

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 *Sleepers Wake! A Voice Astounds Us* Johann L. Krebs
Dr. Frank Contreras, Organist

Welcome and Announcements

Tolling of the Bell

***Processional Hymn 31** *Hark the Herald Angels Sing* MENDELSSOHN

Lighting of the Advent Candle Jason & Billie Kerr
Mora Johnson

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession

God of fierce compassion, you call us to make our ways straight, Yet we get lost down crooked roads of selfish concern. We are to prepare the way for your reign of Justice, but we choose easier paths of comfort. Have mercy on us. Forgive us and set us back to work, clearing paths of justice, building highways of peace, and preparing the world for your return.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Kyrie Eleison (Hymn 574) Kyrie
(Choir sings first time, congregation joins in second time)

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

Assurance of Pardon

***Hymn 8 (Vs. 2 & 3)** *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* TRURO

**Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates, behold the King of glory waits;
The King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here!
Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide.
Let me Thy inner presence feel; Thy grace and love in me reveal.**

Proclaim God's Word

First Lesson Isaiah 40:1-11 Pew Bible Page 667
Reader, Mary Lou Danner

Anthem *I Saw Three Ships* Arr. Craig Curry
Calvin & Youth Choirs

Time for Young Disciples Karen Madison
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.

Hear the Christmas Bells
Joy Ringers

Second Lesson Mark 1:1-8 Pew Bible Page 34

Sermon "Why Ministry?" Rev. Warner Durnell

Respond To God's Word

***Creed** The Apostles' Creed Hymnal Page 14

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.

Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

(Please pass the Friendship Folders at this time.)

Offertory *Blessed Jesus, At Your Word* Johann S. Bach
Dr. Frank Contreras, Organist

***Offertory Response** *Praise God,* OLD HUNDREDTH
(Hymn 592) *From Whom All Blessings Flow*

*Offertory Prayer

Service of Installation for The Rev. Margaret Fulghum (See insert)

***Hymn 28** *Go, Tell It On the Mountain* GO TELL IT

*Benediction

***Postlude** *Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending* OLIVERS
T. Olivers-R. Vaughan Williams
Dr. Frank Contreras, Organist

*"And she gave birth to her firstborn son
and wrapped him in bands of cloth,
and laid him in a manger,
because there was no place
for them in the inn." Luke 2:7*

PRAYER AND CARE CONCERNS (Names in bold type indicate new prayer concerns.)

Members Matt Fowler Dave Butler
Kim Hovater Anne Boles

Others Linda Alt - friend of Bunny and Kim Hovater
Jan Beason - sister-in-law of Lynda & George Beason
Cynthia Brown - sister-in-law of Richard Brown
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
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
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
Jennifer Dare Smith - cousin of Ginger Bryant
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
Bobby F. Woodruff - father of George Kobler
Fred Yarbrough - friend of Lee Weed and Bunny Hovater

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

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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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*Congregation Standing

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 Narthex are given to the glory of God by Jean and Ed Walker in honor of their granddaughter, Leslie Palmer, on her birthday. **Correction** to last weeks bulletin: The flowers were given in memory of Wallace R. Phillips by Doris F. Phillips.

A member of the flower guild will be in the fellowship hall between worship services during the month of December taking sign ups for flower dedications/memorials for next year. Stop by and sign up.

 **Come Ring the Bells** for the Salvation Army. Families are encouraged to sign up to ring for 30 minutes between 10:00am and 3:00pm on Saturday, Dec. 10 at the Hampton Cove Wal-Mart. If you don't have a child or youth at home, invite one to join you.

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

Installation of Rev. Margaret Fulghum will take place today during the 10:30 worship service. Stop by Fellowship Hall after Sunday School for snacks and to welcome Margaret to FPC. Rev. Warner Durnell, Executive Presbyter of North Alabama Presbytery, is our guest preacher for both the 8:00 and 10:30 worship services. We welcome all of our special guests today.

The Salvation Army tree is in Fellowship Hall. Please stop by and take an Angel off the tree, a bag and an instruction sheet. Please follow the instructions closely. Return to the church by December 8th as they will be picked up on the 9th. Questions call Willie Corlew at 256-828-0088.

Our church family is invited to join LOGOS on Wednesday, Dec. 7th at 6:00 pm for Carols and BBQ! Please sign up on the bulletin board by Monday December 5th.

Advent Worship Calendar	
Dec. 4	Children & Youth Choirs
Dec. 11	Westminster Ringers
Dec. 18	Oratorio de Noël (Chancel Choir with string quartet, organ and harp)
Dec. 24	Services at 4:00 and 10:00 PM
Dec. 25	Service at 10:30 AM only

Many thanks to Stacy and Chelsea Owens for playing flute this morning at the 8:00 AM service. We would like to thank the Children and Youth of our church for their contribution to our worship today. Through this year, they have learned other ways to worship God besides singing. They have enjoyed ringing chimes and playing instruments. Thanks to our pianists Jan McKemie, Malinda McCleary, our children directors Gianna Gimenez, Sue Shaver, Stefanie Hyatt, and David and Stacy Owens for their hard work this year.

Young Adult Gathering
December 17th, 6:00 p.m.
Anaheim Chili
Huntsville Havoc Hockey Game

PYC NEWS

Presbyterian Youth Connection
6:00-7:30- p.m. TODAY
December 18th - Youth Caroling

This week's calendar?

