

# Celebration of Worship

September 13, 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 19*

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

**The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;**

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**

◆ Hymn 516 “Give of Your Best to the Master”

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

◆ Prayer of Confession

**Lord and Messiah, we confess we have a bad habit of making for ourselves images of who we want you to be.**

**We then become very attached to our images... to the places in which they make us feel comfortable... and to the places in which we don’t mind them making us feel uncomfortable. We then often defend our images of you as though they were set in stone.**

**Forgive us, we pray.**

**Help us to realize how rarely our images are accurate.**

**Help us to truly hear what it means for you to be the Messiah. And grant that we might learn to follow you where you choose to lead us, rather than trying to get you to bless what we want for ourselves.**

**In Jesus’ name we pray...**

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

◆ Assurance of God’s Pardon

Hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ came into the world to save sinners.

**He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good.**

I declare to you in the name of 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 Pastor Dan  
*(Children’s Church is available for 4 yrs. through kindergarten.)*

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

Minute for Stewardship

Morning Offering

Anthem “I Am His Child” Moses Hogan  
I may not be all that you are, I may not be a shining star  
but what I am I thank the Lord for making me His child.  
(Repeat)

Thank you Lord for hearing ev’ry prayer,  
Thank you Lord for just being there,  
Thank you Lord, thank you Lord,  
for I am not worthy of your Love.

I may not be all that you are, I may not be a shining star,  
but what I am I thank the Lord for making me His child.

Thank you Lord for hearing ev’ry prayer,  
thank you Lord for just being there,  
Thank you Lord, thank you Lord,  
for I am not worthy of your Love.

I may not be all that you are, I may not be a shining star,  
but what I am I thank the Lord for making me His child.  
So don’t use me or abuse me, for I am His child.  
Don’t tease me, or mistreat me, for I’m still His child,  
you can even talk about me. But I’m still His child.

◆ 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

Gospel Reading (page 820) Mark 8:27-38

Epistle Reading (page 981) James 3:1-12

Sermon “Nuts & Bolts of Discipleship”

◆ Hymn 291 “Thine Is the Glory”

## WE FOLLOW CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

◆ Benediction

◆ Congregational Response Hymn 679 (4<sup>th</sup> 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)*

**PRAYER LIST—NEW CONCERNS**

The families of victims of the Chandler Park plane crash on their deaths.  
 Van Rice (Kyla’s son)—Fever and infection  
 Darilyn (Julie Norris’ friend)—In ICU on life support  
 Frenny Lehman & family on the death of her father.  
 The family of Ron Heimshoth (Lutheran pastor) on his death.  
 Brock Smith’s uncle (friend of the Milford-Rosales’)—Cancer  
 Marjorie Smith (Becky Newhart’s mother)—To nursing home following bad fall  
 Shane Blankenship (Deana Anderson’s friend)—Rare lung infection  
 Ben Trawick (Pastor Dan’s friend)—Shingles in eyes  
 Katherine Littell—Recovering from infection  
 Sherry Ellington (Nancy Collins’ friend)—Refused entry to Egypt  
 (Please refer to newsletter for Ongoing Concerns and Homebound Members.)

**OUR MINISTRY AND UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Sunday, September 13**

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
 12:00 Noon Congregational Meeting  
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 3:00 p.m. Adult vs. Youth Soccer Game

**Monday, September 14**

1:00 p.m. Women’s Circle  
 7:00 p.m. AA Open Meeting & Al-Anon Meeting

**Wednesday, September 16 – Wednesday Night Live!**

5:30 p.m. Dinner  
 6:00 p.m. Pre-K & Children’s Choirs  
 Jr. High Bible Study  
 Women’s Bible Study  
 Men’s Bible Study  
 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice  
 Sr. High Bible Study

**Thursday, September 17**

7:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting  
 8:00 p.m. AA Closed Meeting

**Sunday, September 20**

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
 4:00 p.m. Church picnic



**Sermon on the Amount**

Needed for Sept.:	\$19,762.08	Budgeted YTD:	\$164,177.30
Received in Sept.:	3,928.25	Received YTD:	138,326.85
Difference:	(\$15,833.83)	Difference:	(\$ 25,850.45)

**THOSE WHO SERVE**

Greeter: Nadia Rosales  
 Ushers: Clark Wells, Captain; Vivian Wells  
 The Milford-Rosales family  
 Liturgist: Mike Carter  
 Trustee Lock-Up: Craig Hunt  
 Sunday Morning Fellowship: 09-20 *Need volunteers*



**NEWS AND SUCH**

**Congregational Meeting**—The brief congregational meeting to elect nominating committee members will be held immediately following today’s worship service.

