

Assemble in God's Name

(As the Prelude begins, please assume a quiet and respectful attitude of worship. Also, please turn off your cell phones and pagers.)

Prelude

Joy to the World

Wilbur Held

Dr. Frank Contreras, Organist

Welcome and Announcements

Tolling of the Bell

*Hymn

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

GOD REST YOU MERRY

**God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day;
To save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy; o tidings of comfort and joy.**

**From God our heavenly Father a blessed angel came;
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings on the same;
How that in Bethlehem was born The Son of God by name.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy; o tidings of comfort and joy.**

**"Fear not, then," said the angel, "Let nothing you affright,
This day is born a Saviour of a pure Virgin bright,
To free all those who trust in Him from Satan's power and might."
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy; o tidings of comfort and joy.**

**Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas all others doth deface.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy; o tidings of comfort and joy.**

*Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession

O Heavenly Light, on this day the Word became flesh and moved into our neighborhood. We rise to greet you, but do not offer hospitality to all of your children. We are eager to sing praises to you, but slow to serve you in the way we serve others. Draw us into your abundant mercy, and grant us your grace, that we might share your love with all of our neighbors and welcome every strangers in our midst. We pray this through the One who loves and welcomes all, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Kyrie Eleison (Hymn 574)

(Choir sings first time, congregation joins in second time)

Kyrie

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

Assurance of Pardon

*Hymn 53

What Child Is This

GREENSLEEVES

*Congregation Standing

Proclaim God's Word

First Lesson

Isaiah 56:1-2; 6-8

Pew Bible Page 686

Anthem

A Cradle for a Lamb

Barbara Martin, Soloist

Penny Rodriguez

Time for Young Disciples

Dr. Mueller

*At this time all children will be invited to come to the chancel steps. Children ages KINDERGARTEN AND YOUNGER are dismissed to the nursery. **FIRST GRADE AND UP** should remain in the sanctuary with parents.*

Second Lesson

Luke 2:25-32

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Sermon

"When was Jesus Born?"

Rev. Charles Danner

Respond To God's Word

*Creed

The Apostles' Creed

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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.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, in 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.

Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

(Please pass the Friendship Folders at this time.)

Offertory

Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light

Dr. Frank Contreras, Organist

Johann S. Bach

*Offertory Response (Hymn 592)

*Praise God,
From Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Offertory Prayer

*Hymn 28

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

IN DULCI JUBILO

*Benediction

*Postlude

There's A Song In the Air

Dr. Frank Contreras, Organist

Karl P. Harrington

PRAYER AND CARE CONCERNS

(Names in bold type indicate new prayer concerns.)

Members

Matt Fowler

Dave Butler

Doris Williams

Jan Connor

Kim Hovater

Lorrinne Lilly

Anne Boles

Patrick McCormick

Others

Linda Alt - friend of Bunny and Kim Hovater

Jan Beason - sister-in-law of Lynda & George Beason

Kelley Borders - friend of the Dr. and Mrs. Mosley

Barry Bullington - son-in-law of Josephine Stroud

Jack Davis - brother of Darwin Perkins

Bobby Dixon - friend of Elizabeth & Bert Moore

Stella Dowdy - friend of Janet Bozeman

Sgt. David Downs - brother of Abram Paden; serving in Iraq

Jennifer Edwards - daughter of Irmie & Roger Hamner

Skip, Karen and Eiland Family - friends of Ginger & Danny Bryant

Jerry Fournier - father of Meredith Fournier

Mack Garrett - uncle of Melanie Fowler

Brandon Greiner - grandson of Cay Lambert

Bill Jones - father of Janet Bozeman

Larry Hirst - brother-in-law of Anne Boles

Miriam Howard - mother of Woodward Howard

Vanna Husband - friend of Melissa Rowe

Melinda Johnson - daughter of Frances Currie

Lucy Lilly - mother of Sandy McKenzie

Elizabeth Looney - friend of Joan Keat

Neal Luke - friend of Babbs Lundy

Cindy Miller - daughter-in-law of Theresa Miller

Mike Murphy - father of Laura Howard

Lewis Pace - father in law of Janie Pace; First Friends Preschool teacher

Cheri Renfrow - niece of John Newton

Bob Romer - father of Craig Romer

Cordelia Roton - grandmother of Carter Wells

Biddie Schrader - sister of Nan McBride

Jo Stephenson - friend of Lynn Fournier

Inez Walker - mother of Ed Walker

Barbara Ann Walker - friend of Marianne Hill and Amy Christopher

Wohleber Family - friends of Sean Neely

Specialty Care

Annabell Aust - Regency Village

Joe Burson - Brookdale Place Independent Living

Dick Dickson - Floyd E. Tut Fann Veterans Home

Corinne Fanning - Country Cottage

Don Fahrner - Safe Haven Senior Family Home

Dieter Grau - Regency Village

Taylor Hamilton - Floyd E. Tut Fann Veterans Home

Edna Hitt - Cogburn Nursing Home

Bill Ivy - Harbor Chase

Doris Landrum - Magnolia Trace, Willowbrook

Mildred Lilienkamp - Harbor Chase

Ernestine Roberson - Brookdale Place

Ray Rose - Big Spring Manor

Missions

Big Cove Presbyterian Church - Partnership

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TO ADD NAMES TO THE PRAYER AND CARE LIST, please call the church office and speak with Brenda Engelking, ext. 132, or use the Prayer and Care page by printing your prayer request and placing it in the offering plate. If you know of someone who is in the hospital or need to inform the church of a death in your family, please call Brenda at the church, ext. 132. Thank you.

