re put to the test. If we don’t repent and entrust ourselves more fully to you, though, that hope is almost always disappointed. Forgive us, we pray, and create in us a new heart. Then may we walk in greater obedience to you even when the going gets tough for us. **In Jesus’ name we pray...**  
*(...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, 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.)*

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
  - ◆ Prayer of Dedication

## WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Old Testament Reading (page 430) Psalm 16

New Testament Reading (page 817) Mark 6:14-29

Sermon “*Herod’s Choice*”

- ◆ Hymn 114 “*Wonderful Grace of Jesus*”

## 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)*

*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.

