

Celebration of Worship

September 27, 2009 – 11:00 A.M.

We enter to worship;

we depart to serve

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

Prelude

Amanda Teachnor, Organist
acc. by Hannah Brown, Violinist

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 124

If it had not been the Lord who was on our side—let Israel now say—if it had not been the Lord who was on our side, when our enemies attacked us,

then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us; then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us; then over us would have gone the raging waters.

Blessed be the Lord, who has not given us as prey to their teeth. We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

◆ Hymn 587

“He Keeps Me Singing”

WE CONFESS OUR SINS & RECEIVE GOD’S GRACE

◆ Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we struggle to deal with the sin that twists our thoughts and our actions.

Sometimes we live in denial, rationalizing that we’re better than most people and thus deserve lenience.

Other times we give in to sin, feeling like it’s easier to let the river of our temptations carry us than to fight it.

Sometimes we try to lock up our sins and failings and hide them away, hoping that no one will ever know.

Other times we’ve become so comfortable with our brokenness that we almost rub other people’s noses in it.

Forgive us, we pray. Help us learn to confess our sins discretely to one another and to truly seek to be healed.

In Jesus’ name we pray...

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

◆ Assurance of God’s Pardon

Who is in a position to condemn us?

Only Christ. And Christ died for us; Christ rose for us; Christ reigns in power for us; Christ prays for us.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation; The old life is gone; a new life has begun. 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

Gift of Music

Hannah Brown, Violinist

Children’s Moment

Pastor Dan

(Children’s Church is available for 4 yrs. through kindergarten.)

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

Minute for Worship

Morning Offering

Anthem

“Everlasting Hope”

Chrissy Cymbala

I’ve got everlasting hope through the blood of the Lamb, by His grace I’ve been forgiven.

I’ve got everlasting hope through the blood of the Lamb.

I’ll praise His name. I’ll praise His name.

(Repeat)

◆ 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 498)

Psalm 124

New Testament Reading (page 983)

James 5:13-20

Sermon

“Praying for Healing”

◆ Hymn 399

“Jesus Calls Us o’er the Tumult”

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

Louis Drymon (Chris' dad)—Possible spinal cancer
 Carolyn Dubie—Cancer
 Betty Bascue (Ron Hammond's friend)—Retinal surgery
 Garrett Anderson's uncle—Injury
 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 tick bite 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 27

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

Monday, September 28

6:30 p.m. Session Meeting
 7:00 p.m. AA Open Meeting & Al-Anon Meeting

Wednesday, September 30 – 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, October 1

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

Sunday, October 4

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
 3:00 p.m. Jr. High Capture the Flag



Sermon on the Amount

Needed for Sept.:	\$19,762.08	Budgeted YTD:	\$173,298.26
Received in Sept.:	<u>11,038.00</u>	Received YTD:	<u>145,436.60</u>
Difference:	(\$ 8,724.08)	Difference:	(\$ 27,861.66)

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: 10-4 *Need volunteers*



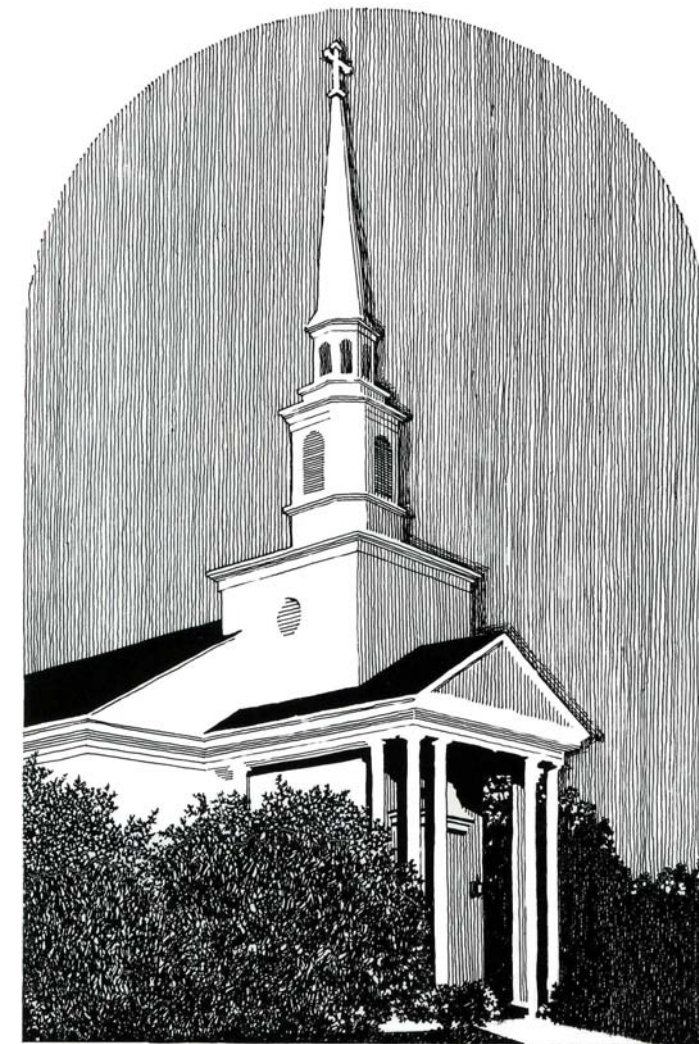
NEWS AND SUCH

Session Meeting—The session will meet on Monday, Sept. 28th, at 6:30 p.m.

Capture the Flag—The Junior High will be playing capture the flag at River City Park on Sunday, Oct. 4th, at 3:00 p.m. For additional details, see Bill Zahringer.

Goodland Mission Trip—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.

October Fellowship Dinner Committee—The fellowship dinner will be held on October 11th and we'll be honoring our Super Seniors. Committee members follow: Ray & Pam Walker, Chairmen; Judy Treat, Luellen Tremble, Beverly Walker, Elzora Walker, Earl & Peggy Sue Wallace, Clark & Vivian Wells, Tracy & Nancy White; Snooks Williford, Julia Young, and Adrienne Zaricor.



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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