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WELCOME VISITORS

The Session and congregation welcome you as a participant in worship. We pray that you will find this service meaningful. Worship is but one of the ministries of First Presbyterian Church.

PLEASE REMEMBER to turn off cell phones and pagers.

PLEASE SIGN IN: Both members and visitors are asked to "sign in" each Sunday on the friendship folders passed down the pews during the offering. This is our only record of your attendance.

Looking for a church home? You may talk to Dr. Mueller or an elder standing in front of the sanctuary following the 10:30 a.m. worship. A Stephen Minister, Frances Currie, is also available for prayer or questions.

USHERS SERVING THIS MORNING: 8:00 a.m. - Mary Hart Brown and John McBride; 10:30 a.m.- Houston Matthews (GL), Chris Caudle and Kevin Heard. Also, Connor Howard, Robert Buckner, and Elle Noller; youth from Confirmation Class.

The flowers in the windows are given by:

John, Charlotte, Locklin and Frederick Wessel in memory of John's father, Fred Wessel.

The Flower Guild in loving memory of Dr. Thornley Bertran Gravley, father of Leslie Lockhart.

By Jean and Ed Walker in honor of our daughters Rev. Robin Palmer and Dr. Leslie Bickford.

By Garrett Schreeder and her family, in loving memory of her father, Dr. Maurice F. Schulten, Jr.

DECEMBER MEMORY VERSE

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the virgin is with child and shall bear a son, and shall call him Immanuel. Isaiah 7:14

PYC NEWS

Presbyterian Youth Connection
NO PYC TODAY

Thanks to Barbara Martin for singing in worship today.

The beautiful Crismon Tree in the Sanctuary was given in memory of Tom Recio and Bill Dunaway.

The Crismon tree will be taken down on Tuesday, January 3rd at 6 p.m. We'll need men and women to take down the tree and to pack away the ornaments. Please contact Pat Kyser if you would like to help.

Sympathy of the Congregation is expressed to George Kobler on the December 5th death of his father, Bobby Woodruff. George and Christine's address is 1703 Mountainbrook Dr. (01) Also to Leslie Lockhart on the December 7th death of her father, Dr. Thornley B. Gravley. Drew and Leslie's address is: 710 Clinton Ave E.(01) And to Jennifer Koury on the December 10th death of her husband, Bill. Jennifer's address is: 3006 Davenport Dr., Owens Cross Roads 35763

Stephen Ministry is sponsoring a Spiritual Gifts Class taught by Ginna Siniard in February for three Sundays. Classes will be taught on Sunday afternoons in the Stephen Ministry room of the Gideon Blackburn House. If you are interested, please call Jean Walker at 256-536-9749 or Ginna Siniard at 256-880-0403.

This week's calendar?

SUNDAY, December 25

10:30 a.m.- Worship
NO Sunday School
NO Presbyterian Youth Connection today

MONDAY, December 26

TUESDAY, December 27

WEDNESDAY, December 28

7:00 a.m.- Fellows Pursuing Christ

THURSDAY, December 29

FRIDAY, December 30

SATURDAY, December 31

SUNDAY, January 1

HAPPY NEW YEAR

10:30 a.m.- Worship
NO Sunday School
NO Presbyterian Youth Connection today

Merry
Christmas
FPC
Family



DEC/JAN EVENTS

December 25 - Merry Christmas!
10:30 Worship Only

December 26 - January 3 - Church Offices Closed

January 1 - 10:30 Worship Only

January 3 - Crismon Tree taken down

January 4 - Brown Bag w/Staff

January 8 - Spirit, Come

January 9 - PW Circle Meetings

January 20 - First Word Deadline

January 20 - Mission and a Movie

January 22 - Mission Team leaves for Uganda

CONGREGATIONAL CARE UPDATES

can be heard by calling the church and then pressing 3.



Lectionary Reading

January 1
Isaiah 61:10-62:3
Psalms 148
Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 2:22-40

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In case of emergency please contact Dr. Mueller at 256-425-3152

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Nativity of Jesus Christ
Christmas Day
December 25, 2011
10:30 A.M. Worship

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*Drawn into community,
nurtured by God's Word,
called into the world.*

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