

# First Presbyterian Church

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 29, 2010

8:30 and 10 a.m.

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**The Prelude** *[A time to be silent in preparation for worship. Please turn off your cell phone.]*  
Prelude – Clarinetist: Doug White

## Welcome and Announcements

## Ringling Our Historic Church Bells

\*Opening Hymn # 686 “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

## The Call to Worship *(responsive)*

L: Sing to God, sing praises to God’s holy name;

P: **Lift up a song to God who rides upon the clouds.**

L: A parent to orphans and protector of widows.

P: **A provider for the homeless and an advocate for the afflicted.**

L: A refuge for those in need.

P: **Let us tell the world of the mighty deeds our God has done and continues in us today!**

Adapted from Psalm 68

**The Anthem:** “Standin’ in the Need of Prayer” arr. by Hart

**Prayer of Confession *(unison)*** Jesus summed up the whole law into two, reminding us that we should love God and love our neighbor as we love ourselves. Forgive us, God, when we love ourselves more than others and more than you. Forgive us when we only look out for ourselves or for our loved ones and neglect to see the need around us. Help us to be willing to get involved, to be willing to share your love with every person you place in our path. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Response #445** “People Need the Lord”

## 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** “I Then Shall Live” arr. by Larson  
Duet: Lynda Nichols & Delphine Welch

\*Doxology #815

\*Prayer of Dedication

## Prayer of Illumination

**First Readings of Scripture** Luke 14:1, 7-14 *(p. 77 N.T.)*  
Scripture Reader: Gary Bekkering

\*Hymn of Preparation # 577 “In Times like These”

**Second Reading** Jeremiah 2:4-13 *(p.699 O.T.)*  
**Sermon** “Honeymoon’s Over” *Rev. Shafer*

\*Affirmation of Faith *(unison)* **I lift my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth. He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber nor sleep. The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.** *[Psalm 121]*

\*The Closing Hymn #674 “Who Is on the Lord’s Side?”

\*Greeting Each Other In Christian Love

\*The Pastoral Benediction

**The Postlude** “Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken” arr. by Boud

## THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

### TODAY, August 29

8:00 a.m. Prayer Time  
8:30 a.m. Worship Service  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
7:00 p.m. MS Youth @ Dam Beach

### MONDAY, August 30

6:30 p.m. PNC  
7:00 p.m. Leader Training @LH

### TUESDAY, August 31

10:00 a.m. Garden Club  
6:00 p.m. Cont. Praise Comm. @LH

### WEDNESDAY, September 1

2:30 p.m. Finance Meeting  
3:00 p.m. Staff Meeting  
4:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal  
6:30 p.m. Praise Band Practice @LH

### THURSDAY, September 2

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

### FRIDAY, September 3

9:00 a.m. Bulletin Print  
9:00 a.m. Community Cupboard Del  
5:00 p.m. Vergate/Ford [R]

### SATURDAY, September 4

3:30 p.m. Vergate/Ford [W] (FPC)

## NEXT WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

### SUN., Sept. 5

*Communion Sunday*

8:00 a.m. Prayer Time  
8:30 a.m. Worship Service  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service

### MON., Sept. 6

Labor Day  
Office Closed

### TUE., Sept. 7

3:00 p.m. Outreach MT  
6:30 p.m. PNC

### WED., Sept. 8

10:00 a.m. Bible Study in MP  
1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting  
2:30 p.m. Finance Committee  
3:00 p.m. Worship MT  
4:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal  
6:30 p.m. Praise Band Practice @LH

### THU., Sept. 9

9:00 a.m. Bulletin Items Due  
7:00 p.m. Women's Association

### FRI., Sept. 10

9:00 a.m. Bulletin Print

### SAT., Sept. 11

10:00 a.m. Deacons Mtg.  
5:30 p.m. Progressive Dinner

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

**USHERS 10:00**

Jim & Loraine Mottern  
Les & Joanne Teague  
Mark & Jennifer Haskell  
Peggy Bushnell & Sue Flowers  
Myrta Keelan & Linda Sisson  
Ron & Micky Kuite

**PRAYER REQUEST:** Don Reynolds, Mike Moyer

**WE EXPRESS OUR SYMPATHY** to Vicki, Matthew & Shira, and Sarah Kundinger on the death of husband and father, father-in-law, Duane Kundinger, on August 20, 2010. Funeral services were held on Thursday, August 26, in our sanctuary with Rev. Murray officiating.

**WE ALSO EXTEND OUR CONDOLENCES** to Shelley, Michael and Valerie and grandchildren on the death of their mother and grandmother, Shirley Goddard, on Sunday, August 22, 2010. Funeral services were held on Friday, August 27, in our sanctuary with Rev. Shafer and Rev. Murray officiating.

**CHILD CARE** facilities are available to keep our services in the spirit of worship. Infants and children through three years of age are invited. Erin Graham is assisting our Childcare Coordinator, Melissa West, today. Liz & Katie Atkinson and JoEllen Gilreath are scheduled to assist next week.

**LOOSE CHANGE SUNDAY:** During the month of August, all money placed in the Loose Change container will benefit the Rapid City & Good Samaritan food pantries. Thank you for your support.

**PROGRESSIVE DINNER – SEPTEMBER 11 – GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY!** We FPC “progressive” Presbyterians look forward to making new friends, savoring long-time friendships, and enjoying each other's company as we share a fellowship dinner together! Save the date of Saturday, September 11 for our almost world-famous second annual FPC progressive dinner. This year's delicious dining includes hors d'oeuvres, chicken divan, salad, rolls & butter, and angel lush dessert as you enjoy charming hospitality at members' host homes. (No alcoholic beverages will be served.) We'll start at the church at 5:30 p.m. and then progress to a host's home for dinner and another host's home for dessert (same dinner and dessert menus at each home). The evening promises to be filled with food, fun and great FPC fellowship. Tickets priced at \$10 each are available in the Narthex between services through Sunday, September 5. See you there!

