

Order for the Public Worship of God

*"The place upon which you are standing is Holy Ground."
– Exodus 3:5*

Sept. 7, 2008 **Grandparent's Day** 10:00 a.m.

Liturgist: Eld. Robert Haynes, Music Director: Eld. Carl Scott
Praise Team: Carl Scott, Rebecca Butler and Gene Dyke
Pianist: Eld. Karen Scott

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP/PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES Acolytes

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (Unison)

Jesus said where two or more are gathered in my name, I am there among them. We are more than two or three and we know that Christ is here among us, so we rejoice in the Lord and we come to sing His praises and worship His Holy name. AMEN.

❖HYMN OF INVOCATION

THE INVOCATION AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

❖THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

Our Father which 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.

❖GLORIA PATRI #623

RESPONSIVE READING "The Apostle's Creed" #716

HYMN OF SUPPLICATION

CONFESSION OF SIN (first silently then in unison)

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from the past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. AMEN.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PASSING OF THE PEACE

THE TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

HYMN OF PRAISE

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

❖DOXOLOGY #624

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE SCRIPTURE READING *Psalm 149:1-9*

THE MESSAGE **Rev. Julie Davis**

HOLY COMMUNION (Elders serving today: Royce Jackson, Carl Scott, Robert Haynes, Gary Dancy)

The Invitation: If the Holy Spirit is leading you to make a decision today to accept Jesus Christ as your personal Savior, or to rededicate your life, if you need special prayer, or if you would like to unite with this church, do not delay. You are invited to join the pastor at the altar during the Hymn of Invitation.

❖THE HYMN OF INVITATION

❖THE BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

❖THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #610

Go Now and Live for the Savior

❖EXTINGUISHING THE CANDLES – CARRYING THE LIGHT OF JESUS OUT INTO THE WORLD Acolytes

❖POSTLUDE

Enter to Worship

Leave to Serve

❖All who are able please stand to honor God. (Feel free to stand or keep seated according to your own comfort needs.)

Next Sunday....

Next Sunday we want everyone to be here for **Harvest Sunday**. Everyone bring something to decorate the church sign after the service. Bring pumpkins, corn stalks, bales of hay, mums, etc. and we will make our sign festive and welcoming. Let's all pitch in and take part!

Welcome...

We're glad you're here! Surely, the Spirit of the Lord is in this place. Here is some helpful information as you join us in worship today:

- All who worship here are equal in the sight of God, regardless of race, age, gender, physical disability or religious affiliation.
- Communion, when celebrated, is open to all who profess Christ as Lord and Savior, whether affiliated with this church or not. Children take Communion as well, if parents approve.
- A nursery is available during the service; please see a greeter for directions. (This is for ages crib to 3 years.)
- Handicap-accessible restrooms are located off the Great Hall (foyer) and up the stairs in the Family Life Center/Gym.
- Please remember to sign the attendance folder at your pew so we will have a record of your visit with us today.
- Thank you for remembering to silence your cell phone during the service.
- If you would like a **DVD** of a service or other special event the price is \$10, which covers the cost of the DVD and mailing (any "profit" will go to the General Fund). DVDs are made available to our sick and shut-in members free of charge. To request a DVD, please call the church at 449-7020.
- **If you arrived as a visitor we hope that you leave as a friend and worship with us often!**



Members in Ministry Today:

Acolytes: Dillon King and Amber Clifton

Offering: Ray Jones, Charlie Butler, Jimmy Reynolds, Scott Greer.

Lock-Up: Raymond and Mary Lou Bay

Members in Ministry Next Week:

Acolytes: Christina Greer and Ashtyn Dancy

Offering: Evelyn Price, Bob Price, Lisa Thompson, Bobby Thompson

Lock-Up: Bobby & Lisa Thompson

Lectionary

Sept. 7, 2008 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost (Green)
Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149:1 or Psalm 148; Romans 13:8-14;
Matthew 18:15-20

Our Prayer Requests

“The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous person availeth much.” - James 5:16

(For additions to or deletions from this list, or to place information in this bulletin, please call 449-7020 and leave a message.)

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| -The Lost | -Chuck Dale (trip to Israel) |
| -Pray for our Pastor Search Committee | -Jerry Miller |
| -Gerald Vantrease | -Gene Dyke's brother |
| -Anne Farmer | -Carolyn Thompson |
| -Henry Maynard | -John Lee Denny |
| -Billy Robinson | -Joyce Loveless |
| -Frances Ballard (Anna King's sister) | -Margaret Frazier |
| -Raymond Bay | -Larry Kidwell |
| -Wayne Horton | -Mary Oliver |
| -Mary Dickson | -Earl Punched (Richard's friend) |
| -Bro. Denny's mother | -Kim Brown |
| -Kay Shepard's father (cancer) | -Myrtle Reese |
| -Lori Agee | -Dewayne Horton |
| -Margaret Palmer (Mary Thompson's sister, cancer) | -Venelee Smith |
| -Dora Crawford | -Donald Cordell Smith |
| -Carolyn Jackson | -Donnie Bentley |
| -Coreen Preston (homebound) | -Rhonda Bush's mother |
| -Those in the military | -Harry Anderson |
| | -Vivian Smrtic |

Announcements

- September's Family Fellowship Night will be announced. This will be a special evening because we are having a shower for **Brandon Thompson** after supper. Everyone is invited and encouraged to come out and show Brandon how much we love him and his family! We will have a date for you soon.
- Be in prayer for the presidential candidates now that both tickets have been established. Whether you are for **OBAMA – Biden** or **McCain - Palin**, pray about how your vote reflects your personal beliefs and values. There are less than 60 days until the election.

Thought for the Week

“Searching for a Minister”

One of the toughest tasks a church faces is choosing a good minister. A member of an official board undergoing this painful process finally lost patience. He'd just witnessed the Pastoral

Relations Committee reject applicant after applicant for some minor fault - real or imagined. It was time for a bit of soul-searching on the part of the committee. So he stood up and read this letter purporting to be from another applicant. “Gentlemen: Understanding your pulpit is vacant, I should like to apply for the position. I have many qualifications. I've been a preacher with much success and also had some success as a writer. Some say I'm a good organizer. I've been a leader most places I've been. I'm over 50 years of age and have never preached in one place for more than three years. In some places, I have left town after my work caused riots and disturbances. I must admit I have been in jail three or four times, but not because of any real wrong doing. My health is not too good, though I still accomplish a great deal. The churches I have preached in have been small, though located in several large cities. I've not gotten along well with religious leaders in the towns where I have preached. In fact, some have threatened me, and even attacked me physically. I am not too good at keeping records. I have been known to forget whom I have baptized. However, if you can use me, I promise to do my best for you.” The board member turned to the committee and said, “Well, what do you think? Shall we call him?” The good church folks were appalled! Consider a sickly, trouble-making, absent-minded ex-jailbird? Was the board member crazy? Who signed the application? Who had such colossal nerve? The board member eyed them all keenly before he replied, “It's signed, 'The Apostle Paul.'”



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