

Our Church Life Together

Today

Rally Day _____ 9:15 A.M.
 Worship _____ 10:30 A.M.
 Potluck Luncheon _____ 11:30 A.M.
 GEL & PYC meet at the Sweeney's home, 3601 Grandview _____ 5:00 P.M.

Monday

SSGN _____ 5:00 P.M.
 Office Nominating Committee _____ 7:00 P.M.

Tuesday

Pack _____ 6:00 P.M.
 P.N.C. Committee _____ 6:00 P.M.
 Worship Committee _____ 7:00 P.M.

Wednesday

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

Next Sunday

Session _____ 2:00 P.M.

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- The liturgist this morning is **Jill Craig**.
- The flowers are given this morning by **Dean and Sherry Thompson** in honor of new Sunday School teachers and youth leaders.
- Be sure to stay for Potluck. **Matthew Thompson** will present a program about his trip to Israel.
- **Prayer Calendar** – First, Eastland; First, Graham
 Nominating Committee; Presbyterian Food Pantry, Abilene
 Presbyterian Home for Children, Amarillo
- Remember the prayer person of the day on his/her birthday: *Today* – **Kayla Craig**; *Tuesday* – **Carlyn Crawford, Shelley Williams**; *Wednesday* – **Mary Anna Self**; *Friday* – **Lil Nicholl**; *Saturday* – **Gayle Thompson**.

Please remember to sign the Friendship Sheets.

First Presbyterian Church Staff

Dr. Mark W. Stoub, Interim Pastor
 Karen Sandlin, Organist/Choir Director

Dr. Charles Teykl, Pastor Emeritus
 Nellie Dunavant, Secretary
 Sandra Spencer, Custodian

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

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Sunday, September 13, 2009

24th 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

Almighty God, you call your church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you. Help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may turn to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

Prelude

"In Retrospect"

DONALD LEE MOORE

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*

The heavens tell of the glory of God, and all creation tells God's story.

All God's creatures reflect God's beauty.

The commandments of God give shape to human community.

Our life together speaks of God's wisdom.

The life of Jesus shows forth God's love.

Our faith tells God's story.

**Hymn 2022*

"Great Is the Lord"

GREAT IS THE LORD

***Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

Lord Jesus, you asked your disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" We would like to be like Peter and answer, "You are the Messiah." More often we speak of you as a teacher, a prophet and example of how we should live. Like Peter, we do not want to hear of your suffering. We do not want to answer your invitation to deny ourselves and follow you. Lord Jesus, in your mercy, correct us. Remind us that when we give ourselves to others we give ourselves to you.

***Prayer of Silent Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

But who can detect their errors?

Christ clears us of our hidden faults

In Christ's name you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! 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**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ,

Let us forgive one another.

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you. Amen.

(The people may share signs of peace.)

We Proclaim the Word

Hymn 405

"What Does the Lord Require"

SHARPTHORNE

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading

Proverbs 1.20-33

A Moment with the Children and Youth

Dr. Mark W. Stoub

Second Reading

James 3.1-12

Choral Anthem

"Sanctus"

ARR. DONALD MOORE

Gospel Reading

Mark 8.27-38

Sermon

"Faith in the Public Square"

Dr. Mark W. Stoub

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed (*The Hymnal*, p. 14)

Prayers of the People

Instrumental Amen

We Give Thanks to God

Giving of Our Gifts

Offertory Sentences "Jesus said, "...deny yourself, take up your cross and follow me."

Mark 8.34

Offertory

"A Holy Offering"

STEWART LONDON

*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 371**

"Lift High the Cross"

CRUCIFER

***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**

"Fantasia on 'Iste Confessor'"

LANI SMITH

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**Those who are able, please stand.*

Large print copies of **The Bible** and **The Hymnal** are available in the narthex. Please ask an usher for assistance.

We welcome you to our worship this morning at First Presbyterian Church and sincerely hope that you will come again. If you are interested in learning more about our congregation or in joining our fellowship, please speak with the interim pastor or one of the greeters following worship.