

# The Order of Worship

August 3, 2008

Minister: Rev. James Adams  
Lay Leader: Clark Allison  
Music/Worship Director: Rebecca Haywood

Organist/Pianist: Debbie Mink  
Nursery: Phyllis Shepherd  
Secretary: Vickie Ellis

**Bold Print** indicates a congregational response      \* Indicates to stand, if able

## Gathering Before God

Welcome, Announcements, Prayer Requests, Registering of Attendance

Prelude

\* Hymn                                      *Come, Christians Join to Sing*                                      No.  
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\* Call to Worship

God is our hiding place.

**God will keep us in time of trouble.**

Let us be glad in the Lord and rejoice.

**Let us shout for joy and praise God's name in song!**

\* Opening Prayer

\* Chorus of Praise                                      *Fill My Cup Lord*                                      No.  
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\* A Time of Personal Greetings

## Hearing God's Word

Scripture Lesson                                      Luke 18:9-14                                      Page  
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Today's Message                                      Rev.  
Adams

“Pharisees and Publicans All”

## Responding to God

\* An Affirmation of Faith – *The Apostles Creed*                                      No.  
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\* The Invitation to Holy Communion

\* Hymn                                      *Come, Sinners to the Gospel Feast*                                      No.

## Call to Confession &amp; Prayer of Confession

**We have not loved you, O God, as you have loved us. We have been like children who accepted love without knowing the cost. Forgive us, we pray, for every act of betrayal, every failure to be kind, every act of selfishness, and every blindness to the needs of others. For your name's sake. Amen.**

## Pastoral Prayer

*At the beginning of the prayer time, as the accompanist plays, you are invited to come to the altar and pray—alone or with Rev. Adams. If you would like for Rev. Adams to pray with you, simply turn your palms up.*

Offertory

In Remembrance

Chancel

Choir

\* Doxology

Thanksgiving and Communion

No.

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The Lord's Prayer

The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

*Holy Communion is offered to all who love God. As we receive the bread and the cup we are reminded of the love of Jesus Christ for each and every one of us. All persons are welcome to receive the bread and cup. If your heart so leads, come forward as the ushers direct. Use this time to begin or renew your relationship with God through Jesus Christ our Lord. If this time of communion is your first step in seeking a new relationship with God, please tell Rev. Adams after the service so that he might celebrate this Good News with you.*

### Serving God in the World

\* Benediction and Sending Forth

\* Final Song

*My friends may you grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior.*

*My friends may you grow in grace and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.*

*To God be the Glory now and forever, now and forever, Amen.*

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THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

**Today:**

10:45 Morning Worship

**Wednesday, August 6**

6:00 Bible Study

7:00 Choir

**Thursday, August 7**

10:00 Sewing Circle

10:00 NCD Coach Training

7:00 Boy Scouts Roundtable

**Acolytes for Today, Aug. 3** – Lucas Stewart, Garrett Brown

**Acolytes for Sunday, Aug. 10** – Gabe Walker, Clara Osborne

**Nursery Volunteer for Today, Aug. 3** – Susan Greene

**Nursery Volunteer for Sunday, Aug. 10** – Robin Clark

**Children's Church for Today, Aug. 3** – Kristin Garrett

**Children's Church for Sunday, Aug. 10** – Robin Smith

**Greeters for August** – Elizabeth Ramey, Mary Sue Moore

**Ushers for August** – Bill Francis, Marty Osborne, George Spiggle, Greg Wilson

**Record of our Faithfulness: Sunday, July 27 Morning Worship-108 Sunday School-36 General Fund-\$3794.30, needed weekly-\$4,798.00, Gen. Fund Receipts as of 7/28/08-\$104,998.90; budget as of 7/31/08- \$136,195.50; FLC Loan repayment-\$20.00, needed weekly-\$385.00, 2007 Apportionments-\$10.00, amount to date- \$4929.00.**

*We would like to say "Thank You" to all the ladies of the church that helped in any way with the reception for our District Superintendent last Sunday.*

**The Finance Committee** will meet next Sunday, August 10 at 5:00 p.m.

**You are cordially invited to attend a Household Shower given in honor of Lauren Hites (bride elect of) Neill Hamilton, Saturday, August 9, 2008, 1p.m. at First Baptist Church, Prestonsburg. The bride is registered at Trends & Traditions, Ritchie's Hallmark, Macy's and Bed, Bath & Beyond.**