

Grace Presbyterian Church

September 28, 2008



8:45 a.m.

GATHERING PRAISE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

BOWING BEFORE GOD IN PRAYER

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

SERMON

"Benchmarks of True Community"

Various Texts

CELEBRATION SONG

BLESSING

DEPARTING IN FAITH AND HOPE

All songs projected by permission: CCLI # 945944

11:15 a.m.

Today we use The Presbyterian Hymnal (blue)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome you to this service of worship where we celebrate the love God has given us in Jesus Christ. We pray that you will experience that love from the warmth of our fellowship, our time of worship, and the peace of God's presence. If you would like more information about becoming a part of Grace, please indicate it on the fellowship pads, or contact the church office.

PRELUDE

"Holy Manna"

arr. D.. Hustad

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Gather round, young, older and in between,

People: Gather together, come from near and far,

Leader: Come open and expectant,

People: Create a symphony of praise,

Leader: And pray that God will weave us into:

People: A people of compassion,

Leader: A community of prayer,

People: A family of care.

Leader: Come, gather round.

People: Hear God's Word,

Leader: Be challenged to serve,

People: And raise a voice in song.

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN #343**

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

BEECHER

CHILDREN IN CHANCEL

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of compassion, who put such joy and care in Jesus, forgive us that so little of your blessing reaches others through us. We have been guilty of keeping silent when a word was needed; we have talked of trivial concerns in the face of deep hurt and suffering; we have avoided strangers, not willing to risk relationships.

Your call to be fishers of people is a nice story that we keep at a distance. We fear your call to love, to turn the other cheek, to forgive - to follow you at all costs. Help us in our honesty and our pretending to truly hear your love, your grace and your forgiveness. In Jesus name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

***GLORIA #579**

GREATOREX

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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Day Trippers will go to the IMAX Theater on Monday, September 29 to see Sea Monsters. Reservations must be made in advance for the tickets for the IMAX. Reserve your IMAX ticket and your seat on the van by calling Linda in the church office. Admission will be \$8.00 for adults, \$7.25 for seniors, or a group rate of 15 or more at \$6.50 each. We will depart the church promptly at 10:00 am. We will have lunch nearby after the movie presentation.

Crossroads Hospice Volunteer Training - October 23rd & 25th

Just an hour or two of committed time each week can help ease the loneliness, fear, and boredom of a terminally ill person. If you can listen to stories, hold a hand, read a Bible, sing, or play a musical instrument, there's someone who needs your special gift. Contact Lynn Packard at 382-9292 or Lynn.Packard@crossroadshospice.com

ATTENTION PW BOARD MEMBERS: The September board meeting will be Monday, September 29, 2008 at 7:00 pm at the home of Jan Evans.

Watch your mailbox for an exciting opportunity from Grace!!!!

This is the last week you will be able to sign up for our new pictorial directory. If you have not reserved your time for photography, please do so immediately. We want our directory to include everyone in the church (including staff). It simply won't be complete without you. If you are unable to schedule an appointment to have your pictures taken at the church on October 8th & 9th; **Olan Mills** has **make-up days** for pictures the first 2 weeks of October at **Ellendale Baptist Church**. You may call 1-800-845-1157 to schedule an appointment.

Children's worship bulletins, with crayons are available at the back of the Sanctuary near the entrance doors. If you are unable to locate the bulletins, please ask the ushers for assistance.

Children's Church Schedule - September 28, 2008

8:45 am **Leader:** Suzanne Getman

 Assistant: Dossett Foster

 Puppet Asst. Amy Jackson

11:15 am **Leader:** Beth Turner

 Assistant: Kirsten Waddell

 Puppet Asst. Alex Fry

Topic: Cain Kills Abel
 Genesis 4: 1-16

Children's Church Schedule - October 5, 2008

8:45 am **Leader:** Suzanne Getman

 Assistant: Debbie Metoyer

 Puppet Asst. Samantha Metoyer

11:15 am **Leader:** Beth Turner

 Assistant: Carl Jones

 Puppet Asst. Amy Jackson

Topic: Noah Builds the Ark
 Genesis 6: 5-22

4 year olds through 4th grade will exit the Sanctuary, following Children's Cross to room #102 for "Kids Own Worship".



REMEMBER THESE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH

Our Church Family:

Wayne Gillespie Health Concerns
Charles McCalla Health Concerns
Virginia Finley Back Problems
Miree Pomeroy Health Concerns
Linda Hunter Broken Pelvis
Johanna Patterson, Karen Guerini's mother Health Concerns
Ray Haley Health Concerns
Alex Martin, grandson of Virginia Martin Returning soon from Baghdad

Our Extended Church Family:

Skip Dickson, bus driver for pre-school Health Concerns
Marilyn Kastner, Beth Turner's sister Broken Ankle
Jeanette Adcock, Ken Hathaway's sister Broken Hip
Jamie and Michelle Williams Finances
Pam Clark, Frances Kitterman's Cousin Health Concerns
Stacy Baily Health Concerns relating to pregnancy.
Joe & Viola Gonzales Health Concerns
Shirley Fortino, Donna Maginn's friend Ovarian Cancer
Sarah Pfaffenroth's step-father Healing
To all of our military troops who are serving overseas, or state-side.
The Great Banquet #48 & #49

Worship Attendance for September 21, 2008

8:45 35

11:15 101

Total 136

In Service This Week - September 28, 2008

Oversight Elders: Opening - Joe Bishop

Closing - Jere Lawson

Usher 8:45: Gail Hackney

Usher 11:15: Mark & Sarah Pfaffenroth, Cathy & Bill Bendall

Communion:

Servers 8:45: Polly and Walt Schrimper

Servers 11:15: Cathy Bendall, Mildred Culvershouse, John Evans,
Wayne Gillespie, Ken Hathaway, Janet Vawter

In Service Next Week - October 5, 2008

Oversight Elders: Opening - Walt Schrimper

Closing - Sarah Pfaffenroth

Usher 8:45: Ted Upshaw

Ushers 11: 15: Joan Tinnen, Ken Hathaway, Jean & Cephas Starnes