



# The First Presbyterian Church

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Claire L. Butler

*Ministers:*  
All members  
of the congregation

## The Celebration of Worship Service of Seven Lessons and Carols

December 13, 2009

8:45 and 11:00 AM

Worship is broadcast at 11 AM on WCHS-580AM

A warm welcome is extended to all who worship here today.  
Large print hymnals, Bibles and hearing devices, as well as information about child care  
and other church programs are available from any usher.

All children are welcome and encouraged to participate in worship.  
Clipboards, children's Bibles and books to borrow during worship are located at the entrances.

The asterisks (\*) invite you to stand if it is comfortable for you to do so.

### We Gather

MUSIC IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

The Christmas Brass

David Porter, trumpet; Todd Wilson, trumpet  
Marsha Palmer, horn; Joe Patton, trombone; Matt Murphy, tuba

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

8:45 Barbara Warren and Duane and Julia Dombek  
11:00 Truman, Tish, Carah and Carly Chafin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill McCoy

Solo: *Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,  
Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for His bed.  
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.*

All: *He came down to earth from heaven, Who is God and Lord of all,  
And His shelter was a stable, and His cradle was a stall.  
With the poor, oppressed, and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.*

*Jesus is our childhood's pattern. Day by day like us He grew.  
He was little, weak and helpless. Tears and smiles like us He knew.  
And He feels for all our sadness, and He shares in all our gladness.*

*And our eyes at last shall see Him through His own redeeming love.  
For that Child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above.  
And He leads His children on to the place where He is gone.*

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Barbara Hopta

\*CAROL #41

O Come All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

*O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.  
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels:  
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!*

*Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation!  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above,  
Glory to God, all Glory in the highest!  
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!*

WELCOME AND CELEBRATION OF FRIENDSHIP

Bill McCoy

Please sign the friendship pad placed at pew's end and greet each other by name.  
Visitors are invited to wear the button found in the friendship pad.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Jim Roberts

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.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,  
for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON

The angel visits Mary.

Tom Daugherty  
Luke 1:26-33; 2:1-5

*O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel  
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

*O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by Thine advent here.  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night and death's dark shadows put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

*O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind.  
Bid envy, strife, and discord cease. Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

ANTHEM

People, Look East

Farjeon, French folk melody

*People, look east! The time is near of the crowning of the year.  
Make your house fair as you are able. Trim the hearth and set the table.  
People, look east and sing today: Love, the Guest, is on the way.*

*Stars, keep the watch! When night is dim, one more light the bowl shall brim  
Shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together.  
People look east and sing today: Love, the Star, is on the way.*

*Angels, announce with shouts of mirth Him Who brings new life to earth!  
Set every peak and valley humming with the news: The Lord is coming.  
People look east and sing today: Love, the Lord, is on the way.*

Music of the Angels

THE SECOND LESSON

The Child is born.  
Luke 2:6-7

Ginna Taylor

VOLUNTARY

Away in a Manger  
The FPC Lyres Club

trad., arr. M. Odin

ANTHEM (11:00)

Light of Light

Nancy Gilford

*Light of light, ever bright, bringing day to darkest night.  
Everywhere hear our prayer, give us eyes to see. Laudamus te.*

*Blessed one, Mary's Son, Savior of a world undone,  
Everywhere hear our prayer, give us hearts to love. Laudamus te.*

*Evermore we adore God of majesty and awe,  
Everywhere hear our prayer give us voice to praise. Laudamus te.*

*Light of light, ever bright, bringing day to darkest night.  
Everywhere hear our prayer, give us eyes to see. Laudamus te. Benedicimus te. Adoramus te.*

The Cherub Choir  
Debbie Eads, director; Toni Clendenin, piano

## CAROL

## All Is Well

Kilpatrick, Smith

All is well, all is well, Let there be peace on earth. Lift up your voice and sing.

Christ is come, go and tell that He is in the manger. Sing  
Born is now Emmanuel. Born is our Lord and Savior.

