



# The First Presbyterian Church

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of the congregation

## The Celebration of Worship Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20, 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

#### TIME FOR PREPARATION

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for Me One Who is to rule in Israel, Whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore He shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of His kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And He shall stand and feed His flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord His God. And they shall live secure, for now He shall be great to the ends of the earth; and He shall be the One of Peace.

Micah 5:2-5

VOLUNTARY

The Christmas Rose  
Fred Gaul, organist

*arr. Gilbert M. Martin*

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

## We Praise God

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

8:45 Bob and Mary Ann Schacht

11:00 Craig, Kim, Elizabeth, Jennifer and Anna Stilwell

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill McCoy

\*HYMN OF PRAISE 38

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

CAROL

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Jim Roberts

\*RESPONSE

Jesus, Name Above All Names  
(See insert)

Naida Hearn

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Claire Butler

If love is patient, why are we irritable? If love is kind, why are we hostile? If love is not jealous or boastful, why do we flaunt our achievements in the presence of others? O God, in Jesus You have shown love which forgives imperfection; only in Him can we forsake childish ways. Forgive our lack of love, and have mercy upon us.

Please continue to pray silently.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WELCOME AND CELEBRATION OF FRIENDSHIP

Bill McCoy

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

Children may come forward for the baptisms.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00)

For Riley Harrison Crislip, son of Alaina and Brooks Crislip and William Jesse Forbes, Jr., son of Lesli and Jesse Forbes.

Leader: Keep me, keep me as the apple of the eye:  
Hide me, hide me in the shadow of Thy wings.

People:

Musical notation for the first part of the hymn. It consists of two staves of music in a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a common time signature (C). The first staff begins with a repeat sign and contains the lyrics: "Keep me, keep me as the ap - ple of the eye:". The second staff contains the lyrics: "hide me, hide me in the sha - dow of Thy wings." The piece ends with a double bar line and the word "Fine".

Leader: Keep me,

People:

Musical notation for the second part of the hymn. It consists of one staff of music in a key signature of three flats and a common time signature. The lyrics are: "Keep me,". The staff ends with a double bar line.

Leader: Hide me;

People:

Musical notation for the third part of the hymn. It consists of one staff of music in a key signature of three flats and a common time signature. The lyrics are: "Hide me;". The staff ends with a double bar line.

Welcome by congregation

Riley and Will, with joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church.  
As we are all one in Christ, we promise to love, cherish and support you, to share the good news of the Gospel with you, and to help you to know and follow Christ.

\*PASSING THE PEACE

Barbara Hopta

The peace of Christ be with you.  
And also with you.

\*HYMN 44

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

We Declare our Faith

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Barbara Hopta

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried;  
He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

HYMN 579

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

We Give Thanks to God

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.

OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE

Offertory  
\*Doxology

Christmas Pastorate

arr. Roger C. Wilson

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

O God of faith, we put our trust in You. Source of hope, we are confident You shall never forsake us. Giver of love in ways too countless to be numbered, we return but a portion of what we have received from You. Use our gifts so that others may be assured of new life and enriched by the gift of Your Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Word is Proclaimed

ANTHEM

Gesu Bambino

Pietro Yon

*When blossoms flower 'mid the snows upon a winter night, was born the Child, the Christmas Rose, the King of love and light. The angels sang, the shepherds sang, the grateful earth rejoiced, and at His blessed birth the stars their exultation voiced.*

*O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him: Christ the Lord.*

*Again the heart with rapture glows to greet the holy night, that gave the world its Christmas Rose, its King of love and light. Let every voice acclaim His name, the grateful chorus swell. From paradise to earth He came that we with Him might dwell.*

Tom Marchio, tenor

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 9:6-7, Pew Bible, OT, p. 638  
Luke 2:8-14, Pew Bible, NT, p. 58

Bill McCoy

SERMON

NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES:  
Prince of Peace

Bill McCoy

\*CONCLUDING HYMN 23

Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

\*INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND BENEDICTION

Bill McCoy

\*HYMN OF PARTING

HYMN 13

*Prepare the way, O Zion, Your Christ is drawing near!  
Let every hill and valley a level way appear.  
Greet One Who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story.  
O blest is Christ that came in God's most holy name!*

\*VOLUNTARY

Oh Come, All Ye Faithful  
Fred Gaul, organist

Edward Broughton

The asterisks (\*) invite you 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.

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• 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; Heather & Cameron Peterson, Beverly Campbell, Susan  
• Watkins, Susie Marcus, Helen Liu, Adam & Ashley Patnoe.  
• Elder Visitation: Betty Damewood, Nancy Douglas, Art Doumaux, Dick Golden  
• Greeters today are: Barbara Gessner, Mark Holmes, Pam Phares, Diana Rustemeyer  
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• **PLEASE DROP THIS BULLETIN IN THE RECYCLING BOX AS YOU EXIT.**  
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• **THANK YOU!**  
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