

INCREASE CHRIST IN YOUR LIFE
TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 21, 2011

PRELUDE **“Hymn Medley”** **(arr. Burger)**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS **Phil Lucas**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord!

People: Sing praise to God’s name!

Leader: The Lord has done wonderful things for us!

People: The Lord has heaped blessing upon blessing in our lives!

Leader: Come, sing, shout, and give thanks to God.

People: In all our ways, we will continually thank God forever. AMEN.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

HYMN **“My Hope Is Built”** **Pg. 368**

OPENING PRAYER

Lord, be with each one of us today. We have come seeking your guidance and direction for our lives. Help us recognize the gifts you have given to us, and enable us to put these gifts to good use in your world. We ask this in Jesus’ Name. AMEN.

THE CHILDREN’S MOMENT (11:00 am Service)

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (11:00 AM Service) **Pg. 47**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY **“In Thee Is Gladness”** **(arr. Bish)**

DOXOLOGY **“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”** **Pg. 95**

HYMN **“Grace Alone”** **See Insert**

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM **“The Power of Your Love”** **(Holstein/Bullock)**
Chancel Choir

EPISTLE LESSON **Romans 12:1-8** **See Insert**

GOSPEL LESSON **Matthew 16:13-20** **See Insert**

SERMON **“On This Rock”**
Rev. Betty Batey

HYMN **“A Charge to Keep I Have”** **Pg. 413**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE **“Postlude on ‘Kingsfold’”** **(arr. Paxton)**

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

*Flowers on the altar are in Memory of Sheila Burney
with love from her family*

PRAYER CONCERNS –for all that are in need of comfort and healing. Keep the people in the Horn of Africa in your prayers.

PRAYER CONCERNS offered up by the Youth can be found on the insert in this bulletin.

Please help to keep us aware of our church family and how we may best serve their needs. Thank you. The Office Phone Number is 727-842-7674.

PUMPKIN PATCH and FALL FAMILY FESTIVAL – Would you like to be a “God Sighting” this Fall? Please consider joining our Patch Planning Team for a season filled with blessings. Help is needed with recruiting volunteers, training sales staff, setting up and decorating, publicity, finance and school field trips. Last year, we had nearly 1000 visitors for our Fall Family Festival; so, everyone's help is needed this year. Please mark your calendars for the Pumpkin Patch (October 12- 30) and the Fall Family Festival (October 22).

DREAMS AND VISIONS – Thank you for your attendance at our planning retreat. The Spirit is moving at First United Methodist Church of New Port Richey.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 2011 – Please welcome Bill and Jean Ann Lewis and Gene Willet into the fellowship of this congregation.

BACK TO SCHOOL SUNDAY – Thank you to everyone who made such a wonderful celebration. It was a great day.

LAY SERVANT MINISTRIES – The Gulf Central District is sponsoring a Training Event for Lay Servants (formerly known as Lay Speakers) on September 17th and 24th, 2011. It is required that you attend both Saturdays to be certified as a Lay Servant. The classes will be at the Pasadena Community Church, 227 70th Street South, St. Petersburg, FL. The cost is \$35.00 and the

cut-off date is September 9th. See Alex Grimberg if you are interested in attending.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR RICHEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – We are extending our drive for school supplies through next Sunday. Most needed items are glue sticks, pencils, crayons, and wide-lined paper. These supplies will be shared through the Volunteer Offices at Richey Elementary.

INCREASE CHRIST IN YOUR LIFE, WORSHIP, STUDY, ACTION

A question that was asked at weekly Methodist Class Meetings was “How is it with your soul?” Our theme has focused on giving you practical ideas to be mindful of God in your daily life, and to live out your faith.

WORSHIP – What inspires you to worship God? Is it uplifting music, reading scripture, praying, going outside and enjoying God’s creation? Is it all of the above and more? Be sure to pick up a new Upper Room.

STUDY – Begin your day with the Upper Room. The scripture lessons for next Sunday are: Exodus 3:1-15, Moses and the Burning Bush; Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26; Romans 12:9-21, Marks of a Christian; Matthew 16:21-28, Take up the cross and follow.

ACTION – Thanks for your ongoing support of the Food Pantry. Be praying for the lives that are touched. Pray for the beginning of school. Offer to help a busy parent.

INFORMATION UPDATE

In an effort to keep up with the times, we are updating our files to include the email addresses of all those wishing to share theirs with us. We are also inputting the cell numbers as some are using cell phones only and no longer have a home phone or land line. Do we have the date of your birthday and/or anniversary?

Please fill in your information below, tear it off and place it in the collection plate. OR, you can call Martie in the office at 842-7674 during the week.

NAME: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

CELL PHONE NO.: _____

BIRTHDAY: _____ ANNIVERSARY: _____

If there is any other information you wish to share with us such as an alternate address or phone number, please write it in the space provided below.

If you have a spiritual gift or talent you feel would be helpful to our church, please let us know in the space provided below.

THIS WEEK

MONDAY (8/22) 10:00 am Food Pantry
 7:30 pm Wesleyan Guild at Carolyn Arnold's House

TUESDAY (8/23) 7:00 pm Council Meeting in Room 1

WEDNESDAY (8/24) 5:00 pm Youth Evening Program
 6:00-8:00 pm Children's Program
 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY (8/25) 10:00 am Staff Meeting
 7:30 pm Boy Scout Troop 8 Meeting in Henderson Hall
 7:30 pm Gamblers Anonymous in Room 1

SATURDAY (8/26) 6:30-8:30 pm Game Night

SERVING THIS WEEK

Liturgist: Phil Lucas
Organist/Pianist: Peg Davis

Greeters at 8:30 am Service
Evelyn Sheppard & Betty Bushong

Greeters at 11:00 am Service
Mary & Warren Wilkerson

Ushers at 8:30 am Service
Evelyn Sheppard & Betty Bushong

Ushers at 11:00 am Service
Rupert Bethel, Warren Wilkerson,
Vance Faulkenberg & Carolyn Arnold

Sound Coordinator: Andy Zukunft