

# The Service for the Lord's Day

## Second Sunday of Advent

### Communion

8:45 and 11:00 a.m.

December 4, 2011

#### ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

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** *Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming* arr. Simpson  
Janet Kuntz, flute

**WELCOME** (8:45) Reverend Ansley B. Page  
(11:00) Reverend Laura E. Palmer

(Please sign and pass the Ministry of Friendship Pad.)

#### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (Please remain seated to sing.)

(8:45) *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* STUTTGART  
Come, Thou long expected Jesus, Born to set Thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us; Let us find our rest in Thee.

(11:00) *Prepare a Way for the Lord* Michael Bedford  
Jr. Choristers

#### CANDLE LIGHTING LITANY

(8:45) Joy, Jennifer, Sam III, Bo, and Katelyn Shackelford

(11:00) Julia Sanborn, Katherine Hughes,  
Krystal Jackson, Meredith Walsh  
(Members of our Nursery Staff and Committee)

#### UNISON PRAYER

Almighty God, thank you for the peace you give us through Jesus. As we watch and wait, help us to live as people of peace. Help us to prepare our hearts to receive the child born for us, the Prince of Peace. Amen

† **HYMN 151:** (Red) *Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus* HYFRYDOL

#### ADVENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

 (Unison)

Loving and Merciful God, who comes to us in the waiting and expectation of the Advent Season: We confess to you our sin. We are estranged from you, from our neighbors, and from ourselves, and there is great pain within us. Forgive our sin. Cleanse us by your mercy that we may love you, even as you have loved us in Jesus Christ. In whose name we pray. . .

#### 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.

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## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

**FIRST READING** Isaiah 53:1-6 Pew Bible Page 633

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

**THE WORD FOR CHILDREN** Beth Burris

At the 11:00 service, four- and five-year-olds and first graders will depart for Children's Worship. Pick-up Location: Joseph's Workshop (red door), Pathway2Truth hallway in the Clark Building – 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

**SECOND READING** Matthew 1:18-25 Pew Bible Page 835

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

**SERMON** *The Name Above All Names* Dr. William P. Wood

*She will bear a son and you will call his name Jesus,  
for he will save his people from their sins.* Matthew 1:21

## GIVE THANKS TO GOD

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And we believe one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS** Reverend L. Craig Foster

#### OFFERTORY

(8:45) *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* Gustav Holst  
Genesis Choir

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;

Ponder nothing earthly minded for with blessing in his hand,

Christ our Lord to earth descendeth our full homage to demand.

King of Kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth He stood,

Lord of Lords, in human vesture in the Body and the Blood,

He will give to all the faithful his own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,

As the light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day

That the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.

At His feet the six-winged seraph; Cherubim with sleepless eye,

Veil their faces to the Presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,

Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya, Lord most High.

(11:00) *E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come* Paul Manz  
Chancel Choir

Peace be to you and grace from Him who freed us from our sins,  
Who loved us all and shed His blood that we might saved be.  
Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord, The Lord, Almighty God,  
Who was and is to come; Sing Holy, Holy, Lord!  
Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein,  
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below, For Christ is coming soon!  
E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more;  
They need no light nor lamp nor sun, For Christ will be their All!

† **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 coming King.**

† **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

† **HYMN OF PREPARATION 104** (Red) CRIMOND  
*The Lord's My Shepherd*  
(vs. 1, 2, and 3)

#### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** (sung responsively)

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up, lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us all give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

#### 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.

#### SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

##### COMMUNION MUSIC

(8:45) *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* Michael Praetorius  
(11:00) *The Glory of the Father* Egil Hovland

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## GO IN GOD'S NAME

† **HYMN 104:** (Red) *The Lord's My Shepherd* CRIMOND  
(vs. 4 and 5)

† **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

† **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** (please join in singing) VENI EMMANUEL

*Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!*

**POSTLUDE** *Voluntary on Hyfrydol* Gordon Young

† Congregation will stand.

\*\*\*\* Ushers will seat latecomers.

**Did you hear God smiling?** Our children's choirs are learning how their music sung in worship is truly an offering to God. Worship is a setting unlike others in their school and extra-curricular activities. When the children finish singing in worship, we encourage them to "Listen to hear God smiling," which God surely is when God hears their beautiful songs. Help us to create this sacred silence following children's choir anthems so that we all may hear God's smile!

**The Advent greens** in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of William Burnham and Dorothy Harris Uhler by their family.

**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 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.

**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.

**Christmas Poinsettias**

If you would like to order poinsettias in memory of or in honor of loved ones for use in the Sanctuary during the Christmas season, order forms are available in the Narthex, Tower Room, and office area.

Cut-off date for ordering:  
Friday, December 9.



*Invite a friend!*

Next Sunday, December 11  
8:45 and 11:00 a.m. – Sanctuary

Reflections on *The Prince of Peace*

Presented by  
First Presbyterian's Chancel Choir and Sr. Chorister  
with organ, brass, percussion, and soloists.

8:45 a.m. MorningSong – Fogartie Hall

Service of Carols  
MORNINGSONG MUSIC TEAM

*First Presbyterian Church  
Chamber Singers Present*

Tidings of Comfort and Joy  
This evening at 7:00 p.m.  
Chapman Cultural Center



*A Christmas Concert to benefit  
Mobile Meals of Spartanburg*

Tickets \$15  
available this morning  
in the church office and  
at the door to the concert.

**Annual White Gift Service**

Wednesday, December 7 ~ 6:30 p.m. ~ Sanctuary

A 45-Minute Service for All Ages Led by FPC's Children's Choirs

- ✚ This year our children present the musical, *God's Wondrous Gift*.
- ✚ Bring gifts (wrapped in white) to distribute at Thornwell Home for Children and recipients of Mobile Meals.  
Gift ideas for Thornwell: gift certificates to Walmart, Target, Barnes & Noble, and CVS.  
Gift ideas for Mobile Meals: toiletries, house shoes, and scarves.
- ✚ A NURSERY WILL BE PROVIDED in the Clark Building (C106).

**A hearing loop has been installed in the Sanctuary.** If your hearing aid or cochlear device is equipped with T-coil technology, please switch it to the "T", T-Coil, or telephone position for improved hearing during the service. Thank you!

**Staff**

**Dr. William P. Wood**, Interim Senior Pastor; **Reverend L. Craig Foster**, Associate Pastor, Education/Discipleship; **Dr. William L. Arthur**, Supply Pastor; **Reverend Ansley B. Page**, Supply Pastor; **Reverend Laura E. Palmer**, Interim Associate Pastor; **R. Holt Andrews**, Director of Music; **Marcia C. Andrews**, Assistant Director of Music and Organist; **Beth Burris**, Director of Children's Ministries; **Scott J. Neely**, Pastoral Executive; **Carrie D. Williamson**, Director of Youth Ministry; **Michael W. Koster**, Assistant Director of Youth Ministry; **Bethany S. Cecil**, Parish Nurse; **J. Robert Bannan**, Director of Recreation; **Patricia L. Webster**, Church Hostess

**Missionaries:** *Frank and Nancy Dimmock, Lesotho; Jo Ella Holman, Cuba and Dominican Republic; Mark Hare, Haiti; Mission Co-Workers Serving with Kurds; Mission Co-Workers Serving in the Middle East.*

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through Word and Deed."