

# The Order of Worship

September 21, 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

Whether you arrived here first this morning or came in as the service was beginning, God bids you joyful welcome.

**We thank you and thank God for this generous welcome.**

You are precious in God's sight, a delight in God's presence.

**Lord, we have come seeking your healing mercy.**

Know that God's compassionate love is poured over you this day.

**Hallelujah! AMEN.**

\* Opening Hymn      *Maker, In Whom We Live*      No. 88

\* Opening Prayer      Rev. Adams

\* Song of Praise      *His Name is Wonderful*      No. 174

\* 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      John 3:1-16      Page 935

*(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      *Only Jesus*

Chancel Choir

Today's Message      "Starting All Over Again"

## Responding to God

\*Hymn of Response      *Freely, Freely*      No. 389

\* 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      *On Jordan's Stormy Banks*      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.*