

\*Those who are able, please stand.

Our Church Life Together

Today

Sunday School _____	9:15 A.M.
Worship _____	10:30 A.M.
Session _____	2:00 P.M.
GEL – Movie night at Cinema 6 _____	4:45 P.M.
PYC – Movie night at the Sweeney's home _____	6:00 P.M.

Monday

SSGN _____	5:00 P.M.
"Me and Thee" night circle _____	7:00 P.M.
Nominating Committee _____	7:00 P.M.

Tuesday

Pack _____	6:00 P.M.
P.N.C. Committee _____	6:00 P.M.

Wednesday

Hamburgers & Chips _____	6:00 P.M.
Choir _____	7:00 P.M.

Saturday

Girl Scout Training _____	9:00 A.M.
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- The liturgist this morning is **Jill Craig**.
- The flowers are given this morning by **The Family of Leon Kendall** in memory of Leon.
- **Prayer Calendar** – First, Haskell; First, Hereford  
Social Witness Committee  
Presbyterian Medical Care Mission, Abilene
- Remember the prayer person of the day on his/her birthday: *Monday* – **Paul Raymond, Sally Simpson**; *Saturday* – **Sandra Scholten**.

**Please remember to sign the Friendship Sheets.**

First Presbyterian Church Staff

<b>Dr. Mark W. Stoub, Interim Pastor</b>	<b>Dr. Charles Teykl, Pastor Emeritus</b>
<b>Karen Sandlin, Organist/Choir Director</b>	<b>Nellie Dunavant, Secretary</b>
	<b>Sandra Spencer, Custodian</b>

The Session

Pam Kendall	Stephanie Novotny	Mary Anna Self	Sherry Thompson	Chris Lewellen	Whit Hunt
Joel Steed	Kevin Sweeney	Rob Kinkaid	Cyndy Walter	Vaughnie Voss	Gene Whitfill

# First Presbyterian Church

Plainview, Texas

Dr. Mark W. Stoub, Interim Pastor

Sunday, September 20, 2009

25th Lord's Day in Ordinary Time

We Prepare to Worship God

*Lighting of the Candles*

*Ritual of Friendship and Our Life Together*

*Prayer of the Day*

God and Father of all, you have willed that the last shall be first, and you have made a little child the measure of your kingdom. Give us that wisdom which is from above, so we may understand that, in your sight, the one who serves is the greatest of all. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

*Prelude*

"Prelude"

M. G. FISCHER

We Gather Around the Word

*\*The Introit 522*

"Lord, When I Came Into This Life"

LAND OF REST

Lord, when I came into this life You called me by my name; Today I come, commit myself, Responding to Your claim.

*\*Call to Worship*

Draw near to God, as God comes near to us.

We will say "yes" to God's presence.

Hear the wisdom of the Spirit, and live in peace.

We will say "yes" to the working of the Spirit.

Live with gentleness, full of mercy.

We will say "yes" to one another, living together in grace.

Let God work in you! Let us worship God together.

*\*Hymn 220*

"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

OLD HUNDREDTH

**\*Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

God of all people, we confess that we crave recognition and praise. We are competitive in our work, at school, at church, even at home. We strive to achieve so that we may be congratulated. We want to win. We want to be the greatest. Jesus said, "Whoever wants to be first must be last and servant of all." God of radical love, help us to hear our Lord's voice. Forgive our selfish desires. Help us to encourage others and give you the glory. .

**\*Prayer of Silent Confession**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

*Draw near to God*

**And God will draw near to us**

*In the name of Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven*

**We are dead to sin and alive to all that is good. Amen!**

**Sung Response 579**

"Glory Be to the Father"

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

**\*Passing the Peace of Christ**

*Your delight is in the law of the Lord*

**On God's law we meditate, day and night**

*The peace of Christ be with you.*

**And also with you. Amen.**

*(The people may share signs of peace.)*

**We Proclaim the Word**

**Hymn 376**

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

*HYFRYDOL*

**Prayer of Illumination**

**First Reading**

Proverbs 31.10-31

**A Moment with the Children and Youth**

Kevin Sweeney

**Second Reading**

James 3.13-4.3

**Choral Anthem**

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

*ARR. GORDON YOUNG*

**Gospel Reading**

Mark 9.30-37

**Sermon**

"Learning How to Welcome"

Dr. Mark W. Stoub

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

A Brief Statement of Faith

*We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In Sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.*

**Prayers of the People**

**Instrumental Amen**

**We Give Thanks to God**

**Giving of Our Gifts**

Offertory Sentences "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name, welcomes me" **Mark 9.37a**

Offertory "At Worship"

*FRANKLIN RITTER*

\*The Doxology 592

*OLD HUNDREDTH*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;*

*Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Lord's Prayer

**We Go in God's Name**

**\*Hymn 434**

"Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"

*KINGSFOLD*

**\*Charge and Benediction** (Please join hands)

**\*Benediction 522**

"Lord, When I Came Into This Life" (verse 2)

*LAND OF REST*

*Within the circle of the faith As member of your cast,*

*I take my place with all the saints Of future, present, past.*

**\*The Postlude**

"Postlude on 'Kingsfold'"

*DAVID PAXTON*

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