

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CEO Offering: Today

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

Wonderful Wednesdays: If you plan to be at Wonderful Wed. this week, please put your reservation slip in the box in the Narthex this morning. **Deadline for this Wed. is Noon, Mon., Dec. 7** by calling the office 442-4411. The meal will be Sausage and Chicken Gumbo ala Barry Williams, and the program will be for all ages: A Christmas Sing and Ring.

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 Tues., Dec. 8 through Fri., Dec.11.** On **Sun., Dec. 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. Thank you for your delivery help. (Please note: Poinsettia pick up time Tues., Dec. 8 through Fri., Dec. 11 and on Sunday, Dec. 13 from 9:30 am - 1:00 pm)

First Fellowship, Thursday, December 10, 11:30 am: *Christmas Music, Myth and Reality* with Bill Medley. Lunch will be at 11:30am with Edyth Miller serving ham and trimmings. Cost is \$7.00. Reservations are due by Noon, Mon., Dec. 7. You can contact your caller or the church office 442-4411.

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 Dec., 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 today.

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.

Prayer Concerns: 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), , 2nd Lt. Alec Burner-Abt (Barbara Brown's nephew), Alyce Brown (David Brown's mother), Jane Nelson, Alex Ruth (death of his father), 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), Jennifer Cole (daughter of Carole Walter), Randy and Pam Andersen, Cindy Andersen (death of Matthew, son and husband), Helen Ezell, Laurie Reh (death of her mother), Lene Wells (sister-in-law of Kathy Sprouse)

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).

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

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

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

CEO Offering

Baptism of Chloe Cox

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

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

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

UPY: 4:00 pm, Recreation Room

Stated Session: 6:00 pm, Home of Terri Trotter and Doug Wright

WEEK DAY CALENDAR

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

First School Chapel: 8:45 am

Wonderful Wednesday Reservations Due: Noon, Church Office

Stephen Ministry: 6:00 pm, Calvin 202

Boy Scouts: 7:00 pm, Activity Center

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

First School Chapel: 8:45 am

Girls Chorus: 5:45 pm, Fellowship Hall

Adult Handbells: 6:30 pm, Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

Bulletin Announcements Due for December 13

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 10

First School Jitterbugs: 11:30 am, Library

First Fellowship: 11:30 Am, Fellowship Hall

Intercessory Prayer: 3:30 pm, BTV

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

Youth Sub-Committee: 7:15 pm, Commons Room

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

Hooks and Needles

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

AA Meeting: 6:00 pm, Activity Center

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

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

Pre-school & Elementary Sunday School through Adult Sunday School

(See Sunday School Schedule Above)

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

Committee Meetings: 3:00 - 6:00 pm, Campus Wide

UPY: 4:00 pm, Recreation Room

Communion at BTV: 4:30 pm

Moderators' Meeting: 6:00 pm, Commons 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

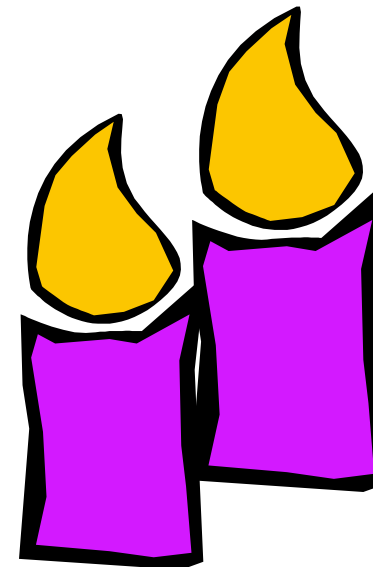
Dr. Todd Prickett
Director of Music

Jeannie Lee
Organist

Melanie Dietzel
Administrative Assistant

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.*



PEACE

*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*

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT
DECEMBER 6, 2009**

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT
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GATHERING

PRELUDE

(8:30 am) *Variations on "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"* Lani Smith

(11:00 am) *We Three Kings/ Away in a Manger* Praise Ringers

Directed by Katie Jackson

*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

LIFE AND WORK OF GOD'S PEOPLE

MINUTE FOR MISSION (11:00 AM)

United Campus Ministry Rev. Susan Rose

STRIKING OF THE BELL AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

(11:00am)

ACOLYTES: Daniel Byars and Will Hewat

INTROIT (11:00 AM)

The Angel Band

Carol Choir

Directed by Kristi Button

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Arise, people of God, to receive the Lord's messenger;
Be reminded of our covenant with the living God.

God has done great things for us;

We are partners in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

God will lead us in all times and places;

God is with us here to bless and confront.

We dedicate this worship to God's glory,

Opening ourselves to true encounter with the eternal.

*ADVENT CHORALE (11:00 AM)

Todd Prickett

*The first singing of Chorale will be by choir only,
then we will repeat Chorale with both congregation and choir.*

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 PEACE

(8:30 AM) Laurie Marshall, Delaney and Kelsey Schacherbauer

(11:00 AM) Ed and Katie Jackson, Emily, Haley, Cole

**Loving God, in this time of preparation and planning,
we thank you for the hope and peace you unfailingly offer us.
Show us the creative power of hope.**

**Teach us the peace that comes from justice.
Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you,
that we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.**

PRAYER RESPONSE (11:00 AM)

O Come Let Us Adore Him

Joy Ringers

*HYMN

People, Look East

PH 12

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**You have been patient with us, loving God,
for we have blended in with our surroundings
and denied your claims on us.**

**We revel in the things we have made for ourselves,
forgetting that you have supplied the resources
and granted us the ability to create.**

**We have failed to embrace your way of love
and have become prisoners of our own self-seeking ways.**

**Forgive us, O God, that we may partake of your grace
and manifest the fruits of righteousness.**

(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

ANTHEM

Jazz Gloria

Sleeth/Gilpin

Calvin and Knox Choirs

Directed by Amy Locke

THE WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00 AM) (See Insert)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSONS

Malachi 3:1-4, Isaiah 40:1-8

ANTHEM

The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy

West Indian Carol

Calvin Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 3:1-6

SERMON

The Advantage of Hindsight - A Call to Foresight

Rev. Barry Williams

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH From a Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God.

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,**

**we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.**

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

**preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

With believers in every time and place,

**we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

(8:30 AM)

Lo, He Comes!

Robert J. Powell

(11:00 AM)

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

Youth Handbells

*DOXOLOGY

PH 592

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (See Insert)

SENDING

*HYMN

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

PH 15

{Please bring your CEO (Cooperative Emergency Outreach) donations
Forward to the communion table during the last hymn.}

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Take your encouragement from Christ,
that your joy may be complete.

We will share in the Spirit;

We will find consolation in love.

Practice a ministry of humility and compassion

For God is at work in you, empowering you

We will welcome Christ into our hearts.

We will live worthy of the Gospel.

We will go forth in hope and in peace.

Amen.

Amen.

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE (11:00 AM)

(CHOIR AND CONGREGATION)

As with Gladness Men of Old (verse 1)

PH 63

POSTLUDE

In Peace and Joy I Now Depart

Dietrich Buxtehude

*Please stand as you are able.

Please register your attendance on the Friendship pad.