

Celebration of Worship

September 20, 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 1*

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

Let us draw close to the Living Water that our thirst may be quenched.

◆ Hymn 223 *“I Stand Amazed”*

WE CONFESS OUR SINS & RECEIVE GOD’S GRACE

◆ Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, our brains soak up information
about things in the areas that most intrigue us.**

We take pride in what we know and enjoy letting our knowledge slip into conversation where it may awe others. We sometimes even approach our relationship with you as though it were mostly a quest to grow in knowledge.

Forgive us, we pray.

Grant that we might learn that true wisdom comes as we live in humble obedience to you.

Grant that we might learn to focus on “simple” things like being loving, pure, peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, and without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy.

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, 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

Anthem *“We Are the Reason”* David Meece

We were the reason that He gave His life.
We were the reason that He suffered and died.
To a world that was lost He gave all He could give,
to show us the reason to live.

I’ve fin’lly found a reason for living,
it’s in giving ev’ry part of my heart to Him.
In all that I do, ev’ry word that I say,
I’ll be giving my all just for Him, for Him.

And we are the reason that He gave His life.
We are the reason that He suffered and died.
To a world that was lost He gave all He could give,
to show us the reason to live.
He is my reason to live.

◆ 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 821) Mark 9:30-37

Epistle Reading (page 982) James 3:13-4:8

Sermon *“Which Wisdom?”*

◆ Hymn 591 *“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”*

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)*

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.

PRAYER LIST—NEW CONCERNS

Steve Duncan and family on the death of his grandmother.
 Greg McCann's father—Under hospice care
 Van Rice (Kyla's son)—Fever and infection
 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 20

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
 12:00 Noon Mission Committee Meeting
 4:00 p.m. Church picnic

Monday, September 21

7:00 p.m. AA Open Meeting & Al-Anon Meeting

Wednesday, September 23 – Wednesday Night Live!

5:30 p.m. Dinner
 6:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting
 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 24

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

Saturday, September 26

Sr. High Backpacking Trip
 Women's Retreat

Sunday, September 27

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
 12:00 Noon Children's Service Day

Sermon on the Amount

Needed for Sept.: \$19,762.08 Budgeted YTD: \$168,737.78
 Received in Sept.: 9,677.25 Received YTD: 144,075.85
 Difference: (\$10,084.83) Difference: (\$ 24,661.93)

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: 09-27 *Need volunteers*

NEWS AND SUCH

Mission Committee Meeting—This committee will meet immediately following today's worship service.

Church Picnic—Today's the day! Join us at 4:00 p.m. this afternoon at Chandler Park as we gather at Shelter 2 to kick off our monthly fellowship dinners. Bring a side dish, chips or dessert. And don't forget your lawn chairs. Great food, games and fellowship will be had by all!

Trustee Meeting—The trustees will meet on Wednesday, Sept. 23rd, at 6:00 p.m.

Sr. High Backpacking Trip—The Sr. High will go on a backpacking trip to Devil's Den State Park in Northwestern Arkansas this coming Saturday and Sunday. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers for a fun and safe trip.

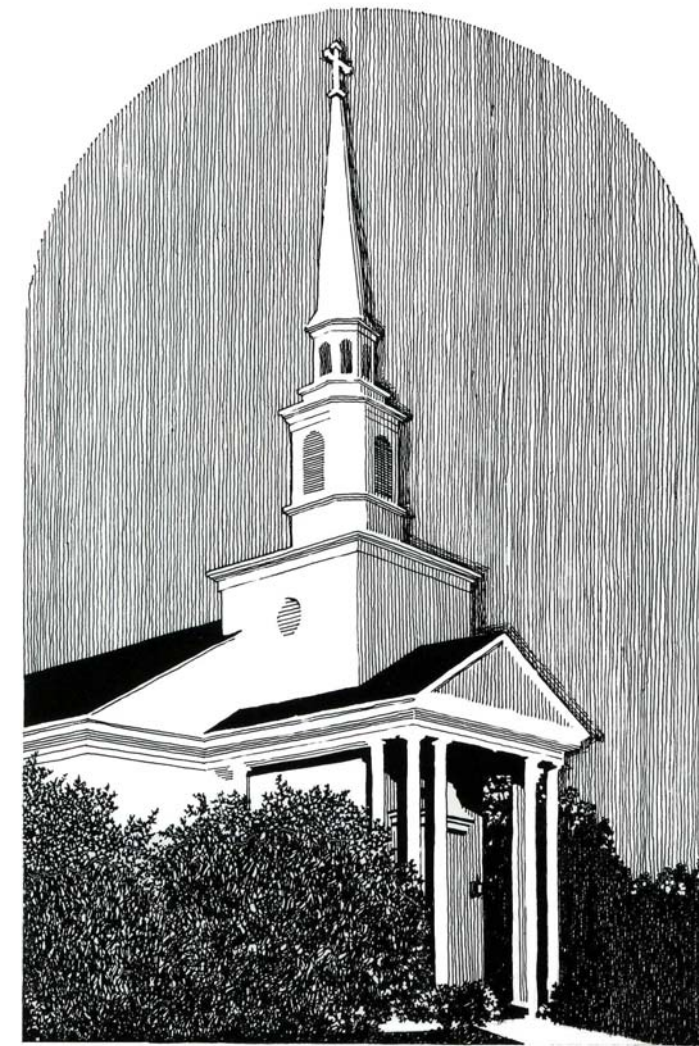
Women's Retreat—Several of our women will attend the 51st Annual Women's Retreat at Dwight Mission this coming weekend, Sept. 26-27. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers as well.

Children's Service Day—The children will meet next Sunday afternoon to wrap up their "Recycle" Service Project, getting the donated items ready to send to needy families.

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. 15th—18th 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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