

The Order of Worship

November 9, 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

Prelude & Lighting of the Candles

(As you prepare for worship, please take this time to register your attendance with us today. If you are visiting today, please know that you are welcome and we would like to get to know you better. If you have any questions about our church, please speak to Rev. Adams after the service)

* Welcome and Call to Worship

Let us praise God this morning with all our hearts.

Let us sing and pray to our Creator, Redeemer, and Friend.

Rejoice and be glad today!

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

* Opening Hymn *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* No. 127

* Opening Prayer Rev. Adams

* Chorus of Praise *We Will Glorify* Insert

* A Time of Personal Greetings

Hearing God's Word

Children's Sermon Debbie Walker

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

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

Scripture Lessons Genesis 28:10-17 Becky DeRossett

Gospel Lesson Matthew 6:25-34

(after the Scripture is read, the following response)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Special Music *You Are Worthy of My Praise* Chancel Choir

Today's Message "The With-God-Life"

Responding to God

*Hymn of Response *How Great Thou Art* No. 77

* An Affirmation of Faith No. 887

Call to Prayer *Spirit Song* No. 347 (vs.1)

Prayer of Confession

O God, your love is forever and yet as new as this morning's sun.

We confess that we have thought too little of you this week.

The affairs of each day have crowded you out,

and selfish pleasures have hidden your presence.

Forgive us, we pray, and renew our life with You,

so that we may become the people you have called us to be.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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 *Just A Closer Walk With Thee* Debbie Mink

* Doxology *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 94

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:

10:55 Morning Worship

5:00 Wesley Bells 5:00 Finance Committee

6:00 Ad. Council 7:30 U.M.W.

Wednesday, November 12

6:00 Bible Study 7:00 Choir

Thursday, November 13

10:00 Sewing Circle

Nursery Volunteer for Today, Nov. 9 – Pam Herrick

Nursery Volunteer for Sunday, Nov. 16 – Barbara Burchett

Children's Church for Today, Nov. 9 – Robin Smith

Children's Church for Sunday, Nov. 16 – Erin Burchett

Ushers for November – David Allen, Pete Greene, Marty Osborne

Greeters for Today, Nov. 9 – Pete & Susan Greene

Greeters for Sunday, Nov. 16 – Barbara & Bucky Burchett

Record of our Faithfulness: Sunday, Nov. 2 Morning Worship –128, Sunday

School-38. General Fund-\$4754.00, needed weekly-\$4,798.00, General Fund Receipts as of 11/2/08- \$159,436.15; Budget as of 11/30/08-\$191,510.65 FLC Loan repayment-\$335.00, needed weekly-\$385.00, 2007 Apportionments- \$510.00, amount to date- \$7169.00

Also the UMW meeting today has been changed to 7:30, they will have a guest speaker from Spouse Abuse, Becky Derosssett will be leading devotionals and refreshments will be served. Plans will include gearing up for their Christmas service project.

Reminder – Articles for the Advent Devotional are due by November 14. You may email those to the Church office at pburgfirstumc@bellsouth.net.

The Sewing Circle has pecans for sale again this year. The cost is \$8.00 per lb. Contact Phyllis Herrick or any member of the Sewing Circle.

Thanks to all who participated in the Fall Festival on Wednesday. It was a wonderful success. Without all of the volunteers, it would not have been possible.

– From Children's Ministries

Care-packages for College students: On Wednesday, November 12, we will gather in the Sanctuary, 6 to 6:15 to pray and 6:15 to 6:45 to work on care-packages for our college students. If you know of a college or graduate student, please give the name and address to Debbie Mink or Diana Turner. All who are interested in helping with this, please join us in this important ministry of our church.