



First Presbyterian Church

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Order of Service for the Worship of God

January 17, 2010

10:30 am

Rev. Brad Munroe

Rev. Suzanne D'Spain

Rev. Patrick Hurley, Parish Associate

Liz Shoemaker, Director of Music

Neal Osborn, Organist

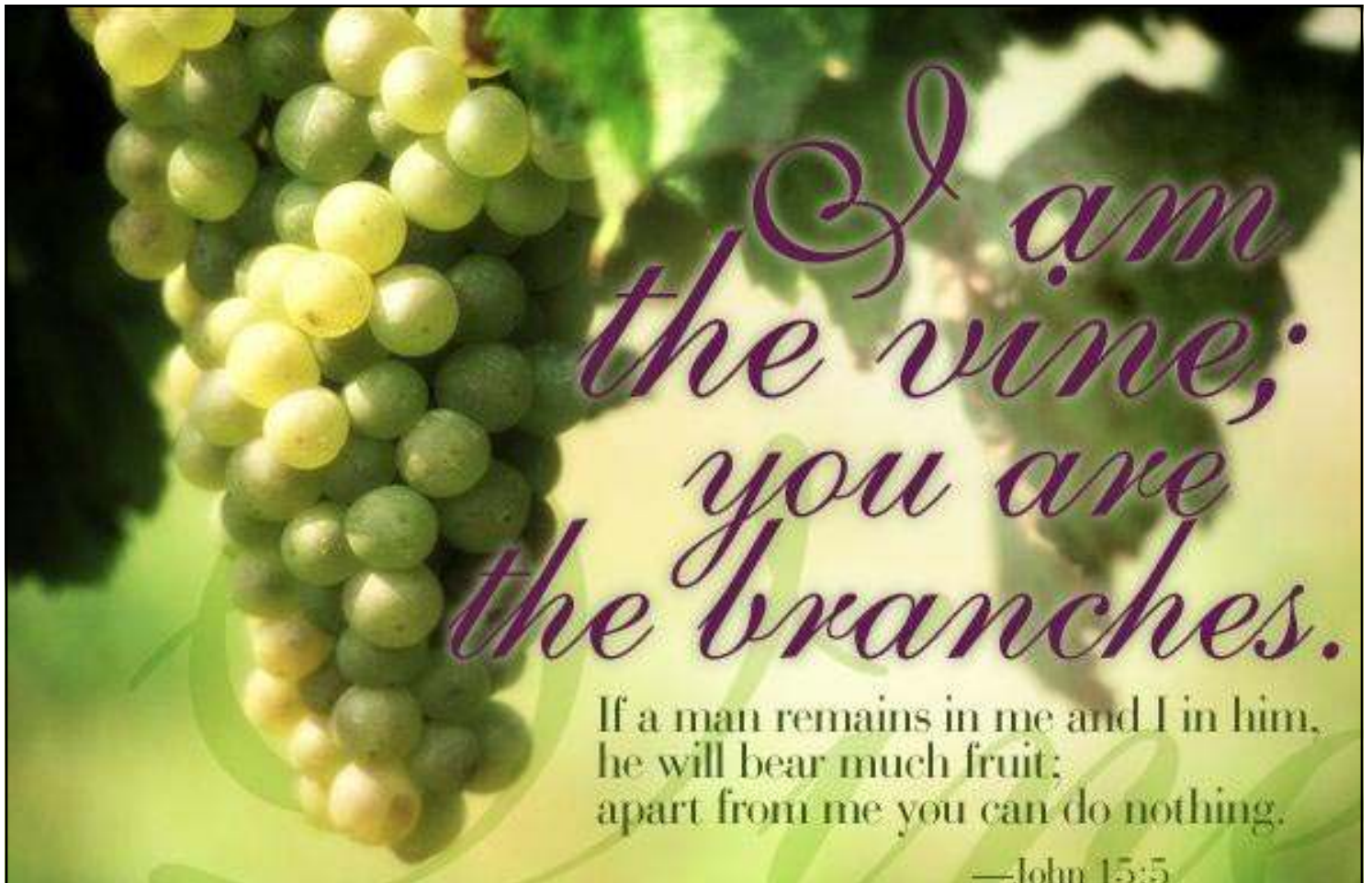
Gayle Ganger, Director of Children's Ministry

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: I have come that you may have life and have it abundantly.

People: We celebrate the new, abundant and eternal life of Jesus Christ!

*HYMN *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty* (489)

CONFESSION OF OUR CORPORATE SIN AND THE SIN OF THE WORLD

(Unison) God of Perfect Love, you call us into a life of relationships: communion with you, community with one another and compassion for the world. Forgive us when we turn away into isolation, self-absorption or greed. Restore to us the true knowledge that only with you can our lives be found in eternity.

(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.)

