

Celebration of Worship

November 15, 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 16*
I say to the LORD, “You are my Lord; I have no good apart
from you.”

**I keep the LORD always before me; because he is at my
right hand, I shall not be moved.**

Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body
also rests secure.

**You show me the path of life. In your presence there is
fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures
forevermore.**

- ◆ Hymn 559 “*We Gather Together*”

WE CONFESS OUR SINS & RECEIVE GOD’S GRACE

- ◆ Prayer of Confession
**Gracious God,
we repeatedly put our focus on things that will not last.
We are awed by wealth, attracted to popularity, and
enticed by human power.
We are distracted by false teachings that make us feel**

**more knowledgeable and in control than we really are.
Forgive us, Holy God, for creating treasures for
ourselves on earth, where moth and rust destroy and
robbers break in and steal.**

**Grant that we might learn to put our hope and
confidence in you. Then may we discover the joy and
purpose our lives can have when our hearts are focused
on the Treasure that can never be taken away.**

For it is in Jesus’ name that we pray. Amen.

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

- ◆ Assurance of God’s Pardon

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and
abounding in steadfast love. He will not always accuse, nor
will he keep his anger forever.

**He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay
us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are
high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward
those who fear him.**

As far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our
transgressions from us.

- ◆ Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen. Amen.

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

Morning Offering

Anthem “*Praise The Lord With Joyful Song*” Christiansen

Praise the Lord with joyful song,
praise Him with a gladsome song,
with the trumpet, with the lute, praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord with joyful song,
sing His praise ye joyful throng,
praise and glory to His name, praise the Lord!

Blessed be the Lord, our God, the Lord of love.
Mercy is His domain the Lord of love.

(Repeat first verse)

- ◆ 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 150) Deuteronomy 14:22-29

Gospel Reading (page 825) Mark 13:1-8

Sermon “*Focusing on What Will Last*”

- ◆ Hymn 485 “*To God Be the Glory*”

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.