*Fellowship Ministry Team*

## *The Mission Statement of First Presbyterian Church*

*I Introduce Jesus Christ to those who do not know Him;  
Deepen the faith and commitment of those who already know Him;  
Demonstrate Christ's way of love in service to the world.*

**NURSERY LOCATIONS**

Birth – 36 months

Lower Level

**THE MEN’S FELLOWSHIP BIBLE STUDY AND BREAKFAST**

will meet this coming Thursday, September 2. We meet in the library (on the first Thursday of each month) at 7 a.m. for a brief Bible Study, after which those who wish to do so will gather at T.J. Charlie’s for a quick breakfast and time of fellowship. Advance reading materials are located on the table near the library. Men of all ages, come and join us as we learn, grow, and fellowship together.

**THE OWNERS OF PEARL’S RESTAURANT** have generously

established a program called **HELP EVERYONE EAT**. The first Thursday of each month, 5% of their total sales will be donated to the Elk Rapids Community Cupboard. Please take advantage of this opportunity to support the Community Cupboard and enjoy an excellent meal. Let all of your friends know of this generous program provided by Pearl’s.

**CONFIRMATION CLASS 2011** - Time sure flies; it’s that time of year

again...the planning of Confirmation 2011. We wanted to find out who may be interested in Confirmation this year. Confirmation will take place during the school year; a day has not been decided yet. This is an exciting period in our church’s history and we are looking for kids who want to commit themselves to this program. Confirmation will help you in your walk and journey of faith, to see how God will use you. Confirmation will also help you understand the history of the church universal and the history of First Presbyterian Church. Parents and kids, who are interested, please contact the church office (264-8167), or feel free to speak with Pastor Hal, Pastor Sandy or Gary Bekkering.

**A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FROM THE OUTREACH**

**MINISTRY TEAM** - Sixty-one school kits are on the way to Haiti, thanks to our generous and caring congregation.

**A NOTE OF THANKS AND A GENTLE REMINDER:**

Thank you for remembering that the expenses of our church continue even when you cannot be present for worship on a particular Sunday. Thank you for keeping this in mind before you leave or when you return. Your faithfulness is important and very much appreciated.

The following was written by a Stephen Leader in California. Each Sunday for the next few weeks, our Bulletin will present two of the top ten reasons to become a Stephen Minister.

**TOP TEN REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD BECOME A STEPHEN MINISTER:**

**Reason #4: Stephen Ministers feel needed (because they are!)**

Stephen Ministry was created by a minister named Kenneth Haugk who realized that there are not enough pastors available to provide patient, long-term care to people in crisis. By training lay ministers in his congregation, he was able to ensure that the newly widowed, those going through divorce, people with chronic or terminal illness, and many, many others were able to meet regularly with a compassionate listener. Stephen Ministry benefits our pastors, our congregation, and our community.

**Reason #3: Stephen Ministry skills apply in other relationships**

Stephen Ministers are trained to listen, to recognize, accept and express feelings, to behave assertively, and to depend on God for healing and change. They often find themselves using these skills in dealing with spouses, children, coworkers, clients, and in-laws. Imagine how a work place could be transformed by a single person who has learned to listen without judgment!

**BUDGET REPORT AS OF July 31, 2010**

INCOME THROUGH JULY.....	\$249,814
EXPENSES THROUGH JULY.....	\$259,806
BUDGET THROUGH JULY.....	\$276,500

**WELCOMING VISITORS:**

One of the goals of the Worship Ministry Team is to make guests at our worship services feel welcome. With that in mind, we have placed name tags in the red attendance books for anyone without a name tag to fill in and wear. You, too, can help by making a special effort to greet anyone you do not know before, during or after our church service. *Thanks, the Worship Ministry Team*

**CONTINUOUS, ONGOING, YOUTH FUND RAISER:**

You can donate your returnable (only) bottles and cans to help fund scholarships for mission trips and retreats for our Youth.

## Christian Education Team Players needed. Do you have a gift that you can share with us?

**Sunday School Teacher:** Find a friend and join a wonderful team of individuals who really make a difference on Sunday morning. The “Buzz” curriculum is easy to use, with minimal preparation time. We are still looking for a “team” of teachers for the first-third grade class.

**Music/Opening Assistant:** Betty Tezak has graciously offered to lead our Sunday School Music/Opening program. She will lead the younger children in 15 minutes of praising God with song (10-10:15 a.m.) each Sunday morning. If you would be interested in assisting Betty in this wonderful ministry or filling in for her if she needs a sub, please contact Pam or Betty.

**Sunday School Helper:** If you are not sure about teaching a class, but would like to be involved in our Sunday School programming, please consider helping in a classroom or helping with one of the Youth programs. We would love to have a rotational schedule set for each of the classes, so choose your grade level and join in the fun!

**Nursery Helper:** Please remember to check the schedule in the nursery and fill in your name where you can help!

**Adult Classes:** Do you have a topic you would like to teach? Is there an interest you would like to share with others? CE has wonderful resources and we would love to hear your great ideas for a class. Please contact Pam or Pastor Sandy. Class commitments are flexible.

These are just a few of the wonderful ways you can share your gifts and talents with the CE Ministry Team and your Church Family. Please contact Pam Bekkering if you can help with any one of these special needs. She would love to talk with you.



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