**(Sung in unison) Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison. (Lord have mercy.)
Christe eleison, Christe, eleison, Christe eleison. (Christ have mercy.)**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: (Rom. 5:6 & 8) You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Friends, believe and live the good news of the Gospel!

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

*HYMN *The Branch that Bends with Clustered Fruit* (screen)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**(Sung in unison) Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
until with Thee I will one will, to do and to endure.**

SCRIPTURE *Romans 4:13-19* (p.1180)

ANTHEM *People Need the Lord* arr. Larson

SCRIPTURE *John 15:1-10* (p.1130)

SERMON

Personal Perfection Is an Oxymoron

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

TIME FOR STEWARDSHIP

*Giving to God our time is the first step of stewardship
without which we are only playing church games.*

OFFERTORY

Come Flood This Heart of Mine

Lantz

*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) God, grant us the serenity to accept the things we cannot change, the courage to change the things we can, and the wisdom to know the difference. Living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time; accepting hardship as a pathway to peace; taking, as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is, not as we would have it; trusting that you will make all things right if we surrender to your will; lead us to live according to your Divine will, so that we may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with you forever in the next.

*HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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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 in the fellowship hall.

*BENEDICTION

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

POSTLUDE

*Please stand if you are able.

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

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HAPPENINGS AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Week of January 17 - January 23 , 2010

TODAY 17th Services 9:00 am, 10:30 am and 6 pm
 10:30 am..... Children's Sunday School....2nd & 3rd Floor
 10:30 am..... Listening Spirituality..... Prayer Room
 10:30 am..... The Life of David..... Library
 11:30 am Jail Ministry Report..... Prayer Room
 12:00 noon.....Hispanic NCD Service Sanctuary
 3:00 pm Centering Prayer..... Catacombs
 5:00 pm Youth Sunday Practice Catacombs
 6:00 pm..... The Path Fellowship Hall

MONDAY 18th
 5:30 pm.....Craft Group Prayer Room

TUESDAY 19th
 8:00 amBoys and Girls Club.....Fellowship Hall
 10:00 am CLP Meeting.....Library
 12 noon Alanon..... Prayer Room
 6:00 pm.....Chancel BellsBiddall Chapel
 6:30 pm..... Parachute Team..... Prayer Room
 7:30 pm..... Young Adults Rene's House

WEDNESDAY 20th
 8:30 am.....LaterlifersVilla Pueblo
 5:15 pmPresbybarFellowship Hall
 5:30 pm..... Stephen Ministry Training.....Basement
 5:45 pmMYLife Aloha Room
 5:45 pm Children Choir K-2 Choir Room
 5:50 pm..... Youth Band Sanctuary
 6:00 pm..... Adult Study (Matthew)Fellowship Hall
 6:00 pm..... Safe People..... Catacombs
 6:15 pm..... Children Choir Grades 3-5..... Choir Room
 6:30 pm..... Tuned In Sanctuary
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Choir Room

THURSDAY 21st
 7:00 am Men's Group.....Library
 9:30 am.....Sarah Circle.....Martha Lemen Home
 10:00 am Craft Group Prayer Room
 4:30 pm.....After Work Bunch.....Fellowship Hall
 5:00 pm Men's Emmaus.....Library

SATURDAY 23rd
 7:00 amMen's Group - Acts 29Library

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


ANNOUNCEMENTS



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.

Please Note: Young Adults will meet on Tuesday, January 19th, 7:30 pm at Rene's House.

Cooperative Care Center - January is **SOUP** month. Please place your donations in the boxes in the Fellowship Hall.

 **Cold Weather ARP Meeting** - Since many of us resist going out on cold, snowy nights, the Active Retired Presbyterians will meet for lunch in Denny's back dining room on **Wednesday, January, 27th** (another change) at noon. Anyone who wants to come is welcome. To be sure they are prepared, please call Jane Percy if you can come.

- Looking ahead:**
- **Youth Sunday - Sunday, January 24th**, both am services.
 - **Change of date and time! New Members Class** - Sunday, January 31st, 9:00 am-10:30 am and Sunday, February 7th, 10:30 am-12 noon. (Library)
 - **Discipleship Formation Workshop** - Deep Roots, Sunday, January 31st, 2:00 pm-6 :00 pm. (Library)
 - **Love and Logic** - Wednesdays 6:00 pm-8:00 pm, February 3rd thru March 17th. (Catacombs)
 - **How to Avoid Marrying a Jerk or Jerkette** - Wednesdays 6:00 pm-8:00 pm, February 17th thru March 17th. (Basement)

Evangelism thought of the Month
 Let's make this month a "USED TO " month. We all know someone that "USED TO" come to Church here regularly. Look in the Church directory, there are lots of faces we have not seen in awhile. Let's call one of these people each week and invite them back to Church. Make sure to tell them how much we miss them and we have some great things going on at our Church.