

### ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The annual meeting of congregation and corporation will be on Sunday, January 24, after the 11:00 service, immediately following a luncheon, in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us for this important meeting. Childcare will be provided.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**New Arrival:** Elliot Hunt, born December 27 to Natalie and J. J. Hunt. Elliot's grandmother is Angelika Will

**Wonderful Wednesday:** Please join us for an all-ages Wonderful Wednesday program on January 6 to celebrate Epiphany, the "seeing" of the Christ child. The meal will be Turkey Tetrazinni and Green Beans from Gullett's Gourmet. Please make reservations by Monday, January 4. Following the January 6 Wonderful Wednesday, we will take a three-week break and resume in February with a great program schedule for late winter and spring. The break will allow time to acclimate new committee members and adjust to new committee structures.

**Request for Gifts for new Chancel Organ Console:** Our church is addressing the pipe organ's immediate need, which is this: we need to replace the console which no longer does what the organist tries to make it do. 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 has approved an 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. Contributions are welcome to help defray the immediate expense of providing us with a reliable console. 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. Donations designated for the organ fund are welcome in the collection plate, or you may discuss a gift with Barry.

**Prayer Concerns:** Mary Margaret Morton, Billy Thompson, Mary Schaller, Eva Stalker, 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), 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, 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 sister), Norman Koch (father of Janet Clausen), Eleanor, Fred and Diane Shefte (death of Don), family of Jane Nelson (death of Jane), Edward Jackson (death of his grandfather), Tom Houston, Greg Selzer (Cathy Irwin's brother)

**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, JANUARY 3

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

**No Choir**

**CEO Offering**

**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

**UPY:** 4:00 pm, Recreation Room

### WEEK DAY CALENDAR

MONDAY, JANUARY 4

**Minutes Due**

**First School Chapel:** 8:45 am

**PW Circle 4:** 1:30 pm

**Stephen Ministry:** 6:00 pm

**Boy Scouts:** 7:00 pm, Activity Center

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5

**First School Chapel:** 8:45 am

**Communion at BTV:** 4:00 pm

**Girls Chorus:** 5:45 pm, Fellowship Hall

**Adult Handbells:** 6:30 pm, Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6

**Bulletin Announcements Due for January 10**

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

**Staff Meeting :** 11:00 am, Commons

**First School Jitterbugs:** 11:30 am, Fellowship Hall

**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, JANUARY 7

**Intercessory Prayer Group:** 3:30 pm, BTV Library

**Everyone Can Sing:** 7:00 pm, Activity Center

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8

**7-Hills Community Meals:** 8:30 am, Kitchen

**Hooks and Needles:** 10:00 am, Activity Center

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

**AA Meeting:** 6:00 pm, Activity Center

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

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

**Ordination/Installation of Elders Class 2012**

**Pre-school & Elementary Sunday School through Adult Sunday School**

(See Sunday School Schedule Above)

**Youth Bells:** 3:00 pm

**UPY:** 4:00 pm

**Moderator Training:** 5:00 pm, Library

**Stated Session:** 6:00 pm, Library

\*Indicates that professional childcare is provided for these events. #Indicates that reservations must be made.

### STAFF

Rev. Barry Williams  
Interim Pastor

Dr. Todd Prickett  
Director of Music

Rev. Lee Power  
Parish Assistant

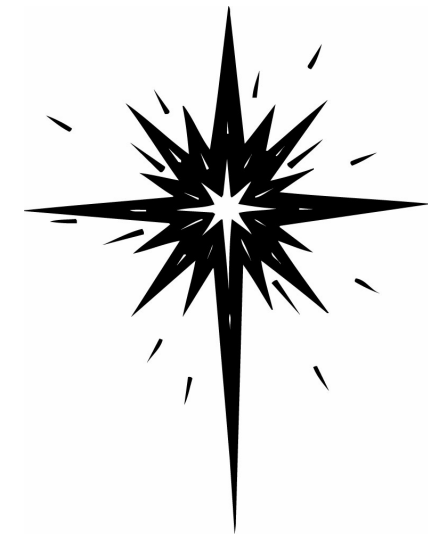
Jeannie Lee  
Organist

Kristi Button  
Director of Christian Education

Melanie Dietzel  
Administrative Assistant

## First United Presbyterian Church Fayetteville, Arkansas

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



*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.*

### January 3, 2010

## Sunday Before Epiphany

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

SUNDAY BEFORE EPIPHANY

JANUARY 3, 2010

**GATHERING**

PRELUDE *The Star Proclaims the King is Here*  
Pachelbel/Othmayer

\*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: Tyler Davis and Michael Byars

