

# Interactive Worship

February 5, 2012

## Welcome/Announcements

### Call to Worship

From Psalm 147

Leader: Praise the Lord! How good it is to sing praise to our God; for the Lord is gracious and it is fitting that we lift our voices in praise.

**People: For our Lord builds up his people, draws in the outcasts, heals the brokenhearted, and binds up our wounds.**

Leader: Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make melody to the Lord with all of our hearts.

**People: For our Lord renews our strength and fills us with the gift of his presence. Praise the Lord!**

### Opening Songs:

*Jesus, Friend of Sinners  
As the Deer*

### Invitation to Confession

Rhonda & Frank Broyles

### Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, in Jesus Christ you came to bring us life and life in all of its fullness. Yet, we must confess that in our times of distress and hardship we often forget that you are with us always. Rather than placing our confidence in you, we tend to look for other sources of comfort and security. Rather than seeking signs of your presence, we often prefer to gripe and complain that you are nowhere to be found. Rather than trusting in your sovereign rule over this world, we often throw up our hands and give up hope. In your great mercy, O Lord, forgive our forgetfulness. By the power of your Holy Spirit, remind us yet again that there is no event in our lives from which you are absent, and that just as Jesus promised, you are with us always.....(Silent prayers of confession)**

### Assurance of Pardon

### Passing of the Peace

### Song:

*Sanctuary*

### First Lesson

Isaiah 40:21-26

Meredith Wilks

### Second Lesson

Isaiah 40:27-31

Dr. Lovell

### Sermon:

*"Just in Case You Forgot"*

Dr. Lovell

### The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

### Invitation to the Table

### Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is right, and a good and joyful thing to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe. You created the heavens and the earth, made us in your own image and in countless ways, have shown us your mercy. Therefore we praise you, Eternal God, joining our voices with the faithful of all generations who proclaim the glory of your name, saying:

**People: Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Leader: You are holy, O God, and blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, whom you sent to save us and guide us to life abundant in your kingdom. Therefore, remembering all of your good and gracious gifts, we take this bread and this cup, giving thanks for the amazing grace and abiding love which you have given us through Christ Jesus our Lord.

**People: Accept, O God, this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a holy offering of our very selves to you, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Affirmation of Faith

From: *A Declaration of Faith*

Holly Wilks

**"God keeps his promises and gives us hope. In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus God kept his promises. All that we can ever hope for was present in Christ. But the work of God in Christ is not over. God calls us to hope for more than we have yet seen. The hope God gives us is ultimate confidence that supports us when lesser hopes fail us. In Christ, God gives hope for a new heaven and earth, certainty of victory over death, assurance of mercy and judgment beyond death. This hope gives us courage for the present struggle. Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord. Amen.**

### Offertory

Holly Wilks

### Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

John Spears

### Song:

*You Are My All in All*

### Benediction

Dr. Lovell

**Isaiah 40:21-26**

<sup>21</sup> Do you not know? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood since the earth was founded?

<sup>22</sup> He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth, and its people are like grasshoppers.

He stretches out the heavens like a canopy, and spreads them out like a tent to live in.

<sup>23</sup> He brings princes to naught and reduces the rulers of this world to nothing.

<sup>24</sup> No sooner are they planted, no sooner are they sown, no sooner do they take root in the ground, than he blows on them and they wither, and a whirlwind sweeps them away like chaff. <sup>25</sup> "To whom will you compare me? Or who is my equal?" says the Holy One.

<sup>26</sup> Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one and calls forth each of them by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing.

**Isaiah 40:27-31**

<sup>27</sup> Why do you complain, Jacob? Why do you say, Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD; my cause is disregarded by my God"? <sup>28</sup> Do you not know? Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. <sup>29</sup> He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. <sup>30</sup> Even youths grow tired and weary,

and young men stumble and fall; <sup>31</sup> but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

We gather to worship and experience the Living and Loving God, choosing to "praise God and enjoy God forever." Our defining characteristics are: "intergenerational, participatory, and informal." We value your contribution to our worship. We welcome those visiting with us today and invite you to share in the fellowship of the church.

We receive into our membership all who are baptized and make a profession of faith, wish to make a fresh beginning in the Christian life by reaffirming their faith, or by transfer of church letter.

All ages are welcome in this family-friendly experience of worship.

# Faith Presbyterian Church



**February 5, 2012**

8:30 Worship Service of  
Faith Presbyterian Church

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*Dr. Tom Lovell, Pastor and Head of Staff*  
*Frank Broyles, Minister of Church and Community*

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