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## ANTHEM

## Christ Child Lullabye

trad. Gaelic carol

My Love, my treasured One are You. My sweet and lovely Son are You.  
You are my Love, my Darling new. Unworthy, I, of You.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Your mild and gentle eyes proclaim the loving heart with which You came.  
A tender, helpless, tiny Babe with boundless gifts of grace.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

King of kings, most Holy One, God the Son, Eternal One.  
You are my God and helpless Son, High Ruler of Mankind.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Worship Team and the Presby Thespies

## THE THIRD LESSON

The angels sing.  
Luke 2:8-14

Claire Butler

## \*CAROL #31

## Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

*Hark, the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King.  
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
With the angelic host proclaim: "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark, the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"*

*Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord!  
Late in time, behold Him come, offspring of the virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate Deity,  
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark, the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"*

<i>Gaudete, gaudete!</i>		Rejoice, rejoice!
<i>Christus est natus ex Maria Virgine. Gaudete!</i>	Christ is born of the Virgin Mary.	Rejoice!
<i>Tempus adest gratiae hoc quod optabamus.</i>	The time of grace has come that we have desired.	
<i>Carmina laetitiae devote redamus.</i>	Let us devoutly return joyful verses.	
<i>Deus homo factus est. Natura mirante.</i>	God has become a man. Nature marvels.	
<i>Mundus renovatus est a Christo Regnante.</i>	The world has been renewed by Christ the King.	
<i>Ezekelis porta clausa per transitor.</i>	The closed gate of Ezekiel has been passed though.	
<i>Unde lux est orta salus invenitur.</i>	Whence the Light is born, salvation is found.	
<i>Ergo nostra contio psallat jam in lustro.</i>	Therefore let our gathering now sing with brilliance.	
<i>Benedicat Domino salus Regi nostro.</i>	Let it give praise to the Lord, greeting to our King.	

The Geneva Choir and Music of the Angels; Tom Marchio, tenor

## THE FOURTH LESSON

The shepherds' response.  
Luke 2:15-20

Jim Roberts

## CAROL #56

The First Nowell

THE FIRST NOWELL

*The first Nowell the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay.  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep on a cold winter's night that was so deep.  
Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell! Born is the King of Israel!*

*Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord  
That hath made heaven and earth of nought and with His blood mankind hath bought.  
Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell! Born is the King of Israel!*

## VOLUNTARY

In the Bleak Midwinter

Holst, arr. Buckwalter

The Cappella Bell Choir  
Kathy Lynch, director

## THE FIFTH LESSON

The star guides.  
Matthew 2:1-6

Barbara Hopta

## \*CAROL #63

As With Gladness, Men of Old

DIX

*As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;  
As with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;  
So, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led to Thee.*

*Holy Jesus, every day keep us in the narrow way;  
And, when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last  
Where they need no star to guide, where no clouds Thy glory hide.*

## THE SIXTH LESSON

The wise men worship.  
Matthew 2:7-12

Robin Harlow

OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE

Offertory

March of the Magi Kings  
Fred Gaul, organist

Theodore DuBois

\*Doxology

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below,  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\*Prayer of Dedication

Jim Roberts

O God, be with those for whom these gifts are given, and bless us who give them  
that we may dedicate ourselves as well, in Christ's name and spirit. Amen.

THE SEVENTH LESSON

Love incarnate.  
Isaiah 9:6-7

Bill McCoy

ANTHEM

Jesus, the Light of the World

George Elderkin, 1890

*Hark, the herald angels sing, "Jesus, the Light of the World! Glory to the newborn King! Jesus, the Light of the World!"*

*We'll walk in the light, beautiful light, come where the dewdrops of mercy are bright.  
Shine all around us by day and by night: Jesus, the Light of the World.*

*Joyful, all ye nations rise: Jesus, the Light of the World. Join the triumph of the skies: Jesus, the Light of the World.*

*Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace: Jesus, the Light of the World! Hail the Sun of Righteousness: Jesus, the Light of the World!*

The Geneva Choir and the Christmas Brass

SERMON

NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES:  
Everlasting Father

Bill McCoy

\*CAROL #40

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come: let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare Him room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and heaven and nature sing!*

*Joy to the world, the Savior reigns: let men their songs employ  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy!*

*He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness and wonders of His love, and wonders of His love,  
And wonders, wonders of His love!*

\*BENEDICTION

Bill McCoy

\*POSTLUDE

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen  
Fred Gaul, organ

arr. Noël Goemanne

\*The asterisks indicate when you are invited to stand, if it is comfortable for you to do so.  
Reminder: please return your hearing devices at the end of the service this morning.

We welcome all who are worshiping with us on this Third Sunday of Advent.  
If you would like to express your commitment to Jesus Christ through membership in our Church,  
we invite you to meet with a pastor at the Communion Table following the service.