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Arise, shine; for your light has come.  
The glory of God has risen among us.  
***We are awake; we are alive!***  
***Praise God for deliverance and blessings.***  
Lift up your eyes to see all around you.  
Let your hearts rejoice, and be radiant with hope.  
***May justice water the earth like a shower;***  
***Let righteousness and peace abound.***  
Receive again the promises of the Good News.  
Participate in the mystery of Immanuel, God with us.  
***God's ways are being revealed to us today.***  
***We proclaim the unsearchable riches of Christ.***

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

\*HYMN *We Three Kings of Orient Are* PH 66

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***Forgive us, gracious God, for our senses have been dulled  
to the radiance of your light and the justice of your ways.  
Our concerns are narrow and local  
even when you try to introduce us to a world of differences.  
You grant stars to lead us, and we develop smoke screens  
to hide their light. You pour out treasures for our use,  
and we hoard them rather than share them to your glory.  
Free us from the oppression of selfishness  
and the tyranny of greed. Attune us to your revelation,  
that we may partake of your promises in Jesus Christ.  
(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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 60:1-6

SPECIAL MUSIC *One King* Jeff and Gayla Borders,  
Lowell Alexander  
Rob Button, Vocal and Guitar

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 2:1-12

SERMON *Following a Star* Rev. Barry Williams

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from "A Declaration of Faith" PCUS, 1976

God sent the promised Deliverer to his people.  
***Jesus, the long expected Savior,  
came into the world as a child, descended from David,  
conceived by the holy Spirit, born of Mary, a virgin.  
He lived as a Jew among Jews.  
He announced to his people the coming of God's kingdom  
of justice and peace on earth.***

We affirm that Jesus was born of woman as is every child,  
yet born of God's power as was no other child.  
***In the person and work of Jesus,  
God himself and a human life are united but not confused,  
distinguished but not separated.***

***The coming of Jesus was itself  
the coming of God's promised rule.  
Through his birth, life, death, and resurrection,  
He brings about the relationship between  
God and humanity that God always intended.***

Jesus is Lord!  
***He has been Lord from the beginning.  
He will be Lord at the end.  
Even now he is Lord.***

\*HYMN (11:00am) *As With Gladness Men of Old* PH 63

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

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *How Brightly Beams the Morning Star* J. C. Bach

\*DOXOLOGY PH 592

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***For the joy of giving,  
we offer the products of our labor  
for the ministry of this church, in outreach to the world.  
With concern for those who are poor, oppressed, and needy,  
we rededicate ourselves as helpers and advocates.  
Out of devotion to Christ, we commit our best,  
that the church may bear witness  
among the principalities and powers of this world.  
Help us all, O God, to be faithful stewards. Amen***

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (8:30 AM)

**SENDING**

\*HYMN *I Danced in the Morning* PH 302  
{Please bring your CEO (Cooperative Emergency Outreach) donations  
Forward to the communion table during the last hymn.}

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

God sends us on our way, a bold and confident people.  
Look up, and be guided by the star of joy.  
***We will open our eyes to the presence of God.  
We will look for God's activity all around us.***  
God's purposes in Christ are to be lived out by us.  
We are called to invite others to share in God's grace.  
***We will witness to all we have seen and heard.  
By God's power, we will minister to others.***  
The glory of God has risen among us.  
We are blessed beyond all deserving.  
***What we have received, we pass on with joy.  
We offer to all the unsearchable riches of Christ.***  
Amen  
***Amen***

POSTLUDE *Break Forth Into Joy*  
J. S. Bach/arr. Thompson

\*Please stand as you are able.

*Please register your attendance on the Friendship pad.*