

The Order of Worship

July 6, 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

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

* Welcome and Call to Worship

God is Spirit.

They that worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.

God is Light.

If we walk in the light, as God is in the light, we have fellowship with one another.

God is Power!

They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

God is Love!

Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called children of God.

* Opening Prayer

* Song or Chorus of Praise *Open The Eyes of My Heart Lord* Insert

* A Time of Personal Greetings

Hearing God's Word

Hymn *Love, Mercy, and Grace* Insert

Scripture Lesson Matthew 20:1-15

Today's Message Rev. Adams

“An Invitation, Early or Late, Is No Small Thing”

Responding to God

* An Affirmation of Faith – *From Romans 8* No. 887

* The Invitation to Holy Communion

Call to Confession & Prayer of Confession

You hold nothing back from us, Amazing God, yet we are determined to cling to everything else but you.

Have mercy on us and forgive us. We come to the table of grace and hope, not for our personal satisfaction, but for the joy of recognizing the One who calls us to new life. This we pray in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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

* 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

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Today:

10:45 Morning Worship

6:00 Sr. Youth (?)

Wednesday, July 9

6:00 Bible Study

7:00 Choir

Thursday, July 10

10:00 Sewing Circle

6:00 Worship Committee

Saturday, July 12

8:30 Lay Speaker Training (Registration forms are in the church office)

***Record of our Faithfulness: Sunday, June 29 Morning Worship-104?? Sunday School-36
General Fund-\$3,634.00, needed weekly-\$4,798.00, Gen. Fund Receipts as of 6/30/
08-\$96,213.65; budget as of 6/30/08- \$116,739; FLC Loan repayment-\$635.00, needed weekly-
\$385.00, 2007 Apportionments- \$60.00 amount to date- \$4439.00; Parsonage Fund-\$12,235.00,
amount spent as of 6/30/08-\$13,805.76***

***Acolytes for Today, July 6 – Gabe Walker, Clara Osborne
Acolytes for Sunday, July 13 – Hannah Walker, Lucas Stewart
Nursery Volunteer for Today, July 6 – Amy Burchett
Nursery Volunteer for Sunday, July 13 – Kristin Garrett
Children’s Church for Today, July 6 – Julie Paxton
Children’s Church for Sunday, July 13 – Erin Burchett
Greeters for July – Paul & Chris Honeycutt
Ushers for July – David Allen, Eddy Clark, Cal Herrick, Neil Turner***

The Worship Committee will meet on Thursday, July 10, 6:00 pm. The Finance Committee will meet next Sunday, July 13, 5:00 pm followed by the Ad. Council at 6:00 pm.

The Beth Moore Conference in Louisville will be simulcast at Allen Baptist Church Friday night, August 1st and Saturday morning, August 2nd. Tickets are \$25.00. If you are interested in attending, see Dawn Brown.