

THE FLOWERS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE ARE GIVEN  
IN HONOR OF MUSIC DIRECTOR DR. TODD PRICKETT. WELCOME TO FUPC.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Youth Bells** will meet today, August 23, 3:00 pm

**Nominating Committee** will meet today, August 23, 4:00 pm

**Stewardship Committee** will meet today, August 23, 5:00 pm

**Presbyterian Women's Fall Coffee:** Tuesday, August 25, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm, Home of Lina Long, 1203 Canterbury, Fayetteville. All women of the church are invited to drop in between 11:00 am and 1:00 pm.

**Where There's A Will, There's a Way** is an educational forum presented by the BTV Foundation for residents, families and friends of Butterfield Trail Village. Topics include financial planning, charitable giving and active aging. This forum is to present information only; there will be no gift requests nor solicitations. Remaining dates for these evenings are August 27 and September 10. Reservations are required. For more information, event locations, and to RSVP, please call 479-251-8908 or visit [foundation@btvillage.org](mailto:foundation@btvillage.org).

The Session of First United Presbyterian Church is very pleased to announce the selection of **Dr. Todd O. Prickett as the Director of Music**. Dr. Prickett, a native of Texas, received his Doctor of Musical Arts, Choral Conducting, from Michigan State University in 2003. As Director of Music Ministries at First Presbyterian Church in Arlington, Texas, he conducted the 40-member Chancel Choir, a 35-member touring Youth Choir that gave concerts in Colorado and Washington, D.C., and two adult handbell choirs. There will be a reception welcoming Dr. Prickett and his family to First United Presbyterian Church following the 11:00 AM Worship Service today, August 23. Please join us in welcoming Music Director Todd Prickett and his family as we celebrate their becoming part of the FUPC family.

**Sunday, August 30:** 2nd-5th graders will begin handchimes rehearsals. The hand-chimes and the Sunday school classes for 2nd-5th grade are all in Lower Knox hall. 4th and 5th graders will have hand-chimes from 9:30-9:50 pm, then go to Sunday School from 9:50-10:45 pm. 2nd and 3rd graders will have Sunday school from 9:30-10:25 pm, then hand-chimes from 10:25-10:45.

**Wonderful Wednesdays**, a new dinner and program for all ages begins on September 9.

Details on meals and programs are in the September FOCUS. A standing reservation or reservations for the first few Wednesdays can be by placing a reservation slip in the reservation box in the Narthex or by contacting the church office by Monday noon the week you are planning to attend 442-4411 or [mdietzel@fupcfay.org](mailto:mdietzel@fupcfay.org) Meals are \$5 per person and \$15 per family.

**Presbytery of Arkansas is sponsoring a Mission Trip** for hurricane relief in Port Neches, Texas, the week of Sept. 20-26, 2009. To volunteer, please contact Susie Wright in Hot Springs 501-525-1367.

**House Cleaning:** Please look at items in Fellowship Hall that need new homes. If you see something that you can use, please take it with you.

**Prayer Concerns:** Carver Lewis (great grandson of Carole Walter), Carolyn Bonds (Mary Vaughn's mother), Mary Margaret Morton, Billy Thompson, Mary Schaller, Van Kinsey (son of Ed and Vickie Kinsey), Anna Smitherman, Eva Stalker, Bob Folsom (father of Nell Sisco and Tabitha Christensen), Barbara and Patrick George, Adam Watkins and family, Don Shefte, John Burhorn, Jim Scroggs, Wilma Webb, Catherine Cross, Rita Davis, Mari Simmons (daughter of Marilyn and Brooks Rice), Andy Burns (spouse of First School teacher), Barbara Faulkner (daughter of Kitty Bryan), Mary Frances Gladney, Sue Ellen Ward, Estel Whitehead [relative of Karen (Clausen) Reed], Tommy Vanzandt (friend of Cathy Hairston), James Ostie (brother of Dolores Sharp), Carol Van Scyoc, Annie Johnson (friend of Ollie and David Birkett), Jim Gilbreath, Dot Camp (death of Hal), Lloyd Howe (father of Laura Winburn), Ella Daniel (infant granddaughter of former members Charlie and Linda Harwell), Betty Monroe, Rev. Maury Roberts, Marilyn Anderson (death of sister Elaine McDonald), Marion Orton, Cynthia Campbell, Ted Brewer, Mary Johnston (death of Max), Lorene Raymond, Molly Williams, Sharon and Bill Knapp (friends of Bob Zierak), Tony Stankus, Brooksie Cate Lawson (Nancy Mays' aunt), Terry and Amanda Talbert [(son killed in action in Afghanistan) Ron Talbert's cousins], Andy and Ann Davison, Ken Mays, Margot Grossman (Byron Haines' Niece), Jan Dixon, Laurie Marshall (death of her mother), LeGene Vaughn (Mary Schlegal's sister-in-law), Ted Sekiguchi, Vernon Anderson, Becky Purcell (death of her Uncle Sam McCammon)

