

First Presbyterian Church

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 20, 2010

8:30 and 10 a.m.

The Prelude *[A time to be silent in preparation for worship. Please turn off your cell phone.]*
"O Morning Star" *by Ritter*

Welcome and Announcements
Minute for Mission VBS

Ringling Our Historic Church Bells

***Opening Hymn #143 "This is My Father's World"**

The Call to Worship *(responsive)*

L: We have been baptized in freedom, empowered to live as free people.

P: Great I AM, your very nature is freedom, calling us to life that is full rather than familiar.

L: In this holy hour, may your Spirit release us from all that impedes your call.

P: Free and freeing God, we walk toward our future with you.

The Anthem: "Farther Along" *arr. by Hamby*
Soloist: Deb Francis

Prayer of Confession *(unison)* **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbor. We have taken with little gratitude. We have settled into complacency by claiming our own rights rather than seeking the welfare of all of your children. Help us see the needs of others and then respond to them as brothers and sisters in Christ. Have mercy and forgive us, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

**Gloria Patri #812*

The Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer
Children's Sermon – [No Children's Church]

Offertory As a tangible expression of our gratitude to God, we joyfully offer our monetary gifts to financially support God's work at First Presbyterian Church

Offertory Music "To Say Again" *by Dohse*
Soloist: Julia Dohse (Don & Jan Shurte's daughter)

***Doxology #678 "We Are an Offering"**

***Prayer of Dedication/Lord's Prayer**

Prayer of Illumination

First Readings of Scripture Luke 8:26-39 *(p. 68 NT)*
Scripture Reader: Jim Ribby

***Hymn of Preparation #494 "It Took a Miracle"**

Second Reading 1Kings 19:1-15a *(p. 326 OT)*
Sermon "In a Pickle" *Rev. Shafer*

Affirmation of Faith *(unison)* Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made. Being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; Who for us, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sits on the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and dead, whose Kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who, with the Father and the Son together, is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And we believe in one holy, catholic¹ and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the Life of the world to come. AMEN. ¹"catholic" means "universal"

***The Closing Hymn # 404 “Faith of our Fathers”**

***Greeting Each Other In Christian Love**

***The Pastoral Benediction**

The Postlude “Celebration”

by Mansfield

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THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

NEXT WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

GREETERS 8:30
GREETERS 10:00
USHERS 8:30

Michael & Kathy Moyer
Jim & Carol Goetz
Harry & Neel Widman
Ron & Micky Kuite
Lloyd Butler & Hilda Vasseliou
Linda Sisson & Roger Gehrt

USHERS 10:00

TODAY, June 20

Father's Day

8:00 a.m. Prayer Time
8:30 a.m. Worship Service
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
11:00 a.m. VBS Set-up
1:30 p.m. Disciples Bible Study

MONDAY, June 21

9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School
3:00 p.m. Personnel MT
6:30 p.m. PNC
7:00 p.m. Harbor Voices

TUESDAY, June 22

9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School
7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry

WEDNESDAY, June 23

9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School
1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
NO Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Session

THURSDAY, June 24

9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School
9:00 a.m. Bulletin Items Due

FRIDAY, June 25

9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School
9:00 a.m. Bulletin Print
9:00 a.m. Community Cupboard Del

SUN., June 27

VBS & Mission Sunday

8:00 a.m. Prayer Time
8:30 a.m. Worship Service
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
1:30 p.m. Disciples Bible Study

MON., June 28

3:00 p.m. Spiritual Outreach in MP
6:30 p.m. PNC
7:00 p.m. Harbor Voices

TUE., June 29

8:30 a.m. Building Comm. in MP

WED., June 30

10:00 a.m. Bible Study in MP
1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
4:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

THU., July 1

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
9:00 a.m. Bulletin Items Due

FRI., July 2

9:00 a.m. Bulletin Print

CHURCH WEBSITE DOWN: We apologize for any inconvenience that this may cause. The church's general email goes through our website and if you have sent anything to the church and have not gotten a reply this is why. Thank you for your patience as we correct this problem.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Eunice Winters, Jennifer Popovic (Roger Gehrt's niece), our high school youth returning home after mission trip, Bud Fensch

CHILD CARE facilities are available to keep our services in the spirit of worship. Infants and children through three years of age are invited. Amy Russell and Dave Bellingham are assisting our Childcare Coordinator, Melissa West, today. Katie DeRoshia is scheduled to assist next week.

