

First Presbyterian Church

December 26, 2010

THE LORD'S DAY

10:50 a.m.

Official Christianity, of late years, has been having what is known as "a bad press." We are constantly assured that the churches are empty because preachers insist too much upon doctrine— "dull dogma," as people call it. The fact is the precise opposite. It is the neglect of dogma that makes for dullness. The Christian faith is the most exciting drama that ever staggered the imagination of man—and the dogma is the drama...Now, we may call that doctrine exhilarating or we may call it devastating; we may call it revelation or we may call it rubbish; but if we call it dull, then words have no meaning at all. ~Dorothy Sayers, 1938

*CONGREGATION STANDS AS ABLE.

PLEASE ADJUST ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES SO AS NOT TO DISRUPT THE SERVICE.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

Isaiah 60:1-3

*Hymn 208

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

*Prayer of Adoration and Confession

*Confession of Faith

From Colossians 1:15-20

We believe that Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.

And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

And he is the head of the body, the church.

He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Hymn

The Power of the Cross

Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day:
Christ on the road to Calvary.

Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten,
Then nailed to a cross of wood.

Oh to see the pain written on your face,
Bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed,
Crowning your blood-stained brow.

*This the power of the cross: Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath.
We stand forgiven at the cross.*

Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath
Quakes as its maker bows his head.
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life,
"Finished!" the vict'ry cry.

Oh to see my name written in the wounds,
For through your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death. Life is mine to live,
Won through your selfless love.

*This the power of the cross: Son of God slain for us.
What a name! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.*

Hymn 676 Day by Day and with Each Passing Moment

BLOTT EN DAG

Prayer of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

The Birthday of a King

Jackie Hill

Words & Music by William Harold Neidlinger

PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO SIGN THE BLACK REGISTRATION PAD LOCATED
AT THE END OF THE PEW AND PASS IT TO OTHERS ON YOUR PEW.

*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7
(p. 573 in pew Bible)

Sermon

Rev. Phillip Palmertree

"What Difference Does Jesus Make?"

*Hymn 230 Thou Who Wast Rich Beyond All Splendor

QUELLE EST CETTE IDEUR AGREABLE

*Benediction

*Response

from #223 *While Shepherds Watched*

*"All glory be to God on high, and to the earth be peace;
good will henceforth, from heav'n to men,
begin and never cease, begin and never cease!"*

**Morning Service broadcast live on WKOZ 1340 AM
and live online at www.breezynews.com.**

Notes about the service:

Thou Who Wast Rich Beyond All Splendor: Serving as Editorial Secretary for the China Inland Mission, **Frank Houghton** made a trip to China in 1934 to see first-hand the progress of the work. This hymn was written at a particularly difficult time in the history of the missions to China. Missionaries had been captured by the communist Red Army and released in poor health after over a year of suffering. Others had been captured never to be heard from again. Though this was a very dangerous time for both the Chinese Christians and the foreign missionaries, Houghton decided he needed to tour the country to visit various missionary outposts. While traveling over the mountains of Szechwan, the powerful and comforting words of 2 Corinthians 8:9, "though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor," were transformed into this beautiful Christmas hymn.

The church office will be closed Friday,
Dec. 31 for the New Year holiday.

Upcoming Events

PDS-FPC Family Night:

Saturday, January 15 with Greg Strange

Mid-South PCA Men's Rally:

Friday, January 28

FPC Bible Conference:

February 11-13 with Dr. Bill Hogan

"See you at 9 on the 9th."

Beginning January 9, our Sunday morning events will begin and end thirty minutes earlier.

- Sunday School from 9:00-10:00 a.m.
 - Morning Worship from 10:20 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
- Weekly live radio broadcast on WKOZ-1400 and live internet streaming will begin at 10:30 a.m.

Evening Worship

5:00 pm

Welcome

Call to Worship

*Hymn 98

Now Thank We All Our God

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Invocation

Hymn Selections

Elder Prayer

Eddie Thomas

Scripture Reading

1 Peter 5:6-11
(p. 1017 in pew Bible)

Sermon

Rev. Phillip Palmertree

"Take This into the New Year"

*Hymn 686

Thy Way, Not Mine, O Lord

INVITATION

*Hymn 688

Have Thine Own Way [v.1,4]

HOLY DESIRE

*Benediction

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Next Lord's Day...

- Morning Worship: **Rev. Brian Sorgenfrei**
(RUF Mississippi State)
- Evening Worship: **Paul-Andrew Sechler**

Sanctuary Flowers: If you would like to provide flowers for the sanctuary during 2011, please sign up on the bulletin board or contact the church office, 289-2435.

"Thanks be unto God for his inexpressible gift."

2 Corinthians 9:15

Church Ministries

Budget Information	Revenue	Expense	Totals
November 2010	\$ 41,512.35	\$ 34,790.71	\$ 6,721.64
Year-to-Date	\$396,136.62	\$399,268.02	\$ -3,131.40

Nursery Schedule: Notify Marsha @ 289-2435 of any changes.

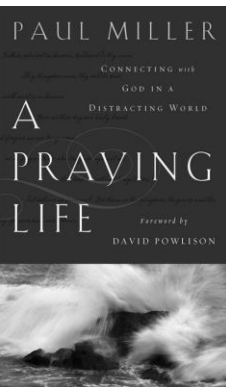
Date	Toddler AM	Infant AM	PM
Dec. 26	Sid & Stirling Steen	Melissa Steed & Maureen Boswell	The Briscoe family
Jan. 2	Carol, Wade & William Fiedler	Mary Bess Bryant & Sally Wasson	Ken & Sandra Fowler

Wednesday Night Connection

No Wednesday Night Connection or supper on December 29. WNC returns on January 5.

