

First Presbyterian Church

December 25, 2011

THE LORD'S DAY

10:20 a.m.

Advent is a time of waiting. Our whole life, however, is Advent - that is, a time of waiting for the ultimate, for the time when there will be a new heaven and a new earth, when all people are brothers and sisters and one rejoices in the words of the angels: "On earth peace to those on whom God's favor rests." Learn to wait, because he has promised to come. "I stand at the door?" We however call to him: "Yes, come soon, Lord Jesus!" Amen.

— Dietrich Bonhoeffer

*CONGREGATION STANDS AS ABLE.

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

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

All: on those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them a light has dawned.

Leader: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and his name shall be called

All: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Leader: Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness from this time forth and forevermore.

All: The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

*Hymn 208

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

*Prayer of Adoration

Confession of Faith

Westminster Larger Catechism Q. 36-38

Minister: *Who is the Mediator of the covenant of grace?*

Congregation: **The only Mediator of the covenant of grace is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, of one substance and equal with the Father, in the fulness of time became man, and so was and continues to be God and man, in two entire distinct natures, and one person, forever.**

Minister: *How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man?*

Congregation: **Christ the Son of God became man, by taking to himself a true body, and a reasonable soul, being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost in the womb of the virgin Mary, of her substance, and born of her, yet without sin.**

Minister: *Why was it requisite that the Mediator should be God?*

Congregation: **It was requisite that the Mediator should be God, that he might sustain and keep the human nature from sinking under the infinite wrath of God, and the power of death; give worth and efficacy to his sufferings, obedience, and intercession; and to satisfy God's justice, procure his favor, purchase a peculiar people, give his Spirit to them, conquer all their enemies, and bring them to everlasting salvation.**

Hymn 211 *God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen* GOD REST YOU MERRY

Hymn 216 *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* W ZLOBIE LEZY

Prayer of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Melanie Newman & Christi Sims

Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella

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 60:1-3
(p. 619 in pew Bible)

Sermon

Rev. Phillip Palmertree

*"Arise and Shine!"
Merry Christmas, 700 BC*

*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!"**

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"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.*

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 today's 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

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.

GRIEF SHARE: YOUR JOURNEY FROM MOURNING TO JOY

FPC members, could you help with:

- *hosting and refreshments for the weekly meetings*
- *running the weekly DVD presentation*
- *being a group facilitator*

If so, please contact Teresa Paton, 289-1753.

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

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

Date	Toddler AM	Infant AM	PM
Dec. 25	Sam & Chris Potts	Sam & Chris Potts	No Service
Jan. 1	Carol, Wade & William Fiedler	Mike & Rhonda Johnson	Mary Bess Bryant & Sally Wasson

No Wednesday night service December 28

Sanctuary Flowers: If you would like to provide flowers for the sanctuary during 2012, please sign up on the bulletin board or contact the church office, 289-2435.

Bible Conference – February 24-26, 2012 with Les Newsom, RUF Area Coordinator.

First Things

If you are interested in becoming a member or just want to know more about the church and our Presbyterian story, beliefs, and practices, we are offering **First Things**, which meets over two Saturdays, **January 14 and January 21 at 9:30 am.** **First Things** is open to anyone wanting to know more about FPC, and is required for those who wish to become members of the church. Attendance does not obligate you to join. Please contact Marsha at 289-2435 if you plan to attend.

Christmas Poinsettias

have been placed in the Sanctuary to the Glory of God

Given by Col. & Mrs. Heilbronner
Given by William & Natalie McKinley
in memory of Brandon Thomas McKinley
in honor of Lili Grace McKinley
Given by Scott, Shelia, Griffin & Taylor Pickle
in memory of Dallas Holt
Given by Ramon & Snooks Jackson
in memory of Hazel & Frederick Jackson
Given by Mrs. Z.D. Potts
in memory of Hugh Potts, Sr.
Given by Don, Win, Mechelle, Edwin,
Sam & Olivia Smith
in memory of Brenda Smith
Given by Larry & Leisa Terrell
in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Cortis Williams

Given by Richard Sechler
in memory of Sharon Sechler
Given by Andra Mooney
in memory of Jerry Mooney
Given by Dennis & Janet Baird
in memory of Matthew Holdiness
Given by Marsha Adams
in honor of Phillip & Judy Palmertree
in honor of Grant & Camille Carroll
Given by Adrian & Hilda McBeath
Given by David & Offie Oakes
in memory of David & Ellen Oakes
in memory of Bobbie Grantham
Oakes
in memory of Jim Thomas
Given by Fred Allen & Judi Bell
in memory of Edward Allen
in memory of Rose Burge

Activities for this Week in Our Church

SUNDAY 10:20 am Morning Worship
MONDAY Church Office Closed
WEDNESDAY No Service
SUNDAY 9:00 am Sunday School
10:20 am Morning Worship
5:00 pm Evening Worship

2012 Faith Promise Drive

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

2011 Faith Promise Pledge - \$71,548

2010 Faith Promise Pledge - \$69,938

The church office
will be closed
tomorrow. Regular
hours will resume
Tuesday at 8:00 a.m.

Read through the Bible in 2012!

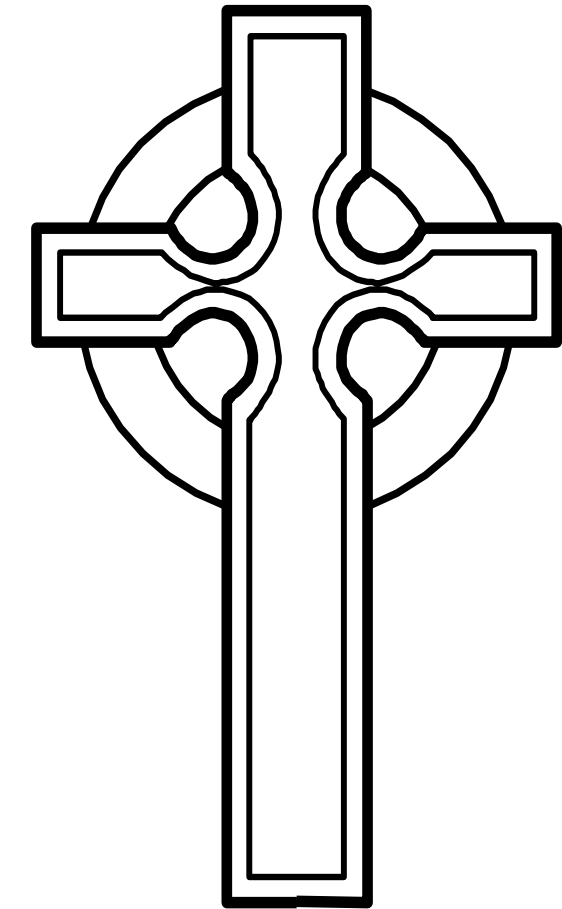
God's Word changes us, and through us it can change others too. A wide selection of yearly Bible reading plans and formats (available in print, RSS, email, iCal, and mobile) are available at <http://about.esvbible.org/resources/reading/>.

The best plan is the one you use!

DECEMBER DUTIES:

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

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Sunday Worship Service

December 25, 2011

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

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