

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent Event, Today, November 29, 4:00 pm: Join with your family and church family as we begin the season of Advent, often called the season of hope. We'll assemble Advent wreaths on which to light a candle each Sunday in anticipation of the Light of Christmas, as well as create figures for Nativity scenes.

Presbyterian Women's Tea, Sunday, December 6, 2:30-4:00 pm, Fellowship Hall: All women of the church are invited to attend this festive event.

Poinsettia Deliveries: For those who have signed-up to deliver the poinsettias for the Deacons Committee, the poinsettias can be picked up outside the church office from 8:00 AM-5:00 PM on Tuesday, December 8, and Friday, December 11. On Sunday, December 13, the poinsettias can be picked up from 9:30 AM-1:00 PM. When picking up poinsettias for those to whom you signed up to deliver to, please initial your name on the Poinsettia List on the table outside the church office. Thanks so much for your delivery help.

Poinsettia Dedications: We are taking donations and requests for poinsettia dedications. If you want to honor or remember a loved one in this beautiful way, please contact the church office 442-4411 or Amy White-Beard 442-0140.

Hat and Mitten Trees: During December, we will have two Hat and Mitten Trees, sponsored by Presbyterian Women, one in the Fellowship Hall, one in the Narthex. We encourage you to take decorations from the trees, and replace them with hats and/or mittens for children and young people elementary age through high school. The hats and mittens will be distributed to schools throughout the Fayetteville School District to be given to students. Hats knitted and crocheted by PW Hooks and Needles will be available to purchase at the PW Christmas Tea on December 6.

Request for Gifts for new Chancel Organ Console: Our current two-manual organ console has been having problems since July, which makes it unreliable and very frustrating to play. The problem is getting worse, and the organ console could fail at any moment. The Session has voted to replace the console with a new "Moller" three-manual, solid-state console, at a cost of \$30,000. This new console will correct many of the current problems with the organ, and lay the groundwork for future improvements to the chancel organ. The Session has identified \$12,400 in the current budget that can be used for the new console. The Church requests gifts and pledges during December, 2009 and the first quarter of 2010 to fund the remaining \$17,600 needed for the new console.

CEO Offering: Next Sunday, December 6

Lord's Supper at 11:00 am Service: Next Sunday, December 6.

In Remembrance: A friend of this church, Elder Toney McMillan of Arkadelphia, died Sunday, November 22.

Prayer Concerns: Carver Lewis (great grandson of Carole Walter), Mary Margaret Morton, Billy Thompson, Mary Schaller, Eva Stalker, Don Shefte, John Burhorn, Jim Scroggs, Catherine Cross, Rita Davis, Sue Ellen Ward, Rev. Maury Roberts, Marion Orton, Cynthia Campbell (Wittry) (death of her uncle), Molly Williams, Margot Grossman (Byron Haines' Niece), Laurie Marshall (death of her mother), LeGene Vaughn (Mary Schlegal's sister-in-law), Chiko Sekiguchi (death of Ted), Becky Purcell (death of her Uncle Sam McCammon), Verne Righter, Pam Jenkins (sister of Laura Winburn's step-mother), Rita Manske (death of her sister Sandra Kretzer), Patsy Brewer (death of Ted), Mary Beth Coldwell (death of her mother Mary Frances Gladney), Jason McAnnella (Shawn Guthrie's nephew), 2nd Lt. Alec Burner-Abt (Barbara Brown's nephew), Alyce Brown (David Brown's mother), Marilyn Lueckemeyer (Cynthia Campbell's aunt), Jane Nelson, Dawn (friend of Shawn Guthrie), Alex Ruth (death of his father), Arlene Hendrickson (Amy Rossetti's grandmother) and caregiver Anette, Jeff and Connie Taylor (Jim and Mary Jo Harvey's daughter and son-in-law), Verne Righter, Barbara George (death of her stepfather), Ronnie Denn, Inez Ballenger, John, Colin, and Bronwyn Dixon (death of Jan), Alvis Houston (Tom Houston's father)

WELCOME GUESTS, we pray that our worship together will strengthen and nurture our faith. If you are seeking a church home, please feel free to learn more about First United Presbyterian Church by speaking to a minister, a staff member, or a member of Session.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP PACKETS are available in the Narthex. These include activity sheets, crayons and bookmarks.

