

# The Order of Worship

September 7, 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 For God

Welcome, Announcements, Prayer Requests, Registering of Attendance

Prelude

\* Hymn *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* No. 133

\* 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

\* Song of Praise *Fill My Cup Lord* No. 641

\* A Time of Personal Greetings

## Hearing God's Word

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

Scripture Lesson Psalm 85 (Responsively) No. 806

Gospel Lesson Mark 9:14-24 Page 891

*(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.**

Today's Message "Re-Assured" Rev. Adams

## Responding to God

\* Hymn of Response *Blessed Assurance* No. 369

\* An Affirmation of Faith – No. 887

The Invitation to Holy Communion

Hymn *Come Sinners to the Gospel Feast* No. 616

Call to Confession & 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 you 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 *Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You* Chancel Choir

\* Doxology

Thanksgiving and Communion No. 15

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 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.*

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*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  
4:00 Wee Bells  
4:30 Elf Bells  
5:00 Wesley Bells  
5:00 Finance Committee  
6:00 Administrative Council

**Monday, September 8**

9:00 Prestonsburg District Workshop  
6:00 Devotion Workshop

**Wednesday, September 10**

10:00 District Leadership Team  
6:00 Bible Study  
7:00 Choir

**Thursday, September 11**

10:00 Sewing Circle

**Saturday, September 13**

9:00 Prestonsburg District UMW Fall Meeting

***Nursery Volunteer for Today, Sept. 7 – Kristin Garrett***

***Nursery Volunteer for Sunday, Sept. 14 – Pam Herrick***

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

***Children's Church for Sunday, Sept. 14 – Amy Burchett***

***Ushers for September – Tom Hereford, Paul Honeycutt, Charlie Miller, Tom Smith***

***Record of our Faithfulness: Sunday, August 31*** Morning Worship –113 Sunday School-36.

*General Fund-\$7673.00, needed weekly-\$4,798.00, Gen. Fund Receipts as of 8/31/08-\$129,957.90; budget as of 8/31/08- \$155,652.00; FLC Loan repayment-\$176.00, needed weekly-\$385.00, 2007 Apportionments- \$50.00, amount to date- \$5610.00.*

***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.***