



First Presbyterian Church

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Order of Service for the Worship of God

November 29, 2009

The First Sunday in Advent

10:30 am

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

Sleepers Wake

Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Unison)

John 3:16

**For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,
That whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.**

**We light this candle as a symbol of God's love.
May the Word sent from God show us the way to salvation.
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!**

CHORAL RESPONSE

*HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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CONFESSION OF OUR CORPORATE SIN AND THE SIN OF THE WORLD

(Unison) We repent, O Lord, of assuming we are your children without regard to ethics compassion and justice. We repent, O Lord, of all "entitlement spirituality" that makes of you our servant that we may be your master. We repent, O Lord, that you come among us and we are not ready. Forgive. Free. Forge anew your way through the wilderness.

(Please observe a time of silent prayer for confession and the preparation of your heart to hear the assurance of God's pardon of you.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: (John 3:16-17) For God so loved the world that he sent his son that whoever believes in him will not perish but will have everlasting life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world but that the world might be saved through him. Friends, believe and live the good news of the gospel!

People: In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven, so we will forgive others.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**(Unison) Holy, Holy, Holy. Reigning God of power and might.
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory, all creation seeks your light.
Blessed is the One who comes in your name. Blessed be the Lord Most High!**

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 40:1-3

(p.754)

ANTHEM

Every Valley (Isaiah 40:4,5)

Beck

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 3:1-12

(p.1009)

SERMON

A Season of Discernment

*HYMN

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

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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

This is the LAST Sunday to turn in your stewardship pledge cards before Session sets its budget. Please remember to pledge financially (your treasure), service hours to church and/or community (your time and talent) and the number of people you will invite to church (your joy?).

OFFERTORY

Prepare the Royal Highway

arr. Burkhardt

Choir: Verses 1-3

All sing Verse 4

**His is no earthly kingdom; it comes from heav'n above.
His rule is peace and freedom and justice, truth, and love.
So let your praise be sounding for kindness so abounding:
Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's word!**

*DOXOLOGY

**Praises to the Holy One, Praises sing in highest heav'n;
To the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit giv'n.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN

Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice

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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).

*BENEDICTION

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

POSTLUDE

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

Mantz

*Please stand if you are able.

Musicians for today's service include Jeanne Sandidge, piano, and the Chancel Choir.

HAPPENINGS AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Week of November 29th - December 5th, 2009

TODAY 29th Worship Services: 9:00 am, 10:30 am and 6 pm

9:00 am The Shack Prayer Room
10:30 amNO Children's Sunday School.2nd & 3rd Floor
10:30 amChristian Meditation..... Prayer Room
10:30 amThe Life of David.....Library
12:00 noon Hispanic NCD Service..... Sanctuary
3:00 pm.....Centering Prayer Catacombs
5:00 pm..... NO LUVLife Catacombs
6:00 pm Path Fellowship Hall

MONDAY 30th

5:00 pm..... Finance Meeting.....
5:30 pm Craft Group..... Prayer Room

TUESDAY December 1st

12 noon..... Alanon Prayer Room
12 noon..... Men's Fellowship.....Denny's
6:00 pm Chancel Ringers Biddall Chapel
..... Committee Meetings.....

WEDNESDAY 2nd

8:30 am Laterlifers..... Villa Pueblo
11:00 amBoys and Girls Club.....Fellowship Hall
5:00 pm..... Presbybar.....Fellowship Hall
5:45 pm..... MYLife.....Aloha Room
5:45 pm..... Children Choir K-2.....Choir Room
5:50 pm Youth Band..... Sanctuary
6:00 pm Love and Logic Catacombs
6:00 pm Adult Study (Matthew)Fellowship Hall
6:00 pmSafe People..... Basement
6:15 pmChildren Choir Grades 3-5.....Choir Room
6:30 pm.....Tuned In..... Sanctuary
7:00 pm.....Chancel ChoirChoir Room

THURSDAY 3rd

10:00 am.....Crafts Group Prayer Room
12 noon.....Health Dept Bible Study..... Catacombs

SATURDAY 5th

7:00 am..... Men's Group - Acts 29.....Library
8:00 am..... Emmaus Meeting..... Catacombs
9:00 am Christmas Bazaar.....Fellowship Hall

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cooperative Care Center - December is Candy, Nuts, Butter/Margarine and Fresh Fruits month. Please place your donations in the boxes in the Fellowship Hall.

Angel Tree - Tags are available please consider sponsoring a child or two.



Men to Discuss the Importance of Christmas

All those attending Men's Fellowship will be invited to share their view about the importance of Christmas in their lives. The group will gather at **Denny's at 12:00 Noon, on Tuesday, December 1st.** To help with the arrangements, you are asked to phone Jim Brown if you can attend, 543-5049



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

Christmas 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 to the church office.

Sarah Circle Christmas Luncheon, Thursday, December 10th, 11:00 am, Penthouse Room, Presbyterian Towers. Questions Joyce Uhl, 584-1491 and Cay Herrington 566-1035.

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.