New adult Connection begins Jan. 5!

A Praying Life: Connecting with God in a Distracting World



Prayer is so hard that most of us don't pray unless an illness or a public setting demands it. Prayerlessness marks the lives of too many Christians. As a result, our lives are marked by fear, anxiety, joylessness and spiritual laziness. Join us for this honest, realistic, deep and wise encouragement to cultivate a vibrant prayer life.

You can buy a copy of *A Praying Life* from the church office for \$10.00.

The 2011 FPC Giving Envelopes are coming...to your door!

Your new 2011 FPC Giving Envelopes will arrive at your home in January. For 2011, your envelopes will be mailed each quarter directly to your address. We trust that this will be more convenient for you and help the deacons manage envelopes and giving better. If you did not receive a set of "temporary" envelopes for January in the mail, please notify the church office.

A new session of GriefShare begins **Thursday, January 13 at 6:30 pm.** If you or someone you know has lost a loved one, please call us to find out more information about this seminar/support group.



FPC members, could you help with:

- hosting and refreshments for the weekly meetings
- as a group facilitator, or
- running the weekly DVD presentation?

If so, contact Teresa Paton (289-1753).

Mission Sunday: Larry and Debbie Thompson will be here on Sunday, **January 9** to share with us about their long service for Christ in Eastern Europe and about the new directions they are taking. Join us at the new time—9:00 a.m.

Activities for this Week in Our Church

SUNDAY	9:30 am	Sunday School
	10:50 am	Morning Worship
		No Choir Practice
	5:00 pm	Christmas Cantata
WEDNESDAY	6:00 pm	No Wednesday service
SUNDAY	9:30 am	Sunday School
	10:50 am	Morning Worship
	5:00 pm	Evening Worship



The **sock and Mitten tree** for Palmer Children's Home in the fellowship hall will be receiving socks and mittens through January 2.

"Thank God you've come!"

We thank God that you've come today, and we hope you thank God that you've come today!

Please fill out the black registration pad located at the end of your pew, so we will have a record of your visit.

We want to serve you in Christ's name in any way we can.

DECEMBER DUTIES:

Elders: Danny Temple, Michael Holman & James Boyd

Deacons: Jeff Lacey, Sam Potts & Richard Briscoe

Preaching at Alexander Memorial Presbyterian Church: 4th Sunday

Preaching at Alexander next Sunday:

First Presbyterian Church Kosciusko Staff

Rev. Phillip J. Palmertree, Senior Minister

Rev. Grant B. Carroll, Asst. Minister

Misty Lacey, Children's Min. Coord.

Pat Fiedler, Music Director

Melanie Newman, Pianist

Ann Irby, Organist

Marsha Adams, Office Admin.

Richard Moore, Custodian

Annette Kern, Kitchen Manager

Allen Manning, Custodian

FPC Preschool

Deborah Templeton, Administrator

Presbyterian Day School

Kathy Cox, Administrator

Sonja Adams, Business Administrator

Sunday School

Spence Stork, Superintendent

Session

Ken Fowler
Phillip Palmertree

James Boyd
Michael Holman
Eddie Thomas, Clerk

Don Smith
Danny Temple

Elders Emeriti

Adrian D. McBeath

Will Hammond

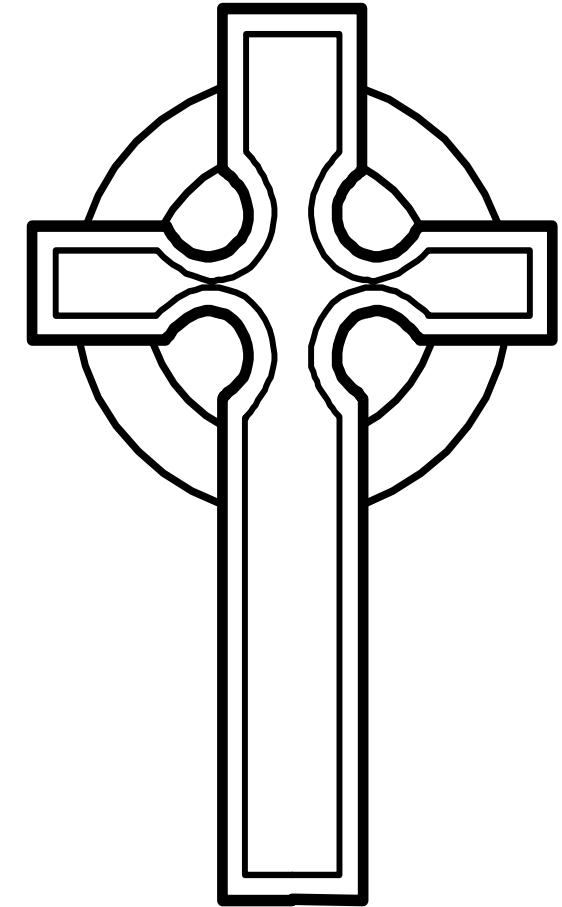
Diaconate

Richard Briscoe
Owen Oliver
Sam Potts

Kerry Hudgins
Keith Paton
Jeff Lacey

Allen Massey
Scott Pickle

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Sunday Worship Service

December 26, 2010

Vision Statement:

A Gospel-driven church pursuing God, his ways, and people.

**WORSHIP
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