

July 27, 2008



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*“We exist to love the Triune God with all our being, to love our neighbors as our self and to share the good news of God’s grace, making disciples of all people.”*

**July 27, 2008**

**10:15 AM**

*For hearing-impaired equipment or large print bulletins, please see an usher. \*Please stand if you are able.*

*“A cheerful heart is a good medicine, but a downcast spirit dries up the bones” (Proverbs 17:22). Let us joyfully open ourselves to God and cheerfully reach out to welcome our fellow worshippers.*

**\*THE WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Kristin Newman, Liturgist

**THE PRELUDE**

Lynn Bockover, Organist

## **WE GATHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD**

**THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*THE OPENING HYMN**

**PRAISE HIM! PRAISE HIM!**

**#106**

**\*THE PRAYER**

**\*THE CREED**

*The Apostles' Creed*

**\*THE GLORIA PATRI**

(pew insert)

**\*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

## **WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S MESSAGE TO US**

**THE SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Don Smith*

**THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Children are now dismissed to Children's Worship in Fellowship Hall.  
Dismissal Hymn – *JESUS LOVES THE LITTLE CHILDREN.*

**THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

Matthew 13:44-52 (Page 1519)

**“GOD’S GRACE”**

**WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH FAITH AND ACTION**

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

Pastor: Friends this is the joyful feast of the people of God.

**People of God:** *People will come from east and west and from north and south and sit at the table in the Kingdom of God.*

Pastor: This is the Lord’s table and not ours. Our Savior invites all of those who trust in Him to share in the feast which He has had prepared.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People of God:** *And with you also.*

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People of God:** *We lift them up to the Lord our God.*

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**People of God:** *It is truly right so to do.*

Pastor: It is truly right ..... Amen

**Unison:** The Lord’s Prayer (using “sins” version)

*Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and power and the glory, forever. Amen.*

**THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS**

The elements will be served by intinction; please come forward as you are able, as the bread is offered, break off a piece; as the cup is offered, dip the bread in the cup; then you may partake of the elements as you return to your seat or when you are seated. If you are not able to come forward, the elements will be brought to you.

## THE CLOSING PRAYER

THE FAITH RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE AND GRACE

THE OFFERTORY

\*THE DOXOLOGY

THE PERIOD OF DEDICATION

# WE GO INTO THE WORLD TO DO GOD'S WILL

\*THE CLOSING HYMN

I WILL CALL UPON THE LORD

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\*\*THE PASTORAL CHARGE & BENEDICTION

\*THE POSTLUDE

USHERING TEAM: John Stackhouse

Today's Chancel Flowers are given by **Frank Nowland to the Glory of God.**

✠ **Please remember to sign the pew pad and pass it back and forth across the pew.**

✠ **Nursery is available during worship services for newborns - 3 yr olds.** Older children are encouraged to worship with their families, or attend Children's Worship Service in Fellowship Hall following the children's sermon in the sanctuary.

## OUR CIRCLE OF CONCERN

[The Circle of Concern and Prayer List are compiled in the Church Office with the names and location of Church Family members and friends that are known to be ill, hospitalized, and/or home bound. If you do not want your name published in this list at any time, please let the church office know.]

*Our thoughts and prayers are with* Junior Wise, Mary Rex, Jim Friend, Mary Richter and at Miller's Merry Manor; Harold Repass at Caring Hands Catered Living, Evan & Lloyd Granger at Caring Hands, Wiladean Thurmond at Sterling House, Kokomo.

*We also ask for prayers for:* Lois Harding, Louise (Nowland) Hill, Jackie Queen, Travis K. Taylor, Juanita Geberin, Wyatt James Temple, Roger & Martha Lauer, Danese & Howard Shropshire, Dave & Nancy Crowe, Anna Wolfe, Sherman & Judy Byrd, Scott Slider, Virginia North, Stanley Carter, Jay Wegert, Carolyn Webb, Debbie Hopper and Julie (Jackson) Commons and Cory & Becky (Smith) Robinson. Also, please remember those who are on active duty with the armed forces; particularly Rev. David Smith.

**FOR CONFIDENTIAL PRAYER REQUESTS:** Call Beverly Wegert (765-473-6015) or Nell Wagner (765-473-4624)

✝ **There will be NO First Sunday Forum** on August 3, due to the worship in the park and picnic scheduled for that day.

✝ **The August Angel Food Ministries Menu** is now available on the church website and in the Welcome Center. Order w/payment into office by **Deadline: Sunday, August 10. Distribution Day: Saturday, August 23.**

**OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK**

<b><u>TODAY</u></b>	<b>10:15 AM</b>	<b>WORSHIP/COMMUNION</b>
<b><u>MONDAY</u></b>	7:00 PM	QUILT GUILD
<b><u>TUESDAY</u></b>		<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>
<b><u>FRIDAY</u></b>	6:00 PM	STACKHOUSE REHEARSAL
<b><u>SATURDAY</u></b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>	<b>STACKHOUSE WEDDING</b>
<b><u>NEXT SUNDAY</u></b>	10:15 AM	OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE AT MACONAQUAH PARK SHELTER #3

From the Mission Yearbook of Prayer and Study, you are encouraged to read & meditate on the following daily scripture:

**Today:** Mark 2:23-28                      **Monday:** Matt. 27:24-31                      **Tuesday:** Matt. 27:32-44  
**Wednesday:** Matt. 27:45-54    **Thursday:** Matt. 27:55-66    **Friday:** Matt. 28:1-10    **Saturday:** Matt. 28:11-20

✝ **John and Pat Stackhouse invite the church family** to the wedding of their daughter Patricia Michelle to Joseph William Aaron Hamm on August 2, 2008 at 3:30 p.m. here at the First Presbyterian Church.

