

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holiday Office Hours: Monday, December 28 - Wednesday, December 30, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm.; Thursday, December 31, the office will close at noon, and will re-open, Monday, January 4.

Request for Gifts for new Chancel Organ Console: Our church is addressing the pipe organ's immediate need, which is this: we are replacing the console which no longer does what the organist tries to make it do. To the casual ear, it's apparent that some notes don't sound when they should, others sound off when they shouldn't. Exterior buttons that should execute particular functions don't always do so. Performance problems occur intermittently and without warning. The worse news is that the console could suffer a major breakdown with just as little advance indication. The Session recently approved the expenditure of \$30,000 to cover the costs of solving these urgent problems by replacing the two-manual keyboard console with a three-manual keyboard housed in a solid-state electrical unit. Of this amount, \$12,750 has been paid from existing funds; the rest must be found elsewhere. The church has an organ fund to accommodate donations toward meeting such costs. This is the first phase of a long-term program to rebuild and renovate the organ's most crucial elements before age and use catch up with them. Contributions are welcome to help defray the immediate expense of providing us with a reliable console. Donations designated for the organ fund are welcome in the collection plate, or you may discuss a gift with Barry. We are fortunate to have talented musicians sharing their gift. When they are playing, we want them to be able to concentrate on the music, not on whether or not the organ will work.

Congregational Annual Meeting and Luncheon: Mark your calendars for the Annual Meeting, Sunday, January 24, following the 11:00 am service, Fellowship Hall.

Stewardship, Budget, and Finance: End of the year contributions will help greatly in providing a solid foundation for 2010. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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, Cindy 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), 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, Emily and Buckley Bridges, Erin and John Wilson, Melissa Wilson (death of Matthew: son, husband, brother and brother-in-law, uncle), Helen Ezell, Laurie Reh (death of her mother), Lene Wells (sister-in-law of Kathy Sprouse), David Dulin and family (friends of Mary Jo Harvey), Connie and Jeff Taylor (daughter and son-in-law of Mary Jo Harvey), Julie Olsen (death of her grandmother), Sue Gohn (death of her sister), Norman Koch (father of Janet Clausen), Anna Smitherman

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 27

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

WEEK DAY CALENDAR

First School Closed: Monday, December 28 - Monday, January 4

Church Office Hours:

Monday, December 28 - Wednesday, December 30, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Wednesday, December 30: No Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 31: Office Closes at Noon, Re-opens Monday, January 4

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

Worship Services*: Sanctuary

8:30 am (Communion), 11:00 am

No Choir

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

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

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

Confirmation Class for 6th and 7th grade: Brunch at the home of Lisa Higgins

8th- 12th grade Sunday School: Recreation Room

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

Adult Sunday School: 9:45 am, assigned space

UPY: 4:00 pm (Camping Trip Meeting 5:30-6:00pm)

*Indicates professional childcare is provided.

#Indicates reservations are required..

STAFF

Rev. Barry Williams
Interim Pastor

Dr. Todd Prickett
Director of Music

Rev. Lee Power
Parish Assistant

Jeannie Lee
Organist

Kristi Button
Director of Christian Education

Melanie Dietzel
Administrative Assistant



First United Presbyterian Church
Fayetteville, Arkansas
Christmas Eve 2009
5:30 pm Worship

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
DECEMBER 24, 2009

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Three Noël's: En musette, Sur les flûtes, Etranger* D'Aquin
Jeannie Lee, organ
Preludes on "In Dulci Jubilo" Pearsall/Bach
Kyle Elmore, organ

WELCOME

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

*INTROIT *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

Combined Children's Choirs

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

God of creation, shaper of seas and stars
Of planets and of people
God is here with us.

God, born in Bethlehem
Gurgling, crying, laid in a manger
God is here with us.

God, breath of the universe
Flickering, dancing in the candle flame
God is here with us.

God, Immanuel, amongst us within us
We bring ourselves and our dreams
For we want to be here with you.

*CAROL 41 *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

David and Caroline Wallace, Honor and Harper

CHRISTMAS EVE PRAYER (Unison)

**We rejoice in God's steadfast presence in our lives,
and in God's unique presence
in the life of Jesus of Nazareth—
born of Mary, growing through childhood
into an adult ministry,
in all his life manifesting the peace, love, and justice of God;
his voice undimmed by the centuries,
his call and his promise as clear to us
as it was to his disciples so long ago.
Come to us, Lord Jesus,
be born in us this night, in our hearts, our minds, our lives.
May the light of your life be kindled in us,
and lead us to the shining truth,
of God with us, God for us, God in us. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

O Holy Night

Adolphe Adam

Todd and Amy Prickett, duet

LESSON

Isaiah 9:3, 6-7

*CAROL 31

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

LESSON

Matthew 1:18-25

ANTHEM

Torches

John Joubert

LESSON

Luke 2:1-20

CHRISTMAS MEDITATION

Joyful Expectations

Rev. Barry Williams

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

AND RECEIVING OF CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Angels Canon

Michael Larsen

Youth Bell Ensemble

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**No offering is adequate to express our thanks, loving God,
but what we give, we bring with joy.
May the good tidings of salvation
live in these gifts and in our lives.
May the ends of the earth know the steadfast love of God.
Grant comfort to those who mourn,
peace to those who face the world's turmoil,
and joy to all who serve in Christ's name. Amen**

*CAROL 40

Joy to the World (vs 1, 2, 4)

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 us our 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, and wonders of His love.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right . . .

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

***Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as
living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his body and blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

SHARING OF CHRIST'S LIGHT IN THE WORLD

*As "Silent Night" is introduced, choir members will take the light from the
Christ Candle and will give light to the first worshipper in each pew. When passing "the
light," keep the lit candle upright and tilt only the unlit candle. The candles are to be
raised on the last verse.*

*CAROL 60

Silent Night, Holy Night

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright

Round yon virgin mother and child. Holy Infant, so tender and mild,

Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar, heav'nly hosts sing, "Alleluia!
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!"

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from your holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sign, alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

[Extinguish lights, and please return your candle to the Narthex (lobby) as you leave.]

*BENEDICTION

Mysterious God, confounding our expectations

Meeting us where we least expect to find you

Stay with us now

Child of the manger, healing our pain, sharing our weakness

Stay with us now

Source of life, birth of God within our own experience

Stay with us now

Stay with us in our frailty, stay with us on our journey

Walk beside us, live within us

Lead us to your peace, lead us home.

Merry Christmas!

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POSTLUDE *Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day* arr. James Biery

*Please stand as you are able.

Please register your attendance on the Friendship pad.