

INCREASE CHRIST IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD
REFORMATION SUNDAY
OCTOBER 30, 2011

PRELUDE **“Spirituals Medley” (Larson/Choplin/McDonald)**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS **Cindy McPheron**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: *Give thanks to God, for God is good.*

People: *God’s love endures forever!*

Leader: *God has come to God’s people with blessings and hope.*

People: *Praise God for the many ways God touches our lives. AMEN.*

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

HYMN **“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”** **Pg. 110**

A PRAYER FOR COURAGE

Almighty God, who gives strength to the weak and give us courage to do what is right.

Make us brave to face any danger. Help us overcome our fears and go bravely forward.

Fill us with courage, that nothing will be too hard for us. May we put our trust in your power and goodness.

Thank you our Lord.

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

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Carolyn Arnold

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY **“The Prayer Garden”** **(Kendall)**

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

HYMN **“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”** **Pg. 474**

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM **“I Will Lift Up My Eyes”** **(L. Larson)**
Chancel Choir

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON **Joshua 3:7-17** **See Insert**

MESSAGE **“Courage to Cross Over”**
Rev. Betty Batey

HYMN **“Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak”** **Pg. 463**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE **“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”** **(Hustad)**

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

*Flowers on the altar are in loving memory of my husband,
George Hawkins, from Dorothy Hawkins*

THANKSGIVINGS: We have had a wonderful pumpkin season. Thank you for all your work!

PRAYER CONCERNS for those who are in need of comfort and mercy.

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.

LAITY SUNDAY – Many thanks to Dorothy Cherry, Ian Deane, Alex Grimberg, Bill Odom and Bill Russell for leading us in worship on Laity Sunday. We are blessed with such fine leaders in our congregation.

CHARGE CONFERENCE – On Monday, November 14, at 7:00 pm, we will gather in the Sanctuary for our annual meeting to review the past year and look ahead to 2012. Rev. Matt Swartsel will preside.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME – Remember to set your clocks BACK one hour next week on November 6.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY – This fall, we are using the Immersion Bible Study on Galatians, Ephesians and Philippians. The groups meet at 10:30 am and 6:00 pm at the Parsonage. Study books are now available. Continue reading Chapter 5 for this week.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP DINNERS – Come and join us for dinner on Wednesday evenings and enjoy the fellowship along with a tasty meal. Dinner will be served from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm. The menu for this Wednesday is Tacos and Hot Fudge Sundaes for dessert. The cost for adults is \$5.00. Children and youth eat free.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES – “Change the World” with a focus on missions is our new study. This discussion and DVD-based class meets at 9:45 am in Room 1. The Wesley Adult Sunday School class is now studying Matthew in the New Testament. This class meets at 9:45 am in the Wesley Classroom.

CONTINUE ICIYL – WORSHIP, STUDY, ACTION –

WORSHIP – Prepare your hearts to be receptive to the Spirit of God. Pray for your church. Pray for the families who came to the Pumpkin Patch. Begin your day with the Upper Room. New Upper Rooms are available in the narthex. Be in prayer for the visit of the Youth Ministry Architect Team.

STUDY – Join a study group on Sunday or Wednesday! The scripture lessons for next Sunday are: Joshua 24:14-25, Choose whom you will serve; Psalm 78:1-7; I Thessalonians 4:13-18, The raising of the dead; and Matthew 25:1-13, The wise and foolish bridesmaids.

ACTION – Thank you for your ongoing support of the Food Pantry. We do need peanut butter. Be praying for the lives that are touched. Stewardship means returning to God your time, talent and treasures. Be in prayer for ways you can give and be ready when you are asked to serve.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY – Next week we will remember all those who have gone home to the Lord since last November. Please fill out the form below if you wish to add a name to the list.

NAME _____

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YOUTH MINISTRY ARCHITECTS

Youth Ministry Architects (YMA) is coming to FUMC OF New Port Richey November 3-5, 2011. As a church member who is not a part of the youth ministry, why should you attend? Faith formation is a community effort. It takes many folks to model the Christian life to young people. Members of the church set the example to youth on how to worship, how to follow Jesus, and how to serve Christ in others. As a member of the church, your feedback is significant in moving the youth ministry forward in a sustainable model. As Christians, we are called to nurture faith in our young people. Investing your time in a listening group shows the care that members of the church have for its teens. YMA values the “outside” view that you can give.

Our listening (focus) groups will be meeting in the Wesley Room. You will have an opportunity to talk with Sara Bailey and Bob Blagg. An important

part of the process is to listen to all of you share how you think we can have a sustainable ministry here at First Church and have a positive impact on our neighborhood.

Schedule for Listening Groups

Thursday, November 3rd

12:00 – 1:15 pm Director of Youth Ministries, Ian Deane
1:15 – 2:30 pm Congregation members
2:30 – 3:30 pm Children’s Ministry Volunteer, Julie Calafiura
3:30 – 4:45 pm High school youth
4:45 – 6:00 pm Middle school youth
6:00 – 7:15 pm Youth parents with dinner
7:15 – 8:30 pm Church leadership

Friday, November 4th

8:30 – 9:45 am Staff Parish Relations Committee
9:45 – 11:00 am Volunteers: Marianne Falbo, Matt Swartzel, Joey Davis
11:00 – 12:15 pm Congregation members
12:15 – 1:00 pm Lunch
1:00 – 2:15 pm Meeting with Senior Pastor, Betty Batey
Phone call with senior consultant

Saturday, November 5th

10:30 am Meeting with Ian & Betty
12:00 pm Lunch with presentation to congregation in Henderson Hall
2:30 pm Depart for airport

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY (10/30) 11:00 am – 6:00 pm – Pumpkin Patch
MONDAY (10/31) 10:00 am Food Pantry
TUESDAY (11/1) 1:00 pm WPUMW Unit Meeting in Henderson Hall
6:00-7:30 pm Girl Scouts Meeting in Henderson Hall
WEDNESDAY (11/2) 10:30 am Bible Study at Parsonage
5:00 pm Fellowship Dinner and Youth Activities
6:00 pm Bible Study at Parsonage
7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY (11/3) 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 (11/5) 12:00 pm Lunch with presentation to youth, parents and congregation in Henderson Hall
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm – Game Night

SERVING THIS WEEK

Liturgist: Cindy McPheron
Organist/Pianist: Peg Davis

Greeter at 8:30 am Service
Betty Bushong

Ushers at 8:30 am Service
Gloria Peters & Ian Deane

Sound Coordinator: Andy Zukunft

Greeters at 11:00 am Service
Youth

Ushers at 11:00 am Service
Rupert Bethel, Dana Zukunft,
Vance Faulkenberg, Warren Wilkerson

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.

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BIRTHDAY: _____ ANNIVERSARY: _____

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