

Means of Grace: The Supper
Mark 14:12-26

- I. What is a Sacrament?
 - A. Instituted by Christ

 - B. Signed, Sealed, and Applied

 - C. Growing Grace

 - D. A Call to Obedience

 - E. A Testimony of our love of God
- II. The Shadows of the Passover, The Supper, and the Cross.
 - A. Connecting the Dots from Promise to Fulfillment

 - B. The Providence of God and the evil of Man and Satan

 - C. The Body and the Blood
- III. Worthy Receivingô what does that mean?
 - A. Knowledge, Faith, and Repentance

 - B. Love and Obedience

Welcome To Fifth Street Presbyterian Church

Our purpose for meeting together today is to meet with our Lord as a body of believers. We meet that we might hear Him speak in the reading and preaching of His Word. And, we meet to respond to His voice in our songs, prayers, and affirmations. In the ordinary worship of God we find extraordinary grace, encouragement and reason to hope. This corporate worship of God is the most important thing that happens upon the earth and we are delighted to have you with us as we approach the Father in Christ's name by the power of the Holy Spirit.

This week at a glance:

Today	9:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M. 12:00 P.M.	Sunday School Morning Worship Choir Practice
Thursday	7:00 P.M.	Deacon Meeting

***Visitors:** We would appreciate a record of your visit, which you can provide by filling out one of the visitor's cards that you will find in the pew. Please place the card in the offering plate. Thank you!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sermon CDs, yours for the asking...

Over the years we have changed how our sermons are made available to those not in attendance. A number of years ago we discontinued making tapes and now we come to the end of our CD production. We will, of course, gladly make copies of sermons on CD at your request, which you can make by calling our office. However, we will not be making CDs to put in the narthex since the sermons are posted on our website and can be downloaded by any computer or smart phone. We hope you find these posted sermons helpful when you have to miss a service or when you wish to pass along to someone else a bit of our service.

Check out the Booklets: We provide a number of different types of outreach materials that we hope you can use and make use of in your ministry to others.

As you pray:

- Physical needs: Ben and Hope Ferrell, Glen and Jamie Milham, Margaret Axtel
- With Child: Rebecca Wiesinger & Caitlin Covey
- Hill Country PCA, Killeen TX & Rev. Lou Best who brings 31 years of active military service to the task of ministering in the Ft. Hood community.
- Ben Haileyô RUF, TX-A&M; Dan Smithô RUF, Tyler
- Jim Wroughtonô MTW & Wycliffe, Bible translation in Peru
- Nathaniel Adawonuô preparation and fund raising for the Togo conferences this August

Adult Sunday School class with Steve and Dawn Sparks on July 13. While we normally try to do only one of these joint Sunday School classes each quarter, the Sparks availability was limited and we wanted to hear about their current ministry as well as a report about the ongoing work of the PCA in the Ukraine. We hope you can join us for this update.

Fellowship Luncheon next Sunday: Please bring your favorite casserole, meat dish, salad or dessert that will feed two times your family. If you are visiting with us we invite you to stay for lunch and enjoy good food and fellowship.

There is still a need for funding for the 2014 Togo Conferences. Nathaniel called this week and asked me to encourage your prayers for and, as you are able, assistance with the funding of this year's conferences. While God has graciously already provided our expenses we are still in need of provision for the cost of translators of which we are still \$4,000 short.

Our Methods are God's Means

For today and the next two Sundays we will take a little time to look at the methods of the church. Methodology has always been a big deal in the life of the American church and while the concept is not necessarily a wrong-headed approach, it often is just that. Very often methodology or methods for ministry become the host for the infection of pragmatism; the öif it works it is goodö philosophy. This kind of thinking, pragmatic thinking, is different from just trying to be practical. Pragmatism makes the accomplishing of the desired outcome the means of measuring right and wrong. If it works it must be right a pragmatist would say.

We want to be practical so we will likely avoid scheduling our worship service for 3 a.m. We do not want to be pragmatic so we decide what ministry ought to look like based upon the truth of God's Word and not what seems to be working in other settings, or what we feel or think might work.

So, where does this lead us? There are a lot of practical things that can be done in the life of the church and these things will look different from church to church and from culture to culture. Some may prefer a 3 a.m. worship service but I am pretty sure that that is not us. But, if we are to be biblical and encourage a ministry that yields to God we must be a ministry that sees our primary focus being on Word, Sacraments, and Prayer. For this reason we begin today a three sermon series on the primary means of grace. I hope you can join us as we look at God's methodsô His means of grace.