

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

In Thee Is Gladness
Dr. Frank Contreras, Organist

Johann S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Tolling of the Bell

***Processional Hymn 66** *We Three Kings Of Orient Are* THREE KINGS OF ORIENT

*Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession

Emmanuel, God with us, in the frenzy of the holidays we rush about blindly, forgetting that in Christ we have seen our salvation, which you have freely given to all. Forgive us for so quickly losing sight, and restore our vision that we may truly see the gift of salvation born among us, and tell the world of your good news. 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 111 (Vs. 1 & 3)** *Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!* GELOBT SEI GOTT

***Good Christians all, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

***Praise we in songs of victory that love, that life which cannot die,
And sing with hearts uplifted high: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

Proclaim God's Word

First Lesson

Luke 2:22-40

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Anthem

See Amid the Winter's Snow
Patricia Hacker, soloist

HUMILITY

Time for Young Disciples

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.

Andrew Bevel

Second Lesson

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

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Sermon

God's Relentless Pursuit

Dr. Mueller

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

See Amid the Winter's Snow
Dr. Frank Contreras, Organist

John Goss

*Offertory Response (Hymn 592)

*Praise God,
From Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Offertory Prayer

*Hymn 36

In the Bleak Midwinter

CRANHAM

*Benediction

*Postlude

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright
Dr. Frank Contreras, Organist

P. Nicolai
J. S. Bach

*After eight days had passed it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.
Luke 2:21*

PRAYER AND CARE CONCERNS

(Names in bold type indicate new prayer concerns.)

Members

Matt Fowler Dave Butler Doris Williams Jan Connor
Kim Hovater Lorinne 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 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
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 Fahrmer - 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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and a Stephen Ministry Congregation

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, Jean Walker, is also available for prayer or questions.

USHERS SERVING THIS MORNING: 8:00 a.m. - Doug Madison and Becky Buckner; 10:30 a.m.- Sheila Fogle (GL), Carter Wells and John Howard. Also, Christine Coffman and Caroline Jones; youth from Confirmation Class.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God.

Now is a great time to join the men of the church for Bible Study each Wednesday morning at 7:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall led by Dr. Mark Mueller. Breakfast is served the first Wednesday of the month.

Spirit, Come

Sunday, January 8
5:00 p.m.
GBH

JANUARY MEMORY VERSE

I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:6*

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.

There will be a Congregational meeting January 8th following the 10:30 worship service for the purpose of approving the 2012 church budget, nominating committee recommendations and terms of call for the Pastor and Associate Pastor.



Bring your brown bag lunch and join the staff on Wednesday, January 4th at 12:00 p.m. in the library for good fellowship.

Rev. Fulghum is leading worship today in Charleston, SC for the "Renaissance Weekend," to which she was also invited to serve as a panelist. (www.renaissanceweekend.org) She will be back in the office next week.

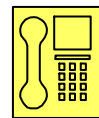
Stephen Ministry is sponsoring a Spiritual Gifts Class taught by Ginna Siniard in February for three Sundays. Classes will be taught on Sunday afternoons in the Stephen Ministry room of the Gideon Blackburn House. If you are interested, please call Jean Walker at 256-536-9749 or Ginna Siniard at 256-880-0403.

MISSION AND A MOVIE

Friday, Jan. 20th from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. All Kinder through 5th grade children are invited to come help make Labor Finder Kits, have dinner and watch a movie. Please sign up.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE UPDATES

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



PYC NEWS

Presbyterian Youth Connection
NO PYC TODAY

This week's calendar!

