

Celebration of Worship

November 8, 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 “*Rise Up, O Men of God*” (Vs. 1 & 2)
**Rise up, O men of God! Have done with lesser things;
Give heart and soul and mind and strength to serve
the King of kings.
Rise up, O men of God! His kingdom tarries long;
Bring in the day of brotherhood and end the night of
wrong.**

Welcome & Silent Meditation

Invocation Mr. Jay McAtee

Call to Worship *from Psalm 149*

Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in
the assembly of the faithful.

**Let Israel be glad in its Maker; let the children of Zion
rejoice in their King.**

Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to
him with tambourine and lyre.

**For the Lord takes pleasure in his people; he adorns
the humble with victory.**

- ◆ Hymn 525 “*Now Thank We All Our God*”

- ◆ Morning Prayer

**Come, O Holy Spirit. Come as Holy Fire and burn in us,
come as Holy Wind and cleanse us within,
come as Holy Light and lead us in the darkness,
come as Holy Truth and dispel our ignorance,
come as Holy life and dwell in us.**

**Convict us, convert us, consecrate us,
until we are set free from the service of ourselves,
to be your servants to the world. Amen.**

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

LITANIES FOR THE HYMNALS

Litany of Thanksgiving for Our Old Hymnals
(Please see insert)

Hymn 458 “*Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated*”

Exchange of Hymnals

Litany of Gratitude and Commissioning for the New Hymnals
(Please see insert)

Hymn 343 “*Called as Partners in Christ’s Service*”

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE

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.**

Minute for Stewardship

Morning Offering

Anthem “*It Is A Good Thing To Give Thanks*” McCormick

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord.

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord.

Sing unto the Lord a new song.

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The Lord on High is mightier
than the noise of many waters.

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- ◆ 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

Old Testament Reading (page 499) Psalm 127:1-2

Gospel Reading (page 825) Mark 12:38-44

Sermon “*Giving to an Unworthy Cause*”

- ◆ Hymn 476 “*O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!*”

WE FOLLOW CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

- ◆ Benediction

- ◆ Congregational Response Hymn
“*Jesus Calls Us o’er the Tumult*” (1st verse)
**Jesus calls us o’er the tumult
of our life’s wild, restless sea;
Day by day I hear Him saying,
“Christian, come and follow me.”**

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.

Litany of Thanksgiving for Our Old Hymnals

“We sing the greatness of our God That made the mountains rise.
That spread the flowing seas abroad And built the lofty skies.
We sing the wisdom that ordained The sun to rule the day.
The moon shines full at His command, And all the stars obey.”

Through the words and music of hymns, our hearts are filled with wonder and awe at the glory of God. Through hymns, we lift our voices in praise before our Maker.

“Dear Lord and Father of mankind, Forgive our foolish ways.
Reclothe us in our rightful mind;
In purer lives They service find. In deeper reverence, praise.”

Through the words and music of hymns, we are led to repentance and forgiveness.

“Rejoice ye pure in heart, Rejoice, give thanks and sing;
Your festive banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King:
Rejoice, Rejoice, Rejoice, give thanks and sing.”

Through the words and music of hymns, we find ways to express our gratitude to God for all he has done for us.

“Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my hands and let them move At the impulse of Thy love,
At the impulse of Thy love.”

Through the words and music of hymns, we are moved to respond to God, entrusting our lives into his care and taking up the call to be disciples of Christ.

We give thanks for all those throughout the ages who have expressed their faith in poetry and song, giving us words to express our praise, confession, thanksgiving, and commitment to God.

We give you thanks, O Lord.

We give thanks for the hymnals that have guided our worship for over two decades. Because they have accompanied us through weddings, baptisms, confirmations, funerals, holidays, celebrations, times of crisis, and weekly worship services,

we give you thanks, O God.

For all the past members and loved ones in whose memory these hymnals were given.

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We thank you for these hymnals that have accompanied us on the journey of faith. May they continue to serve to draw others to you in the years to come.

We thank you for your Word to us and for the generations of people in this place whose faith has been uplifted through these hymnals, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Litany of Gratitude & Commissioning for the New Hymnals

Holy God, you call us to love you with our whole heart, soul, mind, and strength. We confess that when we gather to worship it is often hard for us to bring our whole self into the moment. Sometimes our minds wander. Sometimes our hearts are not in it. Sometimes we fail to give it much energy. We give you thanks for the gift of music, as it focuses our attention, moves our hearts, and calls forth our vigorous participation.

We give you thanks, O Lord.

We give you thanks for all the saints who have gone before us, bearing faithful witness to us of your grace, mercy, and justice in countless ways. We especially thank you for all those we have named as we donate hymnals in their memory or honor.

We give you thanks, O Lord.

Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!

Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!

We give you thanks for these hymnals. We thank you for the cherished and traditional within their pages.

Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!

We thank you for new hymns that will speak to our souls in fresh and new ways.

Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

We thank you for writers and composers new and old who have given us language to lift our hearts to you. We thank you that “Words of comfort, words of vision, Words of challenge, said with care, Bring new power and strength for action, Make us colleagues free and fair.”

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Trusting in Jesus Christ, we dedicate these hymnals in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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