PROFESSIONAL NURSERY CARE is provided in lower level Calvin.

MEMBERSHIP IN FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—All are invited to unite with the church by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith, or transfer of church letter. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact one of the pastors or the church office (442-4411).

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Worship Service*: Sanctuary: 8:30 am communion, 11:00 am

Pre-school & Elementary Sunday School: 9:30 am, Upper and Lower Knox

2nd and 3rd grade chimes: (after Sunday School) 10:25-10:45 am, Lower Knox

4th and 5th grade chimes: (before Sunday School) 9:30-9:50 am, Lower Knox

Confirmation Class for 6th and 7th grade: Lower Knox

8th- 12th grade Sunday School: Recreation Room

Adult Sunday School Assembly: 9:30 am, Fellowship Hall

Adult Sunday School: 9:45 am, assigned space

NO Youth Bells

NO UPY

Advent Event: 4:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

WEEK DAY CALENDAR

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30

First School Chapel: 8:45 am

Minutes Due: Noon, Church Office

FOCUS Assembly: 10:00 am, Calvin 201

Wonderful Wednesday Reservations Due: Noon, Church Office

Boy Scouts: 7:00 pm, Activity Center

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1

First School Chapel: 8:45 am

Communion at BTV: 4:00 pm

Girls Chorus: 5:45 pm, Activity Center

Adult Handbells: 6:30 pm, Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

Bulletin Announcements Due for December 6

Men's Breakfast: 6:30 am, Village Inn

Staff Meeting : 11:00 am, Commons Room

Wonderful Wednesday *#: 5:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

Elementary Choirs: 5:15 - 5:45 pm, Music Room

Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7:15 pm, Music Room

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3

Called Session: 6:00 pm, Activity Room (Budget)

Intercessory Prayer: 3:30 pm, BTV

Every One Can Sing: 7:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

Hooks and Needles

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

Decorating for PW Tea: Fellowship Hall

AA Meeting: 6:00 pm, Activity Center

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

Worship Services*: Sanctuary: 8:30 am: Communion, 11:00 am

CEO Offering

Baptism of Chloe Cox

Pre-school & Elementary Sunday School through Adult Sunday School (See Sunday School Schedule Above)

Chinese School: 1:30-5:00 pm, Campus Wide

PW Tea: 2:30 pm- 4:00 pm

UPY: 4:00 pm, Recreation Room

*Indicates professional childcare is provided.

#Indicates reservations are required..

STAFF

Rev. Barry Williams
Interim Pastor

Rev. Lee Power
Parish Assistant

Kristi Button
Director of Christian Education

Dr. Todd Prickett
Director of Music

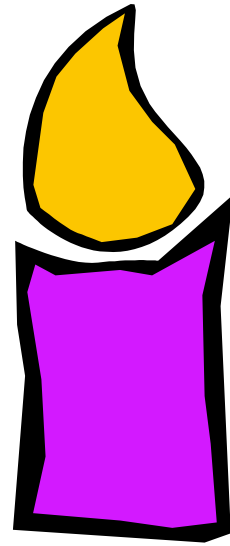
Jeannie Lee
Organist

Melanie Dietzel
Administrative Assistant

Please call the church office, 442-4411,
during the week with prayer concerns, joys or hospital information.