**The Christmas Joy Offering will be received on December 20.**

This PC(USA) Offering supports the education of students at Presbyterian racial ethnic schools and colleges and also helps families of active and retired church workers in need through the assistance programs of the Board of Pensions.



The deadline for making Christmas contributions to our Worship Memorial Fund is today. Envelopes can be found in the pew racks.

*Restrooms and water fountains* are found through the double doors to the left of the chancel - please accompany children.

*Childcare:* Nursery and Rooms 113 and 114; Blaire Johe, Jackie Berthold, Helen Liu, Jack & Sherry Harrison, Kristen Harrison, John & Pam Kuyk

*Elder Visitation:* Tish Chafin, Louise Christensen, Emilie Couch, Betsy Crockett

*Greeters today are:* Barbara Gessner, Mark Holmes, Pam Phares, Diana Rustemeyer

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THANK YOU!**



**GENEVA CHOIR**  
Mary Odin, director

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|------------------|----------------|
| Mark Brand       | Judy Keller    |
| Nancy Bulla      | Perry Keller   |
| Claire Butler    | Kathy Lynch    |
| Carole Carter    | Tom Marchio    |
| Jim Crockett     | Dawn Martinez  |
| Sallie Daugherty | Betsy Peterson |
| K. Paul Davis    | Kari Preslar   |
| Nancy Douglas    | Ron Riley      |
| Carol Gardner    | Sandy Sibray   |
| Bob Glass        | Sarah Smith    |
| Ellen Golden     | Vicky Sporck   |
| Tim Holbrook     | Kyle Woods     |
| Adele Holmes     | Kristy Zak     |
| Anne Keller      |                |

**CHERUB CHOIR**  
Debbie Eads, director  
Toni Clendenin, accompanist

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|------------------|---------------|
| Sophie Alexander | Dylan Hughes  |
| Carly Chafin     | Mattie Jordan |
| Devlin Daugherty | Sam Keller    |
| Michael Griffith | Ruth Odin     |
| Jocelyn Harold   | Willem Porter |
| Taylor Hightower | Jack Stewart  |
| Camryn Hughes    | Ariana Swint  |

**CAPPELLA BELL CHOIR**  
Kathy Lynch, director

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|-----------------|----------------|
| Aaron Alexander | Shannon Knight |
| Patti Alexander | Jim Merrill    |
| Kathy Chesley   | Dina Mohler    |
| Elizabeth Clark | Kari Preslar   |
| Amy Cottrell    | Paul Shannon   |
| Robin Harlow    | Sandy Sibray   |
| Perry Keller    | Vicky Sporck   |

**MUSIC OF THE ANGELS**  
Mary Odin, director

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| Bowman Alexander     | Caroline Slicer   |
| Carah Chafin         | William Slicer    |
| Rachel Couch         | Sarah Snider      |
| Kiera Daugherty      | Will Snider       |
| Amanda Jane Griffith | Carly Stewart     |
| Emily Harrell        | Maddie Swint      |
| Adrienne Hughes      | Bekah Switzer     |
| Lia Lorenzo          | MacKenzie Thaxton |
| Megan Percy          | Maverik Thaxton   |

**WORSHIP TEAM**  
Bill McCoy and Mary Odin, leaders

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|---------------|---------------|
| Claire Butler | Dave Percy    |
| Tom Daugherty | Andy Stewart  |
| Adele Holmes  | Brett Webster |
| Bill McCoy    | Kristy Zak    |
| Mary Odin     |               |

**FPC LYRES CLUB**  
Mary Odin, leader

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|-------------------|---------------|
| Claude Churchwell | Sara Joseph   |
| Carole Carter     | Judy Keller   |
| Carol Costello    | Carla Lapelle |
| Mitzi Cyrus       | Sarah McGriff |
| Betty Damewood    | Mary Odin     |
| Diane Holcomb     | Libby Quarles |
| Barbara Hopta     | Susan Watkins |

**PRESBY THESPIES**  
Carole Carter, director

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|------------------|---------------|
| Beverly Campbell | Kathy Lynch   |
| Jim Crockett     | Frank Mansell |
| Sallie Daugherty | Mary Odin     |
| Robin Harlow     | Wayne Odin    |
| Doug Heidt       | Ron Reedy     |
| Barbara Hopta    | Beth Vorhees  |
| Jim Lewis        | Rick Vorhees  |

