



First Presbyterian Church

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Order of Service for the Worship of God

December 6th, 2009

The Second 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

3 Advent Hymn Improvisations

Burkhardt

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

(Unison) **See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to the light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.** (Isaiah 60:2-3)

**We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Hope.
May the light sent from God shine in the darkness to show us the way to
salvation. O Come, O Come Emmanuel.**

CHORAL RESPONSE

Advent Candle Blessings

Barbara Wallace

ADVENT PRAYER

The Most Important Commandment - Mark 12:28-34, The Message

*HYMN *People, Look East verses 1,2,3, and 5* (12)

The Most Important Commandment - Romans 13:8-10

OFFERTORY

Fling Wide the Door

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*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 (unison)

**God of stable, stars, and surprises,
of light and hope and new life:
open our eyes and hearts to your presence in our world,
forgive us our obsession with property and possessions,
forgive us our compromises and narrowness of vision.
Open us to your grace,
That we might hear again the song of the angels,
and respond with a song in our hearts,
and in our lives. Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

Lectio Divina or Holy and Prayerful Reading - I John 4

- Prayer for Illumination
- Scripture
- Silence to reflect on Scripture
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- Share with your neighbor (as you feel led) what The Living Word, Jesus Christ among us, had to say to you today.

CHORAL ANTHEM

E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come (Rev.22)

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Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sins,
Who loved us all and shed his blood that we might saved be.
Sing holy, holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God,
Who was and is and is to come; Sing holy, holy, Lord!

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein, Rejoice on earth, ye saints below,
For Christ is coming, is coming soon, For Christ is coming soon!
E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more;
They need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their All!

REFLECTION

The Most Important Commandment

Pastor Suzanne

*HYMN

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

(5)

COMMUNION BY INTINCTION

and

PRAYER WITH STEPHEN MINISTERS

*HYMN

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

(2)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Awake for Night is Flying

Burkhardt

*Please stand if you are able.

Liturgist, Nancy Smith.

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

HAPPENINGS AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Week of December 6th - December 12th, 2009

TODAY 6th Worship Services 9:00 am, 10:30 am and 6 pm
9:00 am The Shack Prayer Room
10:30 am Children's Sunday School2nd & 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..... LUVLife Catacombs
6:00 pm The Path Fellowship Hall

MONDAY 7th

5:30 pm Craft Group..... Prayer Room

TUESDAY 8th

12 noon..... Alanon Prayer Room
6:00 pm Chancel Ringers Biddall Chapel
7:00 pm..... Session..... Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY 9th

8:30 am Laterlifers..... Pres Towers
5:00 pm..... Presbybar..... Fellowship Hall
5:45 pm..... MYLife..... Aloha Room
5:30 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision Library
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 pm Safe People..... Basement
6:15 pm Children Choir Grades 3-5..... Choir Room
6:30 pm Tuned In..... Sanctuary
7:00 pm..... Chancel Choir Choir Room

THURSDAY 10th

7:00 am..... Men's Group Library
10:00 am..... Crafts Group Prayer Room
11:00 am Sarah Circle..... Pres Towers
12 noon..... Health Dept Bible Study..... Catacombs
4:30 pm..... After Work Bunch..... Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY 11th

6:00 pm Fire for the Nation..... Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY 12th

7:00 am..... Men's Group - Acts 29..... Library
8:00 am..... Emmaus..... Fellowship Hall
9:00 am Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary

Shanda Sandoval & Larry Russell invite you to share in their happiness as they unite in Marriage on Saturday, December 19th, at 2 pm, First Pres Sanctuary, followed by a cake and punch reception in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to attend.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



TODAY - Chili Cook Off - Come taste and vote for your favorite Chili. Sample cups will be given out between services. The cups will have a number on the bottom of the cup, people will vote as to their favorite chili. The winner will be announced **December 13th.**

Please Note:

- **December 6th** - LUVLife will meet inside Pueblo Mall by Sears to man the Salvation Army Angel Tree. Be there 4:50 - 7:05 pm.
- **December 9th** - MYLife will man the Angel Tree at the Mall. We will meet early at the church at 4:45 pm and be back at 7:15 pm.

Sunday, December 13th - A Service of Readings and Carols based on readings from *Kneeling in Bethlehem* by Ann Weems. The music at the 9 am service will be 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, two French horns and organ.

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 - Last Sunday to choose your tags, please consider sponsoring a child or two.

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

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.

THANK YOU!! The Congregation is to be congratulated for obtaining the Silver Medal in Stewardship Finances. The final pledge number as of 11/30/09 was \$480,614. We expressed our faith and willingness to continue the missional efforts of our Church family.

Evangelism thought of the Month

As you sit in your regular seat today, look to your right, now look left.. go ahead and even look behind you... is the face that usually is there gone??? How about calling them when you get home today and say, "Hey I missed you at Church today, everything OK?" Sometimes we only need to know that someone cares about us!!