SUNDAY, January 1

10:30 a.m.- Worship in Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.- Sunday School
NO Presbyterian Youth Connection

MONDAY, January 2

9:30 a.m.- Bible Study
9:30 a.m.- DISCIPLE/JITG

TUESDAY, January 3

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

WEDNESDAY, January 4

7:00 a.m.- Fellows Pursuing Christ Breakfast/Bible Study
7:00 a.m.- FPC Bible Study/Breakfast
9:45 a.m.- Ladies Bible Study
12:00 p.m.- Brown Bag w/staff
1:30 p.m.- Ladies Knitting Mission
4:00 p.m.- LOGOS
7:15 p.m.- Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, January 5

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

FRIDAY, January 6

8:15 a.m.- Mom's in Touch
9:00 a.m.- DISCIPLE I

SUNDAY, January 8

Communion at 8:00 and 10:30 Worship
Installation of Deacons and Elders - 2013

8:00 a.m.- Worship in GBH
9:00 a.m.- Order of St. Luke
9:15 a.m.- Sunday School
10:30 a.m.- Worship in Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.- Westminster Ringers
5:00 p.m.- Spirit, Come
6:00 p.m.- Presbyterian Youth Connection

LOGOS: January 4

4:00 p.m.
New Year!

Our Annual Offering in support of Maranatha Camp and Conference Center will be taken on January 15th. Offering envelopes will be available in the pews beginning January 8th.

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND BIBLES

are available for those who find them easier to read.

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

JANUARY EVENTS

January 1 - 10:30 Worship Only

January 3 - Crismon Tree taken down

January 4 - Brown Bag w/Staff

January 8 - Installation of Elders and Deacons for class of 2013
5:00p.m. - Spirit, Come

January 9 - PW Circle Meetings

January 15 - Camp Maranatha Offering taken

January 20 - First Word Deadline

January 20 - Mission and a Movie

January 22 - Mission Team leaves for Uganda

January 29 - 5:00 p.m.-Diaconate



Lectionary Reading

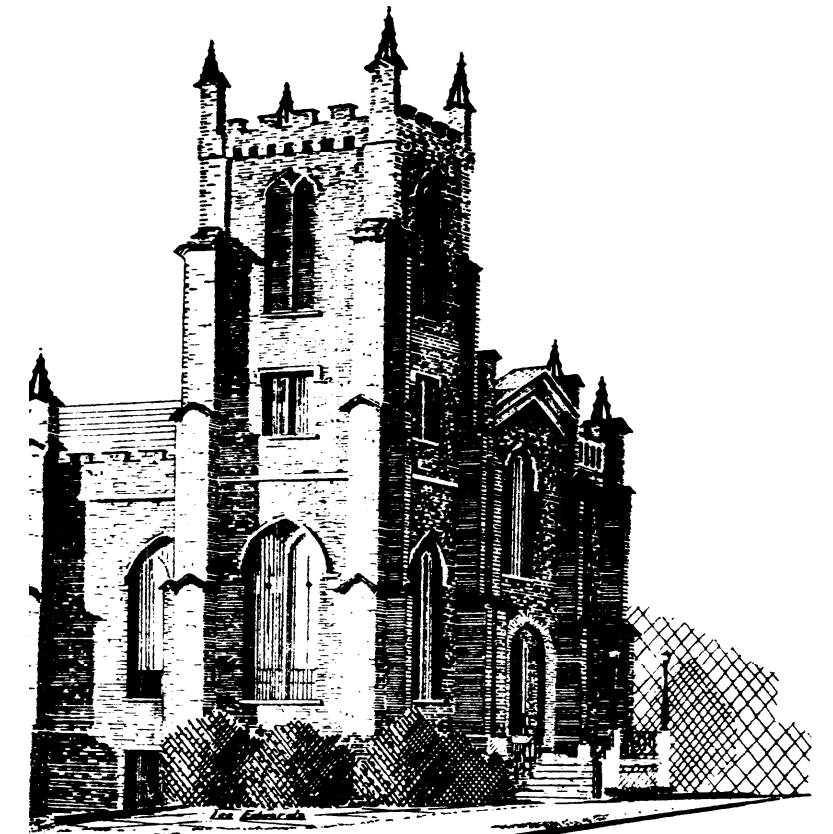
January 8
Genesis 1:1-5
Psalms 29
Acts 19:1-7
Mark 1:4-11

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First Sunday after Christmas

January 1, 2012

10:30 A.M. Worship

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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

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