

Our Church Life Together

Today

Sunday School _____ 9:15 A.M.
Worship _____ 10:30 A.M.
GEL
PYC

Monday

SSGN _____ 5:00 P.M.

Tuesday

Pack _____ 6:00 P.M.
P.N.C. Committee _____ 6:00 P.M.

Wednesday

Endowment Committee _____ 5:45 P.M.
Hamburgers & Chips _____ 6:00 P.M.
Choir _____ 7:00 P.M.

Thursday

Boy Scouts _____ 6:00 P.M.

Next Sunday

Potluck _____ 11:30 A.M.

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- The liturgist this morning is **Jill Craig**.
- The flowers are given this morning by **Kim and Glenna Butler** in honor of their 29th wedding anniversary.
- We need cooks and kitchen help for October "Hamburgers and Chips". See Stephanie Novotny if you can cook or help in the kitchen.
- **Prayer Calendar** – First, Iowa Park; First, Jacksboro
Samaritan Pastoral Counseling Center of Amarillo
- Remember the prayer person of the day on his/her birthday: *Monday* – **Shane Steen**; *Tuesday* – **Richard Morgan**; *Thursday* – **Laura Steed**.

Please remember to sign the Friendship Sheets.

First Presbyterian Church Staff

Dr. Mark W. Stoub, Interim Pastor
Karen Sandlin, Organist/Choir Director
Nellie Dunavant, Secretary
Dr. Charles Teykl, Pastor Emeritus
Sandra Spencer, Custodian

The Session

Pam Kendall Stephanie Novotny Mary Anna Self Sherry Thompson Chris Lewellen Whit Hunt
Joel Steed Kevin Sweeney Rob Kinkaid Cyndy Walter Vaughnie Voss Gene Whitfill

First Presbyterian Church

Plainview, Texas

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Sunday, September 27, 2009

26th Lord's Day in Ordinary Time

We Prepare to Worship God

Lighting of the Candles

Ritual of Friendship and Our Life Together

Prayer of the Day

Grant, O Merciful God, that your church, being gathered by your Holy Spirit into one, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prelude

"The Abundant Life"

GARRETT PARKER

We Gather Around the Word

**The Introit 522*

"Lord, When I Came Into This Life"

LAND OF REST

Lord, when I came into this life You called me by my name; Today I come, commit myself, Responding to Your claim.

**Call to Worship*

Our help is in the strength of God, who created all that is.

Who are we, that God remembers us?

Our blessings come from God, giver of all good gifts.

Who are we, to be graced by God's bounty?

Our salvation comes from God, light in our darkness.

Who are we, to be redeemed by God's love?

Our calling as servants and friends comes from God, whose image we reflect.

Who are we, that God's Spirit shines out from us?

All praise to the living God!

**Hymn 462*

"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

RATISBON

***Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

God of Grace and God of glory, We live in difficult times, We confess that we do not ask for the help of others—to pray for us. We do not seek the wisdom of older people—to advise us. Worst of all, we do not seek your power—to uphold us. In your great mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days.

***Prayer of Silent Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Our help is in the name of the Lord
who made heaven and earth
In Christ's name, you are forgiven.
Thanks be to God! Amen!

Sung Response 579

"Glory Be to the Father"

Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

One of the fruits of the Spirit is peace,
There is no law against such a thing
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you. Amen.
(The people may share signs of peace.)

We Proclaim the Word

Hymn 403

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

CONVERSE

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading

Esther 7.1-6, 9-10, 9.20-22

A Moment with the Children and Youth

Dr. Mark W. Stoub

Second Reading

James 5.13-20

Choral Anthem

"Alleluia"

JAN REESE

Gospel Reading

Mark 9.38-50

Sermon

"Prayer to be Reckoned With"

Dr. Mark W. Stoub

***Affirmation of Faith**

A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

Prayers of the People

Instrumental Amen

We Give Thanks to God

Giving of Our Gifts

Offertory Sentences "They who sow sparingly will reap sparingly; they who sow bountifully will reap bountifully." 2 Corinthians 9.6

Offertory

"Open My Eyes"

PAUL TAYLOR

*The Doxology 592

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Lord's Prayer

We Go in God's Name

***Hymn 405**

"What Does the Lord Require"

SHARPTHORNE

***Charge and Benediction** (Please join hands)

***Benediction 522**

"Lord, When I Came Into This Life" (verse 2)
Within the circle of the faith As member of your cast,
I take my place with all the saints Of future, present, past.

LAND OF REST

***The Postlude**

"Christ the Redeemer"

TOM BIRCHWOOD

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*Those who are able, please stand.