SUNDAY, December 4

Communion at 8:00 worship

8:00 a.m.- Worship in GBH
8:30 a.m.- DISCIPLE/Christian Believer-A
9:00 a.m.- Sunday School
9:00 a.m.- Order of St. Luke/Library
Installation of Rev. Margaret Fulghum
10:30 a.m.- Worship in Sanctuary
1:00 p.m.- Chancel Choir to Sewanee
NO Westminster Ringers today
5:00 p.m.- DISCIPLE I-A and II-A
6:00 p.m.- Dad's Bible Study/CH
6:00 p.m.- DISCIPLE/Christian Believer-B
6:00 p.m.- Presbyterian Youth Connection

MONDAY, December 5

10:00 a.m.- PW Christmas Gathering
9:30 a.m.- Bible Study
9:30 a.m.- DISCIPLE/JITG

TUESDAY, December 6

9:30 a.m.- Yoga/Centering Prayer
4:00 p.m.- Reunion Group Bible Study
6:30 p.m.- HMC Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, December 7

6:45 a.m.-Youth Breakfast/Bible Study
7:00 a.m.- FPC Breakfast/Bible Study
9:00 a.m.- Bible Study
9:45 a.m.- Ladies Bible Study
12:00 p.m.- Brown Bag w/Staff
1:00 p.m.- Ladies Knitting Mission
4:00 p.m.- LOGOS: Carols & BBQ
7:15 p.m.- Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, December 8


9:00 a.m.- DISCIPLE IV
9:30 a.m.-Yoga/Centering Prayer
5:00 p.m.- Finance Meeting
6:00 p.m.- Reunion Group Bible Study

FRIDAY, December 9

8:15 a.m.- Moms in Touch
9:00 a.m.- DISCIPLE I

SUNDAY, December 11

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 **Catch a Shining Star!** Following annual tradition, the adults and youth (9th-12th grade) will be praying for our children (birth-8th grade) throughout Advent. Please Catch a Star in the Fellowship Hall, and pray for your FPC child/children each day throughout Advent.

In case of emergency please contact
Dr. Mueller at 256-425-3152 or the
church office at 256-536-3354 ext.132.

DECEMBER EVENTS

December 5 - 10:00 - Presbyterian Women Christmas Gathering

December 7 - LOGOS Carols and BBQ

December 11 - 10:30 - Westminster Ringers Christmas Program
5:00 p.m.-Spirit, Come

December 12 - PW Circle Meetings

December 15 - 9:00 a.m.- First Friends Christmas Program

December 17 - 6:00 p.m. Young Adult Gathering

December 18 - Christmas Joy Offering Taken
10:30 - Chancel Choir Oratorio
11:30 - Cookie Swap
Youth Caroling

December 24 - 4:00 p.m. & 10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Communion Worship Service

December 25 - Merry Christmas!
10:30 Worship Only

December 26 - January 3 - Church Offices Closed

Spirit, Come

December 11, 2011
5:00 p.m. - GBH

The Uganda Mission Team is collecting Ibuprofen, and Children & Adult vitamins to be used in medical treatment in Uganda. Please drop them by the church office.

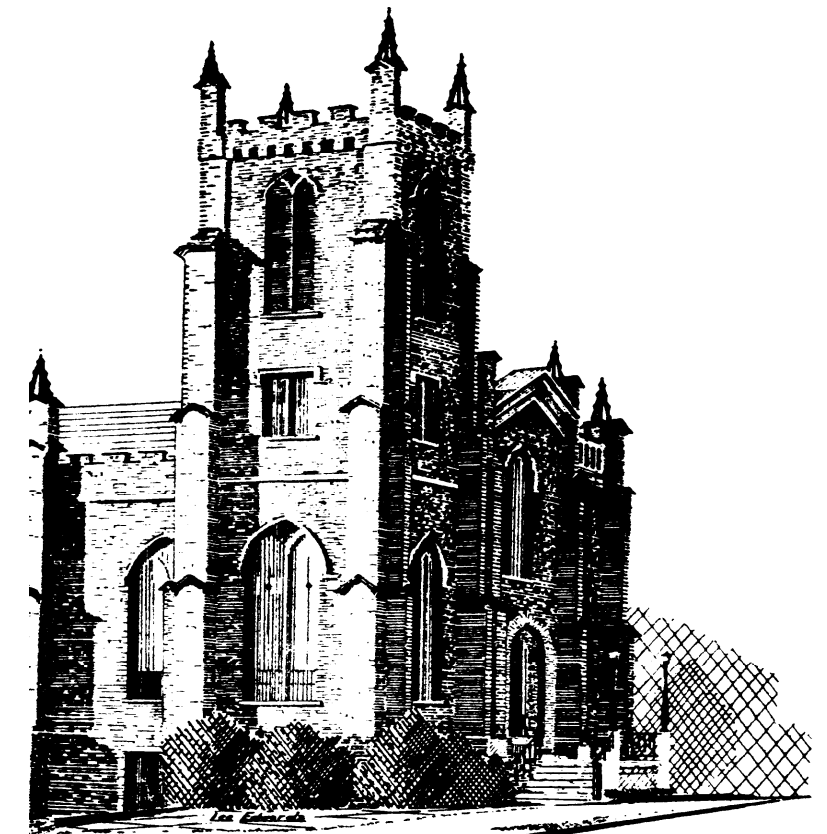
LOGOS: December 7
Carols and BBQ
Bring the whole Family!

Presbyterian Women
Christmas Gathering
Mon., Dec. 5, 10:00 a.m., FH
Crimson Beat and Total Sound
Show Choirs will perform,
lunch to follow.

Lectionary Reading
December 11
Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
Psalms 126 or Luke 1:47-55
I Thess. 5:16-24
John 1:6-8, 19-28

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Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 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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