



First Presbyterian Church

Order of Service for the Worship of God

November 22, 2009

10:30 a.m.

Rev. Brad Munroe

Rev. Suzanne D'Spain

Rev. Patrick Hurley, Parish Associate

Liz Shoemaker, Director of Music

Neal Osborn, Organist

Gayle Ganger, Director of Children's Ministry

Rene Morrissey, Director of Youth Ministry

Karen Rhea, Financial Secretary/Office Mgr

Lyn Mabey, Church Secretary

Karl Fischer, Custodian



WELCOME guests! A nursery (second floor) is available for babies 6 weeks to children 3 years of age. **Sunday School** is available for all ages (children on the second and third floors, youth in the catacombs (basement), adults on the first floor). Please give us your name, address, email and how you heard about First Pres. when you sign the communication card, and please visit the information booth in the fellowship hall to receive a free book, our gift to you.

PRELUDE

For All The Saints

arr. Wagner

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Give thanks to the God who grants life anew and life eternal, that we may be assured of his ongoing love for one and for all.

People: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the great cloud of witnesses that surrounds us as we worship, and who echoes our voices with their praise.

*HYMN *For All Your Saints, O Lord* (text: early 18th century)

A LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE

Leader: We light the Candle...

People: In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice.

**Look to God, do not be afraid;
Lift up your voices the Lord is near;
Lift up your voices the Lord is near.**

SCRIPTURE *Romans 8:28-39* (p. 1184)

ANTHEM *If God Be For Us* McCormick

SCRIPTURE *Ephesians 6:10-20* (p. 1228)

SERMON *Death as Spiritual Testing*

*HYMN *For All the Saints* (text: 1990)

RITUAL OF REMEMBRANCE

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

A TIME FOR STEWARDSHIP

*"I have held many things in my hand and lost them all.
Only those things I have placed in the hands of God do I still possess."
Martin Luther*

*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

(Unison) Gracious God, we give to you all that we have, all that we are, all that we are yet to become. All of life is a gift; all of our living is a gift from your hand. On this day when we remember those whom we love and have lost, help us to remember that no one is ever lost who is found in the arms of your love. As we believe this truth, so may we trust it. As we trust this truth, so may we share its blessing with others.

*HYMN

For All the Saints (text: 1864)

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*BENEDICTION

Thank you, Guests, for worshiping with us. Please visit our welcome table in the fellowship hall to receive our gift to you, Lee Strobel's book, A Case for Easter, and join us for coffee (regular) in the fellowship hall or for cappuccinos and Italian sodas in the catacombs (basement).

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

POSTLUDE

*Now thank We All Our God**Bach/Fox***SPECIAL NOTE**

If you would like to talk to a Stephen Minister following the service, one will be available in the front of the sanctuary, or you may ask to visit with one privately as our Stephen Ministers are wearing their name tags today. They are prepared to listen to anyone who feels the need to talk.

*Please stand if you are able.

Today's music: "For All the Saints"; text: John L. Bell, Iona Community copyright 1990 GIA Publications printed by permission Onelicense net #A709655.

Musicians for today's service include Chancel Bells, Chancel Choir and Jeannie Sandidge, piano.

HAPPENINGS AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Week of November 22nd - November 29th, 2009

TODAY 22nd Worship Services 9:00 & 10:30 am & 6:00 pm

9:00 am The ShackPrayer Room
 10:30 amChildren's Sunday School 2nd & 3rd Floor
 10:30 amChristian MeditationPrayer Room
 10:30 am The Life of David Library
 12:00 noonHispanic NCD ServiceSanctuary
 3:00 pm..... Centering PrayerCatacombs
 5:00 pm LUVLife Game NightCatacombs
 6:00 pm Path Fellowship Hall

MONDAY 23rd

5:30 pmCraft GroupPrayer Room

TUESDAY 24th

12 noon..... Alanon.....Prayer Room
 6:00 pm Chancel Ringers.....Biddall Chapel
 7:30 pm Deacons.....

WEDNESDAY 25th

8:30 am NO Laterlifers Villa Pueblo
NO Presbybar or Evening Activities

THURSDAY 26th

7:00 am..... Men's Group..... Library
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

FRIDAY 27th

.....CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

SATURDAY 28th

7:00 am..... Men's Group - Acts 29 Library

Advent Calendar

This Advent Season can be better. Our Church is making available an Advent Calendar which has for each day of Advent a Bible reading, short reflection and a suggestion for a journal entry. Journaling is a spiritual practice well suited for Presbyterians. The suggestions are down to earth and helpful as we prepare to again celebrate Jesus' birth. Please plan to be present on November 29 and pick up this spiritual guide on the First Sunday of Advent.

Please note: There will be **NO** Presbybar or activities on



Wednesday, November 25th. The church office will be closed on Thursday, November 26th and Friday 27th in celebration of Thanksgiving. There will be **NO** Sunday School on Sunday, November 29th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers donated by Barbara Denny and Family in memory of Herman Denny.



Please Note: there will be NO Thanksgiving Service or lunch on Thursday, November 26th.

November is Turkeys/Hams and Pies (or Cash to purchase these heavy items) for the Cooperative Care Center. Please place your products in the box in the fellowship hall.



Angel Tree goes up TODAY. We will have children's names with needs available today and also **November 29th** and **December 6th.** Please consider sponsoring one or two children.

Guardian Angel Rescue Mission, Christmas Bazaar on December 5th, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Christmas

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



gift items, food and beverages for purchase, including lunch and entertainment. Donations of craft items, baked goods and gift baskets would be appreciated. Please bring donations to the church office.

Sunday, December 13th a Service of Readings and Carols both am services. Music at the 9 am service led by Tuned In. The music at the 10:30 am service will be led by the Chancel choir, accompanied by a string quartet, oboe, flute and organ.

If you would like to purchase a **poinsettia** to decorate our sanctuary at Christmas, a sign up sheet is available in the Fellowship Hall. Please indicate if your plant is in honor or in memory of someone/something. Cost \$8.75 each. Please make your check out to First Pres, marked poinsettia.

Stewardship Update - First Presbyterian Church has received 212 pledge cards for a total 2010 pledge amount of \$433,388 as of 11/16/09 compared to a total of 220 pledge cards equaling \$423,529 for 2009 as of 12/1/2008.

Evangelism thought of the Month

Something to Think About..... As Christian consumers we think nothing of tipping the expected 15-20% to a waiter but we tithe 10% to God hmmm.....