

The Service for the Lord's Day

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:45 and 11:00 a.m.

December 19, 2010

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Pre-Service Music: "The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy" arr. Derek Hakes
Handbell Choir

One: The grace and peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us prepare our hearts for worship.

PRELUDE "Celtic Cradle Song" arr. Linda Lamb

WELCOME Dr. David A. Renwick
Please sign and pass the Ministry of Friendship Pad.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH (Advent Candle: Love)

INTRODUCTION (8:45) Dr. David A. Renwick
(11:00) Reverend L. Craig Foster

CALL TO WORSHIP HYMN 13 (Blue)
"Prepare the Way, O Zion*"

Choir *Prepare the way, O Zion, Your Christ is drawing near!
Let every hill and valley A level way appear.*

*Greet One who comes in glory, Foretold in sacred story.
O blest is Christ that came In God's most holy name.*

Congregation Fling wide your gates, O Zion; Your Savior's rule embrace.
And tidings of salvation Proclaim in every place.
All lands will bow rejoicing, Their adoration voicing.
O blest is Christ that came In God's most holy name.
* ('Zion' means 'God's People')

CANDLE LIGHTING LITANY
(8:45) Doug and Mae Mae Gabbert and Currie Renwick
(11:00) Ashley, Ashley, Charlie and David Millinor

UNISON PRAYER
Almighty God, we thank you for your gift of love, shown perfectly in Jesus Christ. Your love never fails, and transforms all those who give and receive it. As we continue our Advent journey, help us to share your great love with each other. Amen.

† **HYMN 156:** (Red) "The First Noel" THE FIRST NOEL
Vs. 1, 2: All; Vs. 3: Women and Girls;
Vs. 4: Men and Boys; Vs. 5: Choir; Vs. 6: All

† **ADVENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)
God of Advent: You have never ceased coming to live among us through Jesus Christ.
Yet we have often lived as if Jesus were far away;
or as if his still, small voice had nothing of importance to say to us.
Forgive us, we pray: for you are 'Emmanuel,'
God with us, now and always.
Pardon our feeble trust and renew our faith
So that we would know your vital and empowering presence
in our lives day by day.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SILENT CONFESSION

† **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**
One: Hear this Good News – Through the birth, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God has given us the gift of reconciliation!

All: Thanks be to God!

† **RESPONSE TO PARDON** GLORIA PATRI
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, Amen.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

(8:45) *Caroline Grace Shaw*
Daughter of Kimberlee Dilda and Stephen Forest Shaw
(11:00) *Jane Harriett Close*
Daughter of Mary Grace Woods and Leland Grant Close III
Henry Woods Hines
Son of Hollie Elizabeth Woods and Russell Grainger Hines

BAPTISM SONG (please join in singing)

*Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay
Close by me forever, and love me I pray,
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.*

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:8-14 (8:45) Drew Patterson
Pew Bible Page 889 (11:00) Ellen White

One: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE "The Shepherds' Peace and Joy" Dr. David A. Renwick

HYMN 462: (Red) "Once in Royal David's City" IRBY
(remain seated)
(vs. 1 and 2)
(Children come forward during singing of the hymn)

A TIME FOR YOUNG BELIEVERS Hymn 157 (Red)
Scene I The Wise Men "Away in a Manger," v. 1
Scene II The Wise Men and Herod "Away in a Manger," v. 2
Scene III The Shepherds "Away in a Manger," v. 3
Scene IV The Stable "Away in a Manger," v. 1
(No Children's Worship today. It resumes January 2.)

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) Dr. William L. Arthur
The Apostles' Creed

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on 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, for ever. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS (8:45) Dr. William L. Arthur
(11:00) Reverend Ansley B. Page

OFFERTORY

(8:45) "Walk in the Light" arr. André Thomas
Genesis Choir

We'll walk in the light, beautiful light,
come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.
Shine all around us by day and by night, Jesus, the Light of the world.
Hark, the herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King.
March on toward your Promised Land, God himself will hold your hand.

(11:00) "I Saw Three Ships" arr. Mack Wilberg
Chancel Choir

I saw three ships come sailing in, On Christmas Day in the morning.
And what was in those ships all three? Our Savior Christ and His lady.
Pray, whither sailed those ships all three? O, they sailed in to Bethlehem.
And all the bells on earth shall ring, And all the angels in Heaven shall sing.
All the souls on earth shall sing, Then let us all rejoice amain!
On Christmas Day in the morning!

† **ADVENT DOXOLOGY** REGENT SQUARE
**All Creation, join in praising, God the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising to the Eternal, Three in One;
Come and Worship, Come and Worship,
Worship Christ, the new-born King.**

† **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

GO IN GOD'S NAME

† **HYMN 158:** (Red) "Angels We Have Heard on High" GLORIA

† **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

† **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** (please join in singing)
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (noon)

POSTLUDE "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!" Wilbur Held

† Congregation will stand
**** Ushers will seat latecomers.

