

The Order of Worship

September 28, 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

Welcome and Registering of Attendance

Prelude & Lighting of the Candles

* Welcome and Call to Worship

This week has been filled with joys and sorrows.

We have come here this day with burdens on our hearts.

God, who hears your cries, will offer you healing love.

Thanks be to God for such generous compassion.

Open your hearts to God's infinite mercy.

We open our spirits to receive God's love for us.

* Opening Hymn *Praise to the Lord, The Almighty* No. 88

* Opening Prayer Rev. Adams

* Song of Praise *Something Beautiful* No. 394

* 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 Luke 13:10-17 Page 919

(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 *A New Name in Glory* Chancel Choir

Today's Message "What's In a Name?"

Responding to God

* 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 **How Firm a Foundation** 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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Nursery Volunteer for Today, Sept. 28 – Susan Greene

Nursery Volunteer for Sunday, Oct. 5 – Robin Clark

Children's Church for Today, Sept. 28 – Robin Smith

Children's Church for Sunday, Oct. 5 -

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

Ushers for October – Eddy Clark, Rob Herrick, Neil Turner

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Today:

10:45 Morning Worship

No Bells today due to the picnic

4:30 Church Picnic at Spillway, Dewey Lake

Wednesday, October 1

6:00 Bible Study

7:00 Choir

Thursday, October 2

10:00 Sewing Circle

7:00 Boy Scouts Roundtable

Saturday, October 4

11:00 Blessing of the Animals Service

Record of our Faithfulness: Sunday, Sept. 21 Morning Worship –102 Sunday School-40.General Fund-\$2583.00, needed weekly-\$4,798.00, Gen. Fund Receipts as of 9/21/08-\$138,765.15; budget as of 9/30/08- \$175,108.50; FLC Loan repayment-\$70.00, needed weekly-\$385.00, 2007 Apportionments- \$10.00, amount to date- \$6100.00

GREATER MOUNTAIN CRUSADE – September 28, 29 and 30 at the Expo Center, Pikeville. Evangelist-Dr. Jerry Pipes; Worship Leader-Mickey Henderson; Special Music-Larnelle Harris, Sunday, Sept. 28, Ricky Skaggs and Band, Monday, Sept.29; Special Events-Keith Davis, Tuesday, Sept. 30, Pizza Event, Tuesday, Sept.30, 6:15 pm City Park next to Expo Center.

Next Sunday, October 5 the Finance Committee will meet at 5:00 pm.

ATTENTION ALL WOMEN!!!! There has been a desire to revive our United Methodist Women's group. There will be an informational get together on Sunday, Oct. 5th at 6:00. Bring your favorite dessert as we fellowship with one another and generate ideas to have UMW up and running by January 2009! Please be in prayer for this endeavor as we seek God's guidance for the women of this church. If you have questions feel free to contact Drema Miller (886-9620), Diane Turner (886-1860), Joy Adams (886-8431), and Debbie Walker (886-6748).

VISION STATEMENT OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN: "The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church."