

The Order of Worship

September 14, 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

Though the storm clouds of doubt and fear threaten to overcome us

God leads us into ways of peace.

When the darkness of war and the deep pit of anger reach toward us

God lifts and carries us through the darkness with hope and light.

Lord of hope and life, be with us today.

God of mercy and peace, lead our lives. Amen.

* Opening Hymn *I Stand Amazed in the Presence* No. 371

* Opening Prayer Rev. Adams

* Song of Praise *How Great Thou Art* (Chorus Only)

* 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 Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 Page 887

(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 *How Beautiful Your Name* Chancel Choir

Today's Message "An Extraordinary God for Ordinary People"

Responding to God

*Hymn of Response *He Touched Me* No. 367 (vss. 1,2, 4)

* An Affirmation of Faith No. 883

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

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 *I Am Thine, O Lord* 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.

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

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Nursery Volunteer for Today, Sept. 14 – Pam Herrick

Nursery Volunteer for Sunday, Sept. 21 – Barbara Burchett

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

Children's Church for Sunday, Sept. 21 – Kristin Garrett

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

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Today:

10:45 Morning Worship
4:00 Micki Sparks Walk-a-Thon
4:00 Wee Bells
4:30 Elf Bells
5:00 Wesley Bells

Monday, September 15

6:00 Advent Devotion Workshop

Tuesday, September 16

Office will be closed due to Bishop Davis coming to District

Wednesday, September 17

6:00 Advent Devotion Workshop
6:00 Bible Study
7:00 Choir

Thursday, September 18

10:00 Sewing Circle
6:00 Girl Scout Leaders

Record of our Faithfulness: Sunday, Sept. 7 Morning Worship –106 Sunday School- Promotion Sunday. General Fund-\$3239.25, needed weekly-\$4,798.00, Gen. Fund Receipts as of 9/08/08-\$132,768.15; budget as of 9/30/08- \$175,108.50; FLC Loan repayment-\$295.00, needed weekly-\$385.00, 2007 Apportionments- \$470.00, amount to date- \$6080.00

Today at 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.

Sunday, September 21 at 2:00 pm will be a Safe Sanctuaries Training here at FUMC. Safe Sanctuaries is more than guidelines, policies and procedures implemented to create an environment in which children, youth and the adults who work with them have boundaries of safe space. Safe Sanctuaries is an overt expression of a congregation in making a congregation a safe place where children and youth may experience the abiding love of God and fellowship within the community of faith.

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