

First Presbyterian Church

December 18, 2011

THE LORD'S DAY

10:20 a.m.

Jesus didn't suffer only *under Pontius Pilate*. He suffered from the very beginning—even in the womb, where his life was threatened with future marginalization and poverty if Joseph decided to 'put away Mary quietly.' Jesus suffered when he was born and laid in a manger; in bitter contrast to our homey Christmas scenes where everything is romanticized and pictured as nicey-nice, the stable was no doubt a stinky, scratchy, mucky, wretched place. He suffered the crowds and their pushiness, the Romans and their oppressions, the impossible disciples and their phenomenal inability ever to get things right. And he suffers you.

~Marva J. Dawn, 'The Call to Be a Living Doxology'

*CONGREGATION STANDS AS ABLE.

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

Welcome and Announcements

PCA Ministerial Relief Christmas Offering video

Prelude *Coventry Carol/It Came upon a Midnight Clear*

VICTORIA & ALEXANDRIA PATON

Call to Worship

Micah 5:2-5

Leader: Everyone, rejoice and be glad!

All: **For the LORD has spoken and his promises are sure.**

Reader 1: O Bethlehem, you are too little even to be among the clans of Judah, but from out of you shall come forth one who is to be ruler in Israel.

Reader 2: His coming forth is from old, from ancient days. He shall stand and shepherd his flock in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.

All: **And he shall be our peace.**

Leader: Glory to God in the highest!

*Hymn 203 *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* MENDELSSOHN

*Prayer of Adoration

Hymn 201 *O Little Town of Bethlehem* ST. LOUIS

Hymn 207 *Good Christian Men Rejoice* IN DULCI JUBILO

Prayer of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

Offering *The Birthday of a King* JACKIE HILL

In the little village of Bethlehem
There lay a Child one day
And the sky was bright with a holy light
O'er the place where Jesus lay.

Alleluia! O how the angels sang
Alleluia! How it rang!
And the sky was bright with a holy light
'Twas the birthday of a King.

'Twas a humble birthplace, but O how much
God gave to us that day
From the manger bed what a path has led
What a perfect, holy way.

THE OFFERING IS A WAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF FPC.
IF YOU ARE OUR GUEST TODAY, PLEASE FEEL UNDER NO OBLIGATION TO GIVE.

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

"Child Born, Son Given"

*Hymn 230

Thou Who Was Rich

QUELLE EST CETTE ODEUR 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,
Live online at www.breezynews.com.
AND NOW ALSO LIVE ON WKOZ-FM 98.3!

"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.*

Merry Christmas, 700 B.C. Isaiah's Celebration of Christ

DECEMBER 11: *Virgin with Child* (Isaiah 7:14)

DECEMBER 18 (a.m.): *Child Born, Son Given* (Isaiah 9:2-7)

DECEMBER 18 (p.m.): *Highway of Holiness* (Isaiah 35:1-10)

DECEMBER 25: *Arise and Shine* (Isaiah 60:1-3)

Palmer Children's Home

Zack & Tollie (Pinkard) Nail are house parents at Palmer.
The Sock and Mitten tree in the Fellowship Hall will be receiving socks and mittens through January 4. For more information, contact Melita Bordelon, 289-4726.

PCA Ministerial Relief Christmas Offering

Gifts to the Christmas Offering for Ministerial Relief from individuals, churches, Sunday school classes and WICs enable Ministerial Relief to assist needy retired and disabled pastors, missionaries, church lay workers, their widows and dependent children. Presently, over four hundred potential Relief recipients are being monitored. Applications for assistance from the Ministerial Relief Fund are carefully and confidentially reviewed. Gifts from the Relief Fund are given on the basis of need for a specified time period.

You can give:

- during the Christmas Eve service
- during the Christmas Day service
- by designating "PCA Christmas Offering" at any time

Thank you, First Presbyterian Church, for your prayers, support, visits, and food you've prepared during this time of trial in our lives. It is a blessing to be a part of this church family. We are doing well!