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2009

**Worship Services\*:** Sanctuary:

8:30 am (Communion) 11:00 am

**Sunday School Kick-Off and Commissioning:** 11:00 am service

**Formal Welcome and Recognition Dr. Todd Prickett:** 11:00 am service

**Pre-school:** 9:30 am, Lower Calvin (Room 105)

**Elementary Sunday School:** 9:30 am, Lower Knox

**Youth and Young Adult** 9:30 am, Mission Stories Series in Library

**Adult Sunday School Assembly:** 9:30 am, Fellowship Hall

**Adult Sunday School:** 9:45 am, assigned space

**Reception for Dr. Todd Prickett:** After 11:00 am service, Fellowship Hall

**Youth Bells:** 3:00 pm

**Nominating Committee Meeting:** 4:00 pm

**UPY:** 4:00 pm, Recreation Room

**Stewardship Committee Meeting:** 5:00 pm

MONDAY, AUGUST 24

**First School Orientation:** 5:30 pm

**Boy Scouts:** 7:00 pm, Activity Center

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

**First School Fall Session Begins**

**Staff Meeting:** 11:00 am, Commons Room

**PW Fall Coffee:** 11:00 am - 1:00 pm, Home of Lina Long, 1203 Canterbury, Fayetteville. Please drop in between 11:00 am and 1:00 pm.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

**Bulletin Announcements for August 30 Due**

**Men's Prayer Breakfast:** 6:30 am, Village Inn

**Assemble FOCUS:** 10:00 am, Calvin 201

**Staff Luncheon:** Mermaids, Time TBA

**Chancel Choir Rehearsal:** 7:15 pm, Music Room

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

**Intercessory Prayer Group:** 3:30 pm, BTV Library

**Everyone Can Sing:** 7:00 pm, Activity Center

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

**Hooks and Needles:** 10:00 am, Activity Center

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

**Girls' Chorus Auditions:** 9:00 am - Noon, Activity Center

**UPY Trip to Jones' Center:** 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm, Meet at church.

**AA Meeting:** 6:00 pm, Activity Center

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**Youth and Young Adult** 9:30 am, Mission Stories Series in Library

**Adult Sunday School Assembly:** 9:30 am, Fellowship Hall

**Adult Sunday School:** 9:45 am, assigned space

**Elementary Hand Chimes:** 9:30 - 10:45 am, Lower Knox

**First School Commissioning:** 11:00 am Service

**UPY for Grades 7-12:** 4:00 pm, Youth Room

\*Indicates that professional childcare is provided for these events.

#Indicates that reservations must be made.

**WELCOME GUESTS**, we pray that our worship together will strengthen and nurture our faith. If you are seeking a church home, please feel free to learn more about First United Presbyterian Church by speaking to a minister, a staff member, or a member of Session.

**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP PACKETS** are available in the Narthex. These include activity sheets, crayons and bookmarks.

**PROFESSIONAL NURSERY CARE** is provided in lower level Calvin.

**MEMBERSHIP IN FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—All are invited** to unite with the church by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith, or transfer of church letter. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact one of the pastors or the church office (442-4411).

Please call the church office, 442-4411,  
during the week with prayer concerns, joys or hospital information.

