

Celebration of Worship

September 6, 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 321 “Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”

**Brethren, we have met to worship
to adore the Lord and God;
Will you pray with expectation
as we preach the living Word?
All is vain unless the Spirit
of the Holy One comes down;
Brethren, pray, and God’s great blessing
will be showered all around.**

Welcome & Silent Meditation

Invocation Mr. Mike Carter

Call to Worship *from Psalm 146*

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

**I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing
praises to my God all my life long.**

Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there
is no help.

**When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on
that very day their plans perish.**

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose
hope is in the LORD their God, who made heaven and
earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith
forever;

**The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all
generations. Praise the LORD!**

◆ Hymn 98 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

WE CONFESS OUR SINS & RECEIVE GOD’S GRACE

◆ Prayer of Confession

**Risen Christ, you made no distinction between rich and
poor, strong and weak, or popular and outcast.**

**We habitually show favoritism to some and ignore the
needs of others. Most of the time, we don’t even know
we’re doing it.**

Sometimes when we do notice, we don’t care.

Forgive us, we pray.

**Grant that we might learn to imitate you more completely
as we show care, concern, and respect to others.**

In your holy 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, Hymn 363 “To God Be the Glory” (Chorus only)

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His
voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people
rejoice! O Come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory—great things He hath done!**

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

Minute for Stewardship

Morning Offering

Gift of Music

Marti Law-Lowery

◆ Doxology, Hymn 515 “We Give Thee but Thine Own”

We give Thee but Thine own,

Whate’er the gift may be:

All that we have is Thine alone,

A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

◆ Prayer of Dedication

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Old Testament Reading (page 30)

Genesis 37:1-4

New Testament Reading (page 981)

James 2:1-17

Sermon “Who’s Your Favorite? Who Doesn’t Matter?”

◆ Hymn 528 “God of Grace and God of Glory”

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 679 (4th Verse)
“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

**O Trinity of love and power, Our brethren shield in
danger’s hour; From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
protect them where-so-e’er they go; Thus evermore shall
rise to Thee glad praise from air and land and sea. Amen.**

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.