Nat & Sylvia Blaylock
Philippians 4:13

Evening Worship

5:00 pm

Call to Worship

Sing Praise to the Lord

Hymn requests

Elder Prayer

James Boyd

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 35:1-10
(pp. 595-596 in pew Bible)

Sermon

Rev. Phillip Palmertree

*"Highway of Holiness"
Merry Christmas, 700 BC*

*Hymn 223

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks CHRISTMAS

*Benediction

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2012 Faith Promise Drive

As of December 4, 2011 - \$50,693

2011 Faith Promise Pledge - \$71,548

2010 Faith Promise Pledge - \$69,938

Church Ministries

Budget Requirements

Monthly 38,123.67
Year-to-Date 419,360.37

Budget Information	Budget Receipts	Budget Expenditures	Total
November 2011	39,343.31	38,920.37	422.94
Year-to-Date	401,527.44	407,695.45	-6,168.01

Activities for this Week in Our Church

SUNDAY 9:00 am Mission Sunday
10:20 am Morning Worship
11:30 am Mary Thornton SS Class
5:00 pm Luncheon
Evening Worship
WEDNESDAY 6:00 pm **Caroling & Finger Foods**
SATURDAY 6:00 pm **Christmas Eve Service**
SUNDAY 10:20 am Morning Worship

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

Date	Toddler AM	Infant AM	PM
Dec. 18	The Briscoes	Janet Baird & Judi Bell	Sid & Stirling Steen
Dec. 25	Sam & Chris Potts	Sam & Chris Potts	No Service

Lunchtime Ladies' Bible Study – Tuesdays, 12:00 pm in the Susan Smythe room.

Caroling and Finger Foods – Wednesday, December 21 at 6:00 pm. There will be **NO Fellowship Supper**.



Children's Ministry Calendar

12/18 No Children's Choir
12/21 Caroling and Finger Foods at 6:00 pm
12/25 Merry Christmas!!!

Thank you for a wonderful Christmas Program. Everyone did a **Fantastic Job**. Special thanks to all who helped decorate, ran sound, made costumes and to Mrs. Melissa for your hard work.

GriefShare

Grief Recovery Support Group

GriefShare is a special 13-week seminar and support group for people who are grieving the death of someone close to them.

Beginning January 12, 2012

Thursday nights from 6:30 – 8:30 pm

All sessions will be held in the Mary Thornton Room

Registration fee: \$15.00 (scholarships available)

Contact the church office, 289-2435, for more information.

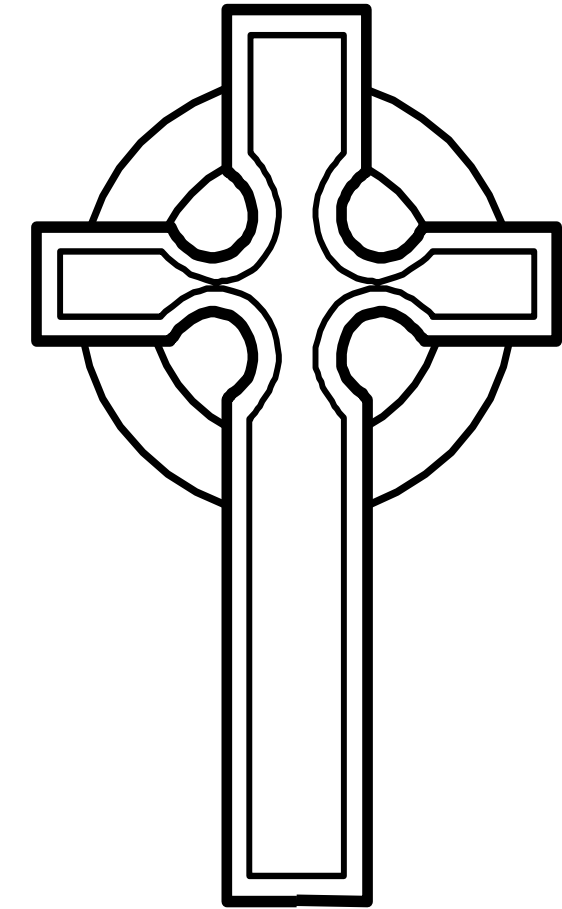
December at a Glance

Date	Time	Activities
12/18	9:00 am 11:30 am	Mission Sunday w/Melinda Wallace Mary Thornton Sunday School Luncheon at Wanda's Catering
	6:15 pm	Youth Christmas Party at Grant's
12/21	6:00 pm	Caroling and Finger Foods
12/24	6:00 pm	Christmas Eve Communion Service
12/25	10:20 am	Morning Worship Only
12/26		Church Office Closed
12/28		No Wednesday Activities

DECEMBER DUTIES:

Elders: Eddie Thomas, Johnny Boswell & Michael Holman
Deacons: Jeff Lacey, Sam Potts & Kerry Hudgins

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First Presbyterian Church

Sunday Worship Service
December 18, 2011

*Worshiping God,
Making disciples,
Loving others
...FOR HIS GLORY!*

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GRIEF SHARE: YOUR JOURNEY FROM MOURNING TO JOY

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