First United Presbyterian Church Fayetteville, Arkansas

*Called to be a **light on the hill**,
we boldly proclaim and serve Christ,
the hope of our changing world.*



HOPE

*First United Presbyterian Church
is a faithful, dynamic congregation
visibly demonstrating a deep commitment
to proclaim Jesus Christ,
as we lovingly grow in discipleship
and eagerly engage in service to others*

**FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT
NOVEMBER 29, 2009**

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

NOVEMBER 29, 2009

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying* Paul Manz

*PASSING THE PEACE

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

LIFE AND WORK OF GOD'S PEOPLE

STRIKING OF THE BELL AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

(11:00am)

ACOLYTES: Drew Rutledge and Michael Byars

*INTROIT FOR CHOIR AND CONGREGATION

(11:00 AM) *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* (Verse 1) PH 2

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

The days are surely coming, says our God.
When justice and righteousness will appear.
**God's promises will be made known to us,
and we will declare God's goodness and salvation.**
Lift up your souls in trust and praise;
open your hearts and minds to God's teaching.
**God's ways will be demonstrated to us,
and we will seek to walk in them all our days.**
Render thanksgiving to God for all life's benefits.
Watch and pray, in holiness and abiding faith.
**God's mercy and steadfast love will surround us;
we will abound in love and live in hope.**

*ADVENT CHORALE (11:00 AM) Dr. Todd Prickett

Be joyful in the Word of life!
Rejoice, the Lord is Light!
For our dark world a Babe was born,
that blessed Christmas night.

*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH:

THE CANDLE OF HOPE

(8:30 AM) *Mary Noel Tompkins and Melissa Elmore*
(11:00 AM) *Rob and Kristi Button, Connor and Riley*

**Loving God, as we enter this Advent season,
We open all the dark places in our lives and memories
to the healing light of Christ.
Show us the creative power of hope.
Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you,
That we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.**

*HYMN *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* PH 9

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of promises and possibilities, we admit
that we color the world according to our own limited vision.
We are often unjust in our judgments and faithless
in our relationships.
We are haunted by sins we have not confessed.
Hear us as we entrust them to your forgiving care.
Help us to let go of our transgressions,
to renew our covenant with you,
and to live constructively with one another.
In the spirit of Jesus Christ,
whose coming among us we await with great expectation.
(Silent Confession)**

*KYRIE

**Lord, have mercy, upon us.
Christ, have mercy, upon us.
Lord, have mercy, upon us.**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends believe the good news of the gospel.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

*GLORIA PATRI

PH 579

THE WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST LESSON

Psalms 25:1-10

ANTHEM

E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come Paul Manz
Peace be to you and grace from him
Who freed us from our sins,
Who loved us all and shed his blood
That we might saved be.
Sing holy, holy to our Lord,
The Lord, Almighty God,
Who was and is and is to come;
Sing holy, holy, Lord!

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein, Rejoice on earth, ye saints
below, For Christ is coming, is coming soon, For Christ is coming soon!

E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come,
And night shall be no more;
They need no light nor lamp nor sun,
For Christ will be their All!

SECOND LESSON

Luke 21:25-36

SERMON

What Are We Waiting For? Rev. Barry Williams

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Apostles' Creed* PH 14

*HYMN (11:00 AM) *Lord Christ, When First You Came to Earth* PH 7

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER (11:00 AM)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Paul Manz

*DOXOLOGY PH 592

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Thank you, God, for this family of faith,
which enriches our lives and enables us to share.
Thank you for making us aware that some faint with fear
and others dwell in hopelessness.
We are grateful that you show us ways to lift the burdens
of our sisters and brothers.
May our offerings further this ministry among us
and beyond our community.
May we participate in your bringing love
and hope to the world. Amen**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (8:30 AM)

SENDING

*HYMN *O Lord, How Shall I Meet You* PH 11

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Take time, in the busyness of this season, for quiet reflection—
For the light of God's love is discernible everywhere.
**We will let ourselves be surprised by wonder,
And set aside time to offer quiet thanks.**
The good news of Advent is this:
Christ is coming. Christ is always coming.
**We will welcome Christ into our hearts.
We will let ourselves be guided by his ministry.
We will go forth from this place in hope.**
Amen.
Amen.

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE (11:00 AM)
(CHOIR AND CONGREGATION)
As with Gladness Men of Old (verse 1) PH 63

POSTLUDE *O Lord, How Shall I Meet Thee* Paul Manz

*Please stand as you are able.

Please register your attendance on the Friendship pad.