

The Order of Worship

October 26, 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

Good morning!

Good morning to you!

Today is a day that God created!

We shall rejoice and be glad in it.

Rejoice and be glad today!

Our hearts and spirits praise God for all God's blessings.

* Opening Hymn *We Thy People Praise Thee* No. 67

* Opening Prayer Rev. Adams

* Chorus of Praise *Blessed Assurance (Chorus only)* No. 369

* 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 Lesson Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13 Barbara Burchett

(after the Scripture is read, the following response)

Gospel Lesson Matthew 25:13-30

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Special Music *I Will Rejoice* Chancel Choir

Today's Message "Reluctant Servants"

Responding to God

*Hymn of Response *Take My Life and Let It Be* No. 399

* An Affirmation of Faith No. 885

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 *Higher Ground* 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, Oct. 26 – Amy Burchett

Nursery Volunteer for Sunday, Nov. 2 – Kristin Garrett

Children's Church for Today, Oct. 26 – Brad & Jenny Burchett

Children's Church for Sunday, Nov. 2 – Julie Paxton

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

Greeters for Today, Oct. 26 – David & Ann Brown

Greeters for Sunday, Nov. 2 – Ben & Keane Hale

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Today:

10:55 Morning Worship
5:00 Wesley Bells
6:00 Pot Luck
7:00 Musical Evening

Tuesday, October 28

7:00 Worship Committee

Wednesday, October 29

6:00 Bible Study
7:00 Choir

Thursday, October 30

10:00 Sewing Circle

***Record of our Faithfulness: Sunday, Oct. 19** Morning Worship –97 Sunday School-34. General Fund-\$2690.00, needed weekly-\$4,798.00, General Fund Receipts as of 10/20/08- \$151,397.15; Budget as of 10/31/08-\$194,565.00 FLC Loan repayment-\$135.00, needed weekly-\$385.00, 2007 Apportionments- \$10.00, amount to date- \$6649.00*

***The rose** on the alter this morning is in honor of Marley Elizabeth Allen, 6lb, 13oz, 20 ½ inches long baby girl born on Tuesday, October 21. The proud parents are Bryan and Madelyn Allen, big brother Brady. Maternal grandparents are Raymond & Betsy Schoolcraft and paternal grandparents are Brent Allen & Linda Allen. Congratulations!*

***Tonight** the Chancel Choir will present a musical evening. The choir will sing several anthems in addition to solos and duets. Our special guests will be the Little Paint Church of God Quartet. Please join in this service of worship through music.*

***The Administrative Council** will meet next Sunday, November 2 at **6:00 pm**, the Finance Committee will meet at **5:00 pm**.*

***Reminder** – Articles for the Advent Devotional are due by November 14.*

***We are** in great need of Children's Church volunteers. If you would like to volunteer your services for Children's Church please add your name to the sign up sheets by the front doors or call Erin Burchett 874-4395 or the church office 886-8031. Thanks so much!!!*