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✝ **The following are office hours for July 24, 25, 29, 30:**

- **Thursday, July 24:** 9:00 a.m.-12 Noon    **Friday, July 25:** 9:00 a.m.-12 Noon
- **Tuesday, July 29:** Office Closed            **Wednesday, July 30:** 9:00 a.m.- 12 Noon
- **Thursday & Friday:** Regular hours

**AUGUST VOLUNTEERS**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NURSERY</u>	<u>LITURGIST</u>	<u>USHERING TEAM</u>
3	NO NURSERY	TBA	GEORGE QUEEN
10	KIM SMITH	TBA	GARY PALMER

YOU Are invited to a  
MINISTRY FAIR  
AUGUST 31, 2008  
Immediately Following the Worship Service  
In Fellowship Hall

Did you know that there are more than ninety (90!!!) ways for a person to serve God here at First Presbyterian? Many of those ways need your help. What is your passion? What is it that you really love to do? Do you enjoy sending notes or cards to folks who have something to celebrate, or who need a word of encouragement? Do you love cooking and serving meals? Is your favorite activity gardening and yard work? Would you be willing to offer a ride to church for someone who has no transportation available? Do you have a particular talent, skill, or interest we may not know about?

On August 31st, following the 10:15 worship service, we will have a carry-in dinner and Ministry Fair. (Please bring a dish to share – to serve 10-12 people – and your own table service. Beverages will be provided.) This is an opportunity for you learn about ways in which you might be able to serve God in our congregation. Each ministry team will have a display and information about ways in which individuals might help to strengthen the ministries of our church. Our hope is that EVERY members of this congregation will become actively involved in at least one ministry in our congregation.

In serving, you will deepen your personal relationship with God, discover new ways to serve in Christ's name, and strengthen your connections with members of the congregation. The first few lines of an old hymn by Annie Johnson Flint say it well:

Christ has no hands but our hands, to do His work today,  
He has no feet but our feet to lead men in His way.  
He has no tongue but our tongue to tell men how He died,  
He has no help but our help to bring them to His side.

How will you serve? Join us on August 31st and find out about the wide variety of ministries available.

- ✝ **The worship service next Sunday will be our annual service that is held in the park** and we follow with a little picnic. So we encourage all of you to come and invite others as well. It will be at Shelter House #3 at Maconaquah Park. DON'T FORGET TO BRING: A chair or blanket to sit on during the service, a dish of food to share at the picnic, a plate and table service to eat with and from – hot dogs and beverage will be provided. We look forward to seeing you, your family and friends next week at the park.
  
- ✝ **We have received a request from Johanna Dickey Rian, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Dale Dickey** for photographs from the time that he was pastor here (1959-1967). It seems as though she wants to do something with them that may just be a surprise to mom and dad. At any rate, if you have any pictures please talk to Juanita Geberin as she is heading up this adventure and may possibly have even more details.
  
- ✝ **Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>** will be the Grissom Air Museum Warbirds Cruise-in 2008. Check out the poster on the bulletin board in the Welcome Center for the details.
  
- ✝ **Miami Correctional Facility will host an Offender Arts and Crafts Show at the Old Fire Station in Peru** on August 5<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8 p. m. The public is invited and encouraged to come in and view the exhibit. It will feature all types of artwork and crafts handmade by the offenders in the PLUS Unit. And while the offenders cannot be present for the show, because of their security level, their photos and a brief biography about them and their artwork will be displayed next to their submissions. There will be everything from paintings of Native American style jewelry, paper picture frames, pen and pencil drawings, and amazing Popsicle stick art to be viewed at the show. A silent auction is scheduled for some of the items. And there will be information available about the Purposeful Living Unit Serve (PLUS) Unit where the offenders live and volunteer at MCF.
  
- ✝ **Please remember in prayer this afternoon the Frankfort Presbyterian Church, and the W.V.P. Administrative Commission for the Frankfort Church** (which Pastor Jack chairs) as the congregation meets and votes on the session recommendation for that church to leave the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The meeting will be held at 4:00 pm. Your prayers will certainly be appreciated.

† *Save the date!*

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You are encouraged to SAVE THE DATE of Saturday, August 16, 2008 and plan to go to the Peru River Walkway for the day. For you see on that day between 9:00am and 6:30pm the United Way of Miami County will have a Live United Way Kick-Off. What a day of activities they have planned: everything from circus acts, to poker run, to family bike/walk/run, to K9 demonstration, to circus band, to Good Samaritan Helicopter, to hot air balloon launch. And of course there will be the United Way Agency Booths, some other booths, and last but certainly not least food – Lions Club, Riverwalk Chocolate Shoppe and Homer's. Looks like a really fun day that you will surely want to get on your calendar.