

Celebration of Worship

July 19, 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 89*

I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

**I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;
your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

O Lord God of hosts, who is as mighty as you, O Lord? Your faithfulness surrounds you. The heavens are yours, the earth also is yours; the world and all that is in it.

I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

- ◆ Hymn 107 “*Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound*”

WE CONFESS OUR SINS & RECEIVE GOD’S GRACE

- ◆ Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you lift us up and give us responsibility. We credit ourselves with the success we experience and begin to think we’re entitled to whatever we want. When our pride leads to a fall, we are caught by surprise and cry out for help. Forgive us, we pray, for forgetting to humble ourselves before you and for failing to be the servants you call us to be. Help us to remember that you are the potter and we are the clay. Then mold us into the vessels that can carry your grace and mercy into the world with love and boldness. In Jesus’ name we pray...
(...Silent confession will conclude with “Amen.”)

- ◆ Assurance of God’s Pardon
Hear the Good News! The Lord will give his people justice and have compassion on his servants.
The Lord will give his people peace and joy.
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 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
 - ◆ 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 950) Ephesians 3:14-21

Old Testament Reading (page 248) 2 Samuel 11:1-15

Sermon “*The Scandal of the Gospel*”
Rev. Michael Homan

- ◆ Hymn 687 “*God of Our Fathers*” (Vs. 1 and 4)

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.

