



# First Presbyterian Church

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## Order of Service for the Worship of God

### December 27th, 2009

### 10:30 am

Rev. Brad Munroe

Rev. Suzanne D'Spain

Rev. Patrick Hurley, Parish Associate

Liz Shoemaker, Director of Music

Neal Osborn, Organist

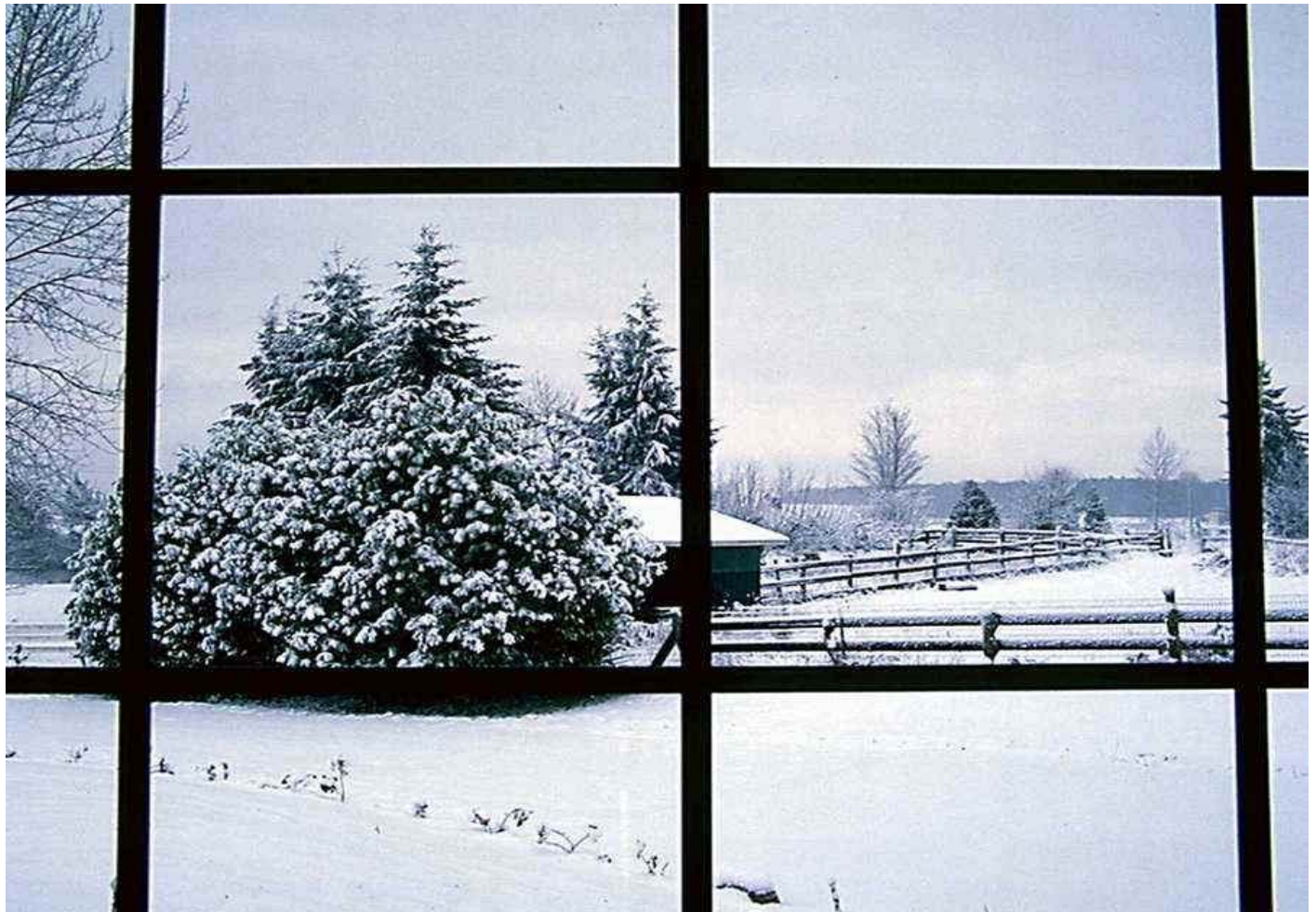
Gayle Ganger, Director of Children's Ministry

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 taking a one week break but will be back on January 3. 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

*O Holy Night*

The Praise

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Light still shines in the darkness; the darkness still resists the light of God's love.

