

The Order of Worship

August 31, 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 *Where There Is Love* Greta H. Gilbert

* Welcome and Call to Worship

God of all seasons, of springing grass and falling leaves,

God of our lives, of birth and death and all the moment between,

After the rest of the night, we awake to praise you this morning.

In the love of Christ, let us turn our hearts to worship!

* Opening Hymn *Come, Thou Fount* No. 400

* Opening Prayer Rev. Adams

* Song of Praise *My Tribute* No. 99

* A Time of Personal Greetings

Hearing God's Word

Children's Sermon Rev. Adams

(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 Romans 7:14-25a Page 990

(after the Scripture is read, the following response)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Special Music

Gary Brown

Today's Message "Somewhere Between Raising Hell and Amazing Grace"

Responding to God

*Hymn of Response *Grace Greater than Our Sin* No. 365

* An Affirmation of Faith No. 883

Call to Prayer *Amazing Grace* vs.1, 6 No. 378

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

* 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

Monday, September 1

Labor Day – Office closed

Tuesday, September 2

Mountain Mission Truck will be here (early)

Wednesday, September 3

6:00 Bible Study

7:00 Choir

Thursday, September 4

10:00 Sewing Circle

7:00 Boy Scouts Roundtable

Acolytes – To be announced at later date.

Nursery Volunteer for Today, Aug. 31 – Amy Burchett

Nursery Volunteer for Sunday, Sept. 7 – Kristin Garrett

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

Children's Church for Sunday, Sept. 7 – Brad & Jenny Burchett

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 24 Morning Worship –114 Sunday School-41.

General Fund-\$4190.00, needed weekly-\$4,798.00, Gen. Fund Receipts as of 8/24/08-\$123,071.90; budget as of 8/31/08- \$155,652.00; FLC Loan repayment-\$90.00, needed weekly-\$385.00, 2007 Apportionments- \$10.00, amount to date- \$5560.00.

We thank Greta Hicks Gilbert for her music ministry at the organ and piano today.

The Mountain Mission truck will be here this **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) today after church.

Next Sunday, September 7, we will have Promotion Sunday. Breakfast Potluck, bring dish & let's celebrate our Sunday Schools. Annual Sunday School Picture will be taken.

The Finance Committee will meet next Sunday, Sept. 7 at 5:00 pm and the **Administrative Council** will meet at 6:00 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.

On Sunday, September 14, 4:00 p.m. we will have our annual Micki Sparks Walk-a-Thon. Registration will begin at 3:45 p.m. in the parking lot. Hotdog cookout following the walk event.

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