PARISH NURSES will be taking blood pressures TODAY between the two services and after the 10:00 service in the library. Come and get your blood pressure taken!

THANK YOU TO OUR USHERS, GREETERS, COFFEE CENTRAL HOSTS, AND TELLERS: We truly appreciate those men and women who volunteer to faithfully serve as ushers and greeters for our Sunday morning worship services. Thank you to those who come early for Coffee Central. Also, to the tellers who come in every Monday morning to count. Your faithfulness to this ministry is greatly appreciated. Please take time to thank these men and women for their important service to our church family and please consider volunteering. We need you!

RULING ELDERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Your June Session packets and Ministry Teams reports have been placed in your mailbox located across from the office.

VBS SET-UP: We still need a few people to help set up for Vacation Bible School right after second service today. Won't you stay and help? The more hands we have the quicker it will go.

NEEDED FOR VBS - The congregation has always helped generously with supplies and donations for our Vacation Bible School program, but we still need cash donations to cover those extra items that we had to purchase. Thank you for your continuing support.

The Mission Statement of First Presbyterian Church

SHARING, GROWING, AND LIVING OUR FAITH IN CHRIST

This we seek to accomplish by

*Introducing Jesus Christ to those who do not know Him;
Deepening the faith and commitment of those who already know Him;
Demonstrating Christ's way of love in service to the world*

NURSERY LOCATION

Toddlers (18 – 36 months)

Lower Level

“VEGGIE TALES” CHILDREN’S CHURCH HELP NEEDED: We are still in need of volunteers to lead Children’s Church on the following Sundays: July 4, 18 or 25; August 1, 15, 22 or 29; September 5 or 12. Sign-up sheet is posted in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up for a Sunday or two. Any questions please call Pam at 264-8167.

LOOSE CHANGE SUNDAY: During the month of June, all money placed in the Loose Change container will benefit the Mancelona Food Pantry. Thank you for your support.

PRAYER SHAWL KNITTERS are invited to knit in the library on the fourth Sunday of the month during the 10 a.m. service. Shawl kits will be available for purchase (\$9 and \$12) or bring the one you are working on. The receivers of these beautiful shawls will know that they are wrapping themselves in prayers and love.

NURSERY HELP is always greatly appreciated! Do you have an hour on Sunday that you can spend with our little children? Please, check with Melissa in the nursery and sign up. We want to make sure the littlest members of our church family are well taken care of. You can make a big difference in their little world.

PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE (PNC) UPDATE: Your Pastor Nominating Committee continues to meet weekly. Our “Church Information Form” (CIF) has been approved by both Session and Presbytery and has been posted at an on line site where it will be matched with prospective candidates. We should be receiving resumes or “Personal Information Forms” (PIF’s) soon.

We are now working on the process we will use to evaluate the PIF’s as they come in. We continue to ask for your prayers that we be open to God’s leading as we search for our new Senior Pastor.

EVERYONE'S JOB, EVERYONE'S JOY - When was the last time you heard someone say, "That is the pastor's job," when referring to some aspect of ministry? Ministry is not just the job (or, better yet, the opportunity) of the clergy. The opportunity and responsibility for doing ministry has been given to all Christians. The upcoming Stephen Ministry training class is a chance to be trained and equipped for doing ministry. Talk to any of our Stephen Ministers: Pastor Sandy, 264-8167, Connie Clark, 264-5977, Charlene Hansen, 499-9702, Sue Johnson, 264-6994, Pam Shuler, 599-2480 or Greg Socha, 264-9471 today, they will tell you that it is a joyous privilege to share Christ's love with others. Is this chance for ministry the one for you? Think about it.

SERMON POINTS:

- Elijah was a prophet sent by the Lord.
- King Ahab’s wife Jezebel was after Elijah and he was fearful for his life.
- Elijah went to his Father in Heaven for support because the Israelites had forsaken their covenant to God for they worshipped Baal.
- God lifted Elijah up healing his fearfulness and told him to get back to work. God would protect him.
- Jesus continually heals us so we can tell others what our Father in Heaven has done for us.

There is still time ...

Sign up for VBS TODAY!!!

Dates: June 21-25

One session only 9 a.m. -12:30 p.m.

Ages: 5 years old-the 5th grade

[Toddler Group/Jr. Skippers is full]

Don’t miss out on this exciting
week of fun!

Invite your friends!

264-8167