**People: Yet we still see the glory of the Lord rising upon us in the face of the Christ Child, even Jesus, whom we worship and adore.**

\*HYMN

*God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen, O Come All Ye Faithful* The Praise

CONFESSION OF OUR CORPORATE SIN AND THE SIN OF THE WORLD

**(Unison) Teach us, O Lord, to wear Christ like a new, winter coat, for warmth and protection from the powers. Teach us, O Lord, to wear Christ like a fire fighter's coat, in service to others. Teach us, O Lord, to wear Christ like a casket pall, assured that in life and in death we belong to You.**

(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

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

The Praise

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

*1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26*

(p.282)

ANTHEM

*The Lord's Prayer*

Andrea Bocelli

SCRIPTURE

*Colossians 3:12-17*

(p.1235)

SERMON

*New Clothes for Christmas*

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

## Psalm 148 from The Message

Leader: Hallelujah! Praise God from heaven, praise him from the mountaintops,

**People: Praise him, all you his angels, praise him, all you his warriors.**

Leader: Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, you morning stars. Praise him, high heavens, praise him, heavenly rain clouds;

**People: Praise, oh let them praise the name of God – he spoke the word, and there they were! He set them in place from all time to eternity, He gave his orders, and that's it.**

Leader: Let them praise the name of God – it's the only Name worth praising. His radiance exceeds anything in earth and sky; he's built a monument – his very own people!

**ALL: Praise from all who love God!  
Israel's children, intimate friends of God,  
Hallelujah!**

OFFERTORY

*Little Drummer Boy*

The Praise

\*DOXOLOGY

*Old Hundreth*

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise him all creatures here below.  
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts.  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.***

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**(Unison) We give you thanks, O Gracious God, for the gifts we received this weekend from family and friends. But greatest of all is the Gift of Your Son, whom you gave at Calvary and whom you give anew in our every breath. Give to us a winsome joy that leads us to share the Gift of Gifts to all whom we meet.**

\*HYMN

*Silent Night (Nebraska Style)*

The Praise

***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

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\*Please stand if you are able.

Musicians for today's service include The Praise Team, with an assist from members of Tuned In.

## HAPPENINGS AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Week of December 27th - January 2nd, 2010

### TODAY 27th

10:30 am..... One Service only today..... Sanctuary  
..... NO Sunday School .....

12:00 noon ... Hispanic NCD Service ..... Sanctuary

1:00 pm..... Narcon Meeting..... Fellowship Hall

3:00 pm..... Centering Prayer..... Catacombs

5:00 pm..... NO LUVLife ..... Catacombs

6:00 pm..... NO Path ..... Fellowship Hall

### MONDAY 28th

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

### TUESDAY 29th

12 noon..... Alanon ..... Prayer Room

12 noon..... Health Meeting ..... Library

..... NO Chancel Bells.....

### WEDNESDAY 30th

..... NO Laterlifers .....

..... NO Evening Activities .....

6:30 pm ..... Tuned In..... Sanctuary

..... NO Chancel Choir .....

### THURSDAY 31st

7:00 am..... Men's Group ..... Library

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

..... NO After Work Bunch.....

..... NO Men's Emmaus.....

7:00 pm..... Spanish Service ..... Biddall Chapel

### FRIDAY 1st January

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

### SATURDAY 2nd

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

#### Please Note:

- Church Office Closed, Friday January 1st, 2010
- Sunday School resumes Sunday, January 3rd
- Presbybar returns on Wednesday, January 6th.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Please Note:** Ski trip registrations and \$ are due on January 3rd.

**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.

**Prayer Group** - Next meeting will be on **Tuesday January 5th, 2010 at 9 am** in the prayer room.

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

**Beginning, Sunday, January 10th at 10:30 am, Listening Spirituality by Patricia Loring.** This class will continue its weekly practice of centering prayer. Please share this journey with us.

**Safe People** study will begin **Wednesday January 13th to February 10th, 6 pm.**



**Covenant Groups** - If you would like to be part of a covenant group, please let me know. Sunday's Communication Card, Call the office - 542-7322 or Email - Sdspain@qwestoffice.net. The last day to let me know that you want to be part of a covenant group is **Sunday, January 24, 2010**. A group leader will notify you after January 29th of the first meeting of the group. Covenant groups will begin meeting in February for the 2010 Spring semester.

Annual Congregational General Meeting will take place on  
Sunday, January 31st, at 10:05 am