

Grace Presbyterian Church

November 23, 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

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 100

(On screen to be read in unison)

SERMON

"Giving Thanks"

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

"We Praise You, O God"

arr. Dale Wood

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN #559**

We Gather Together

KREMSER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the presence of God,

People: We are filled with hope,

Leader: We are overwhelmed by love,

People: We sense a holy mystery.

Leader: In the presence of the holy God,

People: We are made new.

Leader: In the presence of the living Christ,

People: We stand in awe and we sing for joy!

ANTHEM

"Make A Joyful Noise"

Allen Pote

CHILDREN IN CHANCEL

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Wondrous and generous God, you have blessed us with gentle rains, glorious sunsets and sun-warmed days. You bless us with loving families, kind friends and a caring church. Let us receive these gifts with thankfulness and humility. We cannot earn nor do we deserve such generosity, but we graciously open our hearts and hands to receive. Forgive us when we are hardhearted and tight-handed, when we don't let your goodness flow through us, when we hide our talents and turn away from the needs of the world.

Release us, Holy One, from fear, and create a contagious spirit of giving that touches the world with hope. 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

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

(The people greet fellow worshippers with the peace of Christ)

IN SERVICE THIS WEEK, November 23, 2008

Oversight Elders: **Opening** - Jean Starnes
 Closing - John Evans
Usher's 11:15: Linda Tolley, Denny Korowin, Sandra & Wayne Gillespie
Usher 8:45: Gail Hackney

Children's Church

8:45 am **Leader:** Suzanne Getman
 Assistant: Walt Schrimper
 Puppet Asst. Samantha Metoyer
11:15 am **Leader:** Beth Turner
 Assistant Amy Bishop
 Puppet Asst. Blake Ragghianti

Topic **Isaac Is Born**
 Genesis 21: 1-6

In Service For Next Week, November 30, 2008

Oversight Elders: **Opening** - Joe Bishop
 Closing - Jean Markham
Usher's 11:15: Earle & Mildred Culverhouse, Gladys Adams, Harold Howard
Usher 8:45: Sandi Rene

There will be no Children's Church on November 30, 2008.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 23, 2008
5:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
6:00 pm Youth Thanksgiving Games
MIHN Departing

Monday, November 24, 2008
7:00 pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, November 25, 2008
7:00 pm Boy Scouts

Wednesday, November 26, 2008
6:30 pm Adult Bible Study
6:30 pm Kids Adventure Club
7:30 pm Choir
No Youth Study Tonight

Thursday, November 27, 2008
Church Office Closed
Happy Thanksgiving

Friday, November 28, 2008
Church Office Closed

Sunday, November 30, 2008

8:45 am Contemporary Service
10:00 am Sunday School
11:15 am Traditional Service
5:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
6:00 pm Youth Study

SESSION

Class of 2008

Dossett Foster
John Gordon
Sarah Pfaffenroth
Jere Lawson

Class of 2009

Joe Bishop
Byron Graves
Sandy Kehrli
Miree Pomeroy
John Price

Class of 2010

Bill Carroll
John Evans
Mark Gray
Jean Markham
Walt Schrimper
Jean Starnes

CHURCH STAFF

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Just a reminder, the Church Offices will be closed on Thursday, November 27th and Friday November 28th in observance of Thanksgiving. Any information needing to be placed in the bulletin must be received in the office no later than Tuesday, November 25th, 11:00 am, as the bulletins will be printed by Wednesday morning.

November 23, 2008: Youth Thanksgiving games - 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

PW Board meeting will be held Monday, November 24, 2008 at 7:00 pm at the home of Jan Evans.

The Bartlett/Ellendale Area Thanksgiving Service will be held at Decatur Trinity Christian Church on November 25, 2008, 7:00pm. Pastor Turner will be preaching.

Deck The Halls With Boughs of Holly: We have long halls to deck and need many hands to help. You are invited to a Decorating Party November 29th at 9:00 am. After all the decorations are up, we will enjoy cookies and hot chocolate. Let Dana Jackson or Christy Tinnen know if you will be there.

Cook Books: You may purchase our cook book, A Taste of Grace, from Jan Evans (386-4672) or from Linda Cole at the church office for \$12.00 each. These cookbooks would make wonderful Thanksgiving or Christmas gifts. All profit from the sale of these cook books goes to the building fund.

Memphis Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony- Christmas For The World Concert, Saturday, December 13, 2008 at St. Benedicts at Auburndale. Matinee - 2:00 pm, Evening - 7:00 pm. Tickets can be purchased by contacting Bill McGoldrick at 388-4456. See bulletin board in hallway for additional information. Bill McGoldrick and John Gordon will be performing.

New window blinds will be installed throughout the Church buildings on the Friday after Thanksgiving. All of the old blinds will be discarded but if anyone would like to have some or all of them, contact Bill Carroll or Jere Lawson as soon as possible. The Property Committee.

From the Commitment Committee: Through the month of October, the church's expenses for the year have exceeded our income by \$8,138.00. It is still possible to have a balanced budget by the end of 2008 if we all help. First, if you are behind in your pledge for the year, please do all that you can to catch up by the end of December. Also, if you can make a contribution over and above your normal giving, it would be very helpful and much appreciated. Be assured that every effort is being made to reduce expenses for the rest of the year, so if we can increase our giving somewhat over the last few weeks of 2008, there is a good chance that we can erase the current deficit. Grace Presbyterian is most appreciative of all of you who generously support the ministry of the church through your giving.

Just in time for your holiday baking MIHN is selling fresh shelled pecans for \$8.00 per bag. All proceeds go to support the families we serve. To order, please contact Dana Jackson at 377-9374 or dtjacks@bellsouth.net.

We are asking for winter clothing donations for the 1st Presbyterian Soup Kitchen. Please bring items to the church this week, as they will be collected Friday after Thanksgiving. Thank you, Joe Bishop

Our Extended Church Family:

Quenton Clark, mother of Gail Hackney....Health concerns
Vaida MyrickRecovery from surgery
Kevin Bopp’s aunt, Cheryl SheaChemotherapy
Joan Tyree.....Health Concerns
Michael Sean Maginn, son of Donna Maginn.....Cancer
Wayne Wynne, Son of Roy and Harriette Wynne.....Cancer
Gail Hackney’s friend Vaida’s granddaughter Sydney ...Health Concerns
Earl Burgess, friend of Byron & Diane Graves.....Health Concerns
Paul Cave, Brother of Dan, Nancy & Georgie Cave...Health Concerns
Jeanette Adcock, Ken Hathaway’s sisterBroken Hip
Pam Clark, Frances Kitterman’s Cousin.....Health Concerns
Joe & Viola GonzalesHealth 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.

Worship Attendance for November 16, 2008

8:45	40
<u>11:15</u>	<u>90</u>
Total	130

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