**CE Meeting**—This committee plans to meet immediately following today’s worship service.

**Adult vs. Youth Soccer Game**—This afternoon at 3:00 p.m., the FPC youth and adults will converge on River City Park for their annual soccer game. Plan to attend this fun event, either as an eager participant or to cheer on your favorite team!

**Women’s Circle**—The Women’s Circle group will resume their monthly meetings tomorrow at 1:00 p.m. in the parlor.

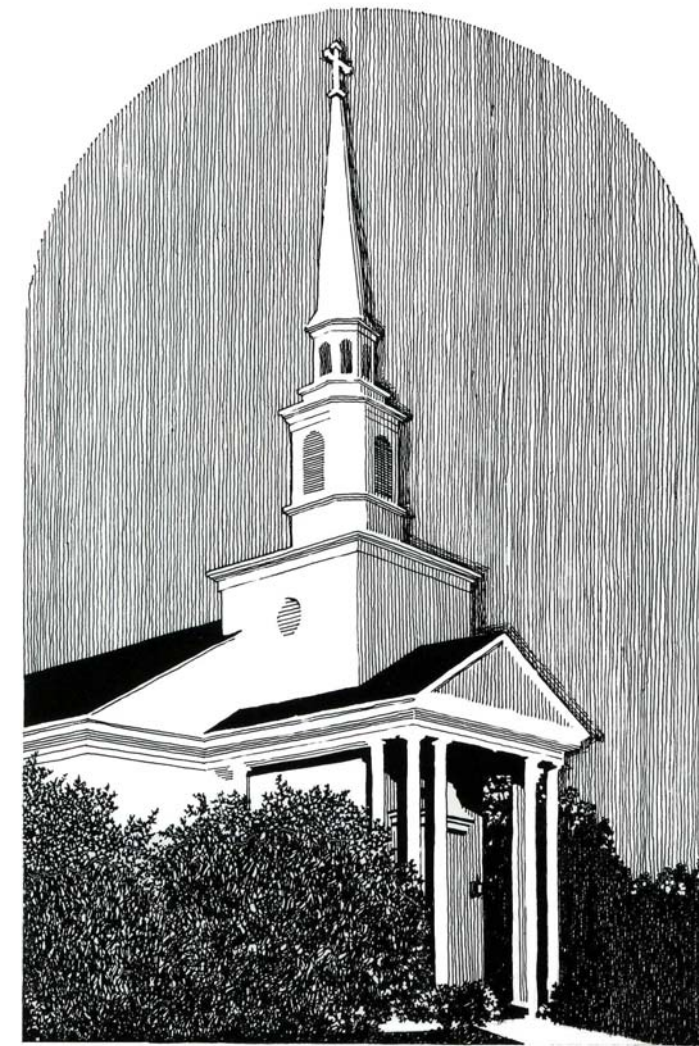
**WNL!**—Don’t forget to come participate in the Wednesday night activities as Wednesday Night Live! is back in full swing with lots of fun and fellowship this Fall.

**Church Picnic**—Make plans now to join us at Chandler Park next Sunday at 4:00 p.m. as we gather at Shelter 2 to kick off our monthly fellowship dinners, this time in the form of a picnic!

**Goodland Mission Trip Coming Up!**—Goodland Academy needs our help. They have several small carpentry projects and plenty of painting we can do. Dates are Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>—18<sup>th</sup> and we would love for you to come on any or all of the days during that time. See Eric Miller, Bill Zahringer or Dan Milford for more information.

**OUR STAFF**

Dan Milford—Pastor  
 Willa Barnes—Secretary  
 Marti Law-Lowery—Director of Children’s Ministries  
 Bill Zahringer—Director of Youth Ministries  
 Doug Ruffner—Director of Music  
 Amanda Teachnor—Organist and Accompanist  
 Krista Polanski—Treasurer  
 Kyla Rice—Children’s Church Teacher  
 Jesse McAtee—Interim Nursery Attendant



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