



# First Presbyterian Church

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Order of Service for the Worship of God

December 20, 2009

The Fourth 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.

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## \*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty god, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. For the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this. Isaiah 9: 6-7

**(Unison) We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Peace.  
May the visitation of your Holy Spirit, O God, make us read  
For the coming of Jesus, our hope, our joy and our peace.  
O Come, O Come Emmanuel**

## CHORAL RESPONSE

## \*HYMN

*What Child Is This?*

(53)

## CONFESSION OF OUR CORPORATE SIN AND THE SIN OF THE WORLD

**(Unison) We thank you, Father, that you still send your holy angels to young girls and scruffy boys and drunks and gossips and thieves and, well, people like us. You offer to us the opportunity to be an instrument of your grace, mercy and peace. Forgive us when we say, "No, thank you," to such momentous possibility. Inspire our hearts with courage that we may say, "Yes!" to faith.**

(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.**

## \*HYMN

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

(48)

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**(Sing in 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

*Luke 1:26-39*

(p. 1070)

## ANTHEM

*Mary Did You Know?*

arr. Schrader

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*Luke 1:26-39*

(video clip)

## SERMON

*Mary's Choosing*

CLOTH FOR THE CRADLE

**Cloth for the cradle, cradle for the Child, the child for our ev'ry joy and sorrow:  
Find Him a shawl that's woven by us all to welcome the Lord of each tomorrow.**

CAROL

*Away in a Manger*

Sunday School Children

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

*What can we return for all the Lord has done for us? "I will tell you, O Human,  
what is good and what is required of you: to do justice, and to love mercy  
and to walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6:6,8)*

OFFERTORY

*The Seven Joys of Mary*

arr. King

\*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

**(Unison) Give us the courage of Mary that we may say yes to the challenge before us. Give us her integrity of character, her will to love, her mother's heart for Jesus; may we also bear Jesus into the life of the world, through what we say and do for his name's sake.**

\*HYMN

*To a Maid Engaged to Joseph*

(19)

***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 in the fellowship hall.***

\*BENEDICTION

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

POSTLUDE

*Morning Star, How Fair & Bright*

Burkhardt

\*Please stand if you are able.

Musicians for today's service include, Duane Otter, Guitar and the Chancel Choir.

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## HAPPENINGS AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Week of December 20th - December 26th, 2009

**TODAY 20th** Worship Services 9:00 am, 10:30 am and 6 pm

10:30 am ..... Children's Sunday School ....2nd & 3rd Floor  
10:30 am .....Christian Meditation ..... Prayer Room  
10:30 am .....The 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 21st

..... NO Craft Group.....

### TUESDAY 22nd

12 noon ..... Alanon ..... Prayer Room  
5:00 pm ..... Caroling Party ..... Fellowship Hall

### WEDNESDAY 23rd

8:30 am ..... Laterlifers ..... Pres Towers  
..... NO Evening Activities.....  
6:30 pm ..... Tuned In ..... Sanctuary  
7:00 pm ..... Chancel Choir ..... Choir Room

### THURSDAY 24th

7:00 am ..... Men's Group ..... Library  
..... NO Crafts Group .....  
..... Office Closed PM .....  
..... NO After Work Bunch .....  
7:00 pm ..... Candlelight Service ..... Sanctuary  
7:00 pm ..... Spanish Service ..... Biddall Chapel  
11:00 pm ..Candlelight Service/Communion ..... Sanctuary

### FRIDAY 25th

..... Office Closed .....

### SATURDAY 26th

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

#### **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 that face that usually 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!!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



Christmas Eve Services  
7:00 pm with Chancel Choir  
and  
11:00 pm with Communion  
and special music

**Please Note:** If you have donated a poinsettia for the sanctuary, please send your check to the Church Office, by the end of December, cost \$8.75. Thank you.

**Caroling Party for the whole family! Tuesday, December 22nd at 5:00 pm.** Meet at the church for a soup supper, then spread the joy of caroling. Questions call Donna Hegvik, 595-1389.



#### **Please Note:**

- No Youth Groups **December 20th - 30th**
- No Presbybar or activities on **Wednesday 23rd and Wednesday 30th**
- Church Office closed **Thursday, December 24th PM and Friday, December 25th**
- **Sunday, December 27th** - One service only at 10:30 am. NO Sunday School, The Path or LUVLife.
- Church office closed **Friday, January 1st, 2010.**

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

**Is Everything Safe at the Army Depot?** The men who attend the next session of Men's Fellowship will get an insiders view of the cleanup operations at the Pueblo Army Depot just west of our city. Roger Ganger, from our congregation, is with the project, and will tell us the inside story. To share his report and enjoy fellowship with other men from our congregation, join us for lunch on **Tuesday, January 5th at 12 noon at Denny's.** It will help with arrangements if you will phone Jim Brown and let him know that you are coming, 543-5049.

**The next Pot Luck Committee Meeting hosted by Property will be held on Tuesday, January 5th, at 5:00 pm.**