



The First Presbyterian Church

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All members
of the congregation

The Celebration of Worship College Homecoming Sunday

December 27, 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

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complain against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Colossians 3:12-15

VOLUNTARY

Away in the Manger/Pastoral Symphony
Fred Gaul, organist

arr. Albin C. Whitworth

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

We Praise God

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill McCoy

*HYMN OF PRAISE 41

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Jim Roberts

*RESPONSE

Emmanuel

Bob McGee

Em - man - u - el, Em - man - u - el, His name is
called Em - man - u - el. God with us, re - vealed in
us. His name is called Em - man - u - el.

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Barbara Hopta

Great God, forgive us for not trusting and believing You will fulfill Your promises.
In Your timing, You sent Your Son, and yet sometimes we still doubt You are with us.
We are sorry that we do not always embrace You. Transform our short-term joyful celebrations
of Christ's coming into a glorious, worshipful response. And let us serve You, the Incarnate
God, and continue to spread the good news of Your coming to the ends of the earth.

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.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (11:00)

Barbara Hopta

*PASSING THE PEACE

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

*HYMN 29

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

GO TELL IT

We Declare our Faith

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Bill McCoy

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

Coventry Carol

Betty Rowe

*Doxology

*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.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Jim Roberts

Bless these offerings, O God, to our growth and maturity and for the intentions You design. May
all we give honor the name of Jesus and make us more faithful followers. Amen.