# First United Presbyterian Church Fayetteville, Arkansas

*Called to be a **light on the hill**,  
we boldly proclaim and serve Christ,  
the hope of our changing world.*



*First United Presbyterian Church  
is a faithful, dynamic congregation  
visibly demonstrating a deep commitment  
to proclaim Jesus Christ,  
as we lovingly grow in discipleship  
and eagerly engage in service to others.*

**August 23, 2009**

**Commission Service for Education**

**Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
AUGUST 23, 2009

**GATHERING**

PRELUDE *Prelude on "Rhosymedre"* Ralph Vaughan Williams

\*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.  
*And also with you.*

LIFE AND WORK OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRESENTATION OF THIRD GRADE BIBLES

STRIKING OF THE BELL AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

(11:00am)

ACOLYTES Taylor Davis and Drew Rutledge

INTROIT (11:00 am) *Come, O Holy Spirit, Come* trad. Nigerian

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

With profound happiness, we welcome one another.

How good it is to come together in God's presence.

***Happy are those who live in God's house!***

***Singing our praise to God fills us with joy.***

Here we welcome both friend and stranger.

All peoples of the earth are God's children, and all are welcome.

***We greet one another by name in Jesus' name.***

***Together we extol the name of our God.***

Open your hearts to receive new strength.

Open your lives to renewed understandings.

***Surely God will equip us to face our world.***

***We will be ambassadors for God wherever we go.***

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

\*HYMN *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* PH 446

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Alert us now, eternal Spirit, to your presence among us  
in this place. Together, we confess that we have been busy  
with so many things that we have often forgotten you.*

*We have made little gods out of buildings and furnishings  
and programs. Sometimes our pet beliefs and interpretations  
have been all-consuming as we do battle to correct others  
and presume to defend you. We have forgotten  
that your love is stronger than any force on earth.*

*Forgive our mistrust of its power, and draw us back  
into the company of disciples*

*who are learning and growing in love.*

*(silent confession)*

\*KYRIE

*Lord, have mercy, upon us.*

*Christ, have mercy, upon us.*

*Lord, have mercy, upon us.*

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends believe the good news of the gospel.

***In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!***

\*GLORIA PATRI

PH 579

**THE WORD**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

COMMISSIONING SERVICE FOR EDUCATION

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 84

ANTHEM

*O How Amiable*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

O How amiable are thy dwellings: thou Lord of hosts!  
My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord:

My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house,

and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young:

Even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: They will be alway praising thee.

The glorious Majesty of the Lord our God be upon us:

prosper thou the work of our hands upon us.

O prosper thou our handywork.

O God, our help in ages past,

Our hope for years to come,

Our shelter from the stormy blast,

And our eternal home.

SECOND LESSON

I Kings 8:22-30, 41-43

SERMON

*A Gathering of Strangers*

Rev. Barry Williams

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from "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 God the Holy Spirit,***

***everywhere the giver and renewer of life.***

***The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,***

***sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,***

***and binds us together with all believers***

***in the one body of Christ, the church.***

*The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles  
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,  
engages us through the Word proclaimed,  
claims us in the waters of baptism,  
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,  
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.  
In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage  
to pray without ceasing,  
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
to unmask idolatries in church and culture,  
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.*

*In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks  
and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,  
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"  
Amen.*

\*HYMN (11:00am) *All Things Bright and Beautiful* PH 367

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER (11:00 am)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *When in Our Music God is Glorified* arr. Jeannie Lee

\*DOXOLOGY PH 592

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (8:30am)

**SENDING**

\*HYMN *Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing* PH 538

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION (responsive)

The way is long, let us go together.

***The way is difficult, let us help each other.***

The way is joyful, let us share it.

***The way is Christ's, for Christ is the Way, let us follow.***

The way is open before us, let us go:

***With the love of God, The grace of Christ,***

***and the communion of the Holy Spirit***

Amen. ***Amen.***

BENEDICTION RESPONSE (11:00 am)

*Lord, Make Us Instruments*

trad. African

POSTLUDE

*Celebration*

Charles Callahan

\*Please stand as you are able.

*Please register your attendance on the Friendship pad.*