The Advent Greens in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Barbara Jean Hanning and Jeannie Glenn by the Hanning and Glenn families.

The Advent Wreath this Sunday is given to the Glory of God and in honor of Jerry Roser Crenshaw and in loving memory of Elton Dixon Crenshaw by their families.

Thanks to this morning's guest instrumentalists: Alison Watson and Claire Hughes, flute; Matt and Adena McDaniel, percussion.

PARENTS . . .

Nursery care is available on the first floor of the Clark Building for all services for children six weeks through three years old. Silent pagers are provided to parents in case one of our nursery staff needs to reach you. **If your child becomes restless or needs to leave the sanctuary for any reason, an usher can direct you to the Church Parlor as a place to stay with your child and still share in the worship service through our live video and audio.**

For Nursing Mothers: There are now two locations that nursing mothers can use while they are here on Sunday mornings. The nursery in the Family Life Center (off the gym playroom) is open before and during MorningSong for nursing mothers. Room C103 on the first floor of the Clark Building is open from 8:15 a.m. through the end of the 11:00 service. Please follow the instructions in the room with respect to use of the changing tables and disposal of diapers. **NOTE: C-103 is a food-free room. Please do not take any food into the room with you.**

Rainbow worship bags are provided at the doors of the Sanctuary for your child to use during worship. Please return the crayons, book, puzzle game, bookmarks, and bag to the baskets at the conclusion of worship. The papers or leaflets are for your child to keep as a reminder of today's scripture and message.

Wondering how to help your children understand worship better and participate more fully? Check out the Worship guide sheets in the Rainbow Bags each week and try using them with your children during the service. After you have used them for a few weeks, please give us your feedback. Contact Nan McDaniel, Interim Director of Children's Ministries (nmcdaniel@fpcspartanburg.org).

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING has been called for today following the 11:00 a.m. service to receive and vote on the recommendation from the Congregational Nominating Committee that Holt Andrews be elected as an elder to fill an unexpired term in the class of 2011.

Invite a Friend!

December 24, 2010

Christmas Eve Services

Sanctuary

5:00* p.m. Family Service

7:30* and 11:00 p.m. Candlelight Service

Everyone Welcome!

*Nursery provided.

Today – 5:00 and 7:00 p.m.

*Moravian Love Feast
with the Chamber Singers*

The Moravian Love Feast is a lovely Christmas service of music, candle lighting, and the serving of the "feast" of special Moravian buns and coffee. It is a joint effort between First Presbyterian Church and the Palmetto Moravian Fellowship here in Spartanburg, who will serve the feast dressed in period costumes. Set in the beauty of our exquisite Chapel, this is a service you will not want to miss! This service lasts for approximately one hour. *A nursery will be provided.*

The Chamber Singers' new CD, "All My Heart This Night Rejoices," is available for purchase in the Tower Room from 9:45-10:55 a.m. and 12:00-12:15 p.m. today. The cost is \$12.00. For purchasing at other times, please contact

Cheryl Moore in the church office:
208-2144 (cmoore@fpcspartanburg.org).

*Interested in Membership
at First Presbyterian?*

The Welcome Class begins Sunday,
January 9, 2011 ~ 9:45 a.m.

- ❖ Visiting First Presbyterian?
- ❖ Interested in learning more about the church?
- ❖ Come join our eight-week Welcome Class.

The first class will be held on Sunday, January 9, 2011, and the final class on Sunday, February 27, during the Sunday School hour at 9:45. Follow the "Welcome Class" signs to Room 2200.

Staff

Dr. David A. Renwick, Senior Pastor; **Reverend L. Craig Foster**, Associate Pastor, Education/Discipleship; **Dr. William L. Arthur**, Parish Associate; **Reverend Ansley B. Page**, Temporary Supply Pastor; **R. Holt Andrews**, Director of Music; **Marcia C. Andrews**, Assistant Director of Music and Organist; **Scott J. Neely**, Pastoral Executive; **Nan McDaniel**, Interim Director of Children's Ministries; **Carrie D. Williamson**, Interim Director of Youth; **Ridgley I. Beckett**, Interim Assistant Director of Youth; **Bethany S. Cecil**, Parish Nurse; **J. Robert Bannan**, Director of Recreation; **Patricia L. Webster**, Church Hostess

Missionaries: *Salvador and Irma de la Torre, Kenya; Frank and Nancy Dimmock, Lesotho; Paul and Darlene Heller, Malawi; Mission Co-Workers Serving with Kurds; Mission Co-Workers Serving in the Middle East.*

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Love



Welcome!

We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us.

First Presbyterian Church
is a community of believers committed to
"Glorifying God and Sharing Christ Together
through Word and Deed."