

The Order of Worship

August 24, 2008

Minister: Rev. James Adams

Organist/Pianist: Debbie Mink

Lay Leader: Clark Allison

Nursery: Phyllis Shepherd

Music/Worship Director: Rebecca Haywood

Secretary: Vickie Ellis

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

Gathering Before God

Announcements, Prayer Requests, Registering of Attendance

Prelude & Lighting of the Candles

* Welcome and Call to Worship

Great is our God, says the Psalmist,

And greatly to be praised!

For God has done great things for us.

And filled the earth with every good thing.

We are called to live and move and have our being in God.

Because in God is our everlasting hope!

* Opening Hymn *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* No. 89

* Opening Prayer Rev. Adams

* Song of Praise *Spirit of the Living God* No. 393

* A Time of Personal Greetings

Hearing God's Word

Children's Sermon Debbie Walker

(Children may be dismissed for Children's Church at this time)

Chorus of Preparation *Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet* *(Chorus twice)*

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 4:12-23

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(after the Scripture is read, the following response)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Special Music *Jesus Saves Medley*

Chancel Choir

Today's Message It's about Time

Rev. Adams

Responding to God

*Hymn of Response *I Am Thine, O Lord* No. 419

* An Affirmation of Faith No. 883

Silent Meditation - Pastoral Prayer – Lord's 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 *Christians, We Have Met to Worship* Debbie Mink

* Doxology *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

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

6:00 Pot Luck Dinner

Wednesday, August 27

6:00 Bible Study

7:00 Choir

Thursday, August 28

10:00 Sewing Circle

6:00 Girl Scout Leaders

7:00 Worship Committee

Acolytes for Today, Aug. 24 – Garrett Brown Gabe Walker

Nursery Volunteer for Today, Aug. 24 – Julie Paxton

Nursery Volunteer for Sunday, Aug. 31 – Amy Burchett

Children's Church for Today, Aug. 24 – Erin Burchett

Children's Church for Sunday, Aug. 31 – Julie Paxton

Greeters for August – Elizabeth Ramey, Mary Sue Moore

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

Record of our Faithfulness: Sunday, August 17 Morning Worship –120 Sunday School-46.

General Fund-\$3710.00, needed weekly-\$4,798.00, Gen. Fund Receipts as of 8/18/08-

\$119,475.90; budget as of 8/31/08- \$155,652.00; FLC Loan repayment-\$215.00, needed

weekly-\$385.00, 2007 Apportionments- \$10.00, amount to date- \$5550.00.

The Mountain Mission truck will be here on Tuesday, September 2nd. As always, we are first on the list for pick up. If you have items for the Mission, you may drop them off in the Noah's Ark room (room at parking lot door) August 25th – 29th, between the hours of 8:30 am and 12:30 pm.

The United Methodist Women will be hosting the fall District meeting on Saturday, September 13, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. If you are able to help with this meeting, contact Drema Miller, 886-9620.

We will be having a Church Picnic on Sunday, September 28, 4:30 pm at the Spillway, Jenny Wiley State Park.

Always & Forever – A Memorial and Honor Program benefiting the **American Diabetes Association**. If anyone would like to make a donation to the American Diabetes Association, there are brochures with more information located in the vestibules.