

# The Service for the Lord's Day

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:45 and 11:00 a.m.

December 18, 2011

### ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Minister: The grace and peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
**Congregation: And also with you.**  
Minister: Let us prepare our hearts for worship.

**WELCOME** Dr. William P. Wood  
Please sign and pass the Ministry of Friendship Pad.

**PRELUDE** *Still, Still, Still* arr. Sandra Eithun  
Handbell Choir

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

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

O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin and enter in, Be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel!

### CANDLE LIGHTING LITANY

(8:45) Allison, Phil, McKenzie and Branch Wilson  
(11:00) Young Adult Sunday School Class

### 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 41:** (Blue) *O Come, All Ye Faithful* ADESTE FIDELES

**ADVENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (8:45) Reverend Laura E. Palmer  
(11:00) Reverend Ansley B. Page

Eternal God, you have come to us as the Word made flesh, and we praise you for the wonder of your creation. We confess that we turned away from your grace and love. We have ignored the poor in our midst and we have turned our backs on those whose need for us is great. Forgive our sin. Cleanse us by your mercy that we may love you with all our hearts and our neighbors as ourselves. In Christ's name, we pray...

### SILENT CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Minister: Hear this Good News – Through the birth, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God has given us the gift of reconciliation!  
**Congregation: 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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(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) *Carol to the King* Mack Wilburg  
Chancel Choir and Percussion

Can you hear the distant music sounding from the pipe and horn,  
Bearing news of joy and gladness "Christ, the King of heaven is born."  
Angels, too, resound the anthem to the children of the earth,  
Calling all to hear the tidings of the blessed Savior's birth,  
Hear them sing, "tarara, tararé, Litampon, ladéritampon,"  
the fife and angel voices ring.  
"Tarara, tarara, tararé, Litampon, ladéritampon,"  
They all rejoice with songs they sing to bring the world a new-born King!  
Feel the music stir your senses like a mighty trumpet call,  
Wakening the world from slumber calling out to one and all,  
From the village, from the country let us join the holy throng,  
As we hasten to the manger that we, too, may join the song.  
As we sing, "tarara, tararé, Litampon, ladéritampon,"  
the fife and angel voices ring.  
"Tarara, tarara, tararé, Litampon, ladéritampon,"  
all rejoice with songs they sing to bring the world a new-born King!  
Pure and filled with holy light, tune your heart to hear His music  
Feel the glory of His love,  
Let us worship and adore Him, Wondrous Child of God above.  
Raise your voice, "tarara, tararé, Litampon, ladéritampon,"  
the fife and angel voices ring.  
"Tarara, tarara, tararé, Litampon, ladéritampon,"  
They all rejoice with songs they sing to bring the world a new-born King!  
"Tarara, Litampon, ladéritampon, tarara, Litampon,  
We all rejoice with songs we sing to tell us all to rise  
and sing to bring the world a new-born King.

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Isaiah 61:1-4 Pew Bible Page 641

**THE WORD FOR CHILDREN** (8:45) Beth Burris

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** (11:00) Reverend Ansley B. Page  
*Jackson Alvin Oswald*  
*Son of Michelle Wright and Zachary Alvin Oswald*

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.

† **HYMN 23:** (Blue) *Angels We Have Heard on High* GLORIA

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** John 1:1-14 Pew Bible Page 922

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

**MESSAGE** *Magnificent Mystery* Dr. William P. Wood  
*And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth;  
we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.*  
*John 1:14*

## 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

**OFFERTORY** (8:45) *In the Bleak Mid-Winter* arr. Karen Buckwalter  
Handbell Choir

(11:00) *Magnificat* Camille Saint Saëns  
Valerie MacPhail, Matias Mariani, Paul MacPhail

† **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**

## GO IN GOD'S NAME

† **HYMN 40:** (Blue) *Joy to the World!* ANTIOCH

† **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE** *Postlude on Mendelssohn* David Willcocks

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

**Welcome home, Matias!** It's a great joy to have tenor Matias Mariani with us today at 11:00 PM. Matias was a Chancel Choir Section Leader at our church for four years, and is taking a holiday break from his burgeoning singing career.

**Thanks to today's percussionists** Matt and Adena McDaniel and Jeff Kuntz for assisting with today's 11:00 a.m. worship service.

**The Advent Greens in the Sanctuary** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Barbara Jean Hanning by her family: Lee, Thomas, Ona, John, and Nancy.

**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.

#### 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 Fogartie Hall for any reason, an usher can direct you to the large private dining room (at the back of the worship space) as a place to stay with your child and still hear the worship service through our sound system.**

**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 Fogartie Hall 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.

### *Interested in Membership at First Presbyterian?*

The Welcome Class begins Sunday,  
January 22, 2012 ~ 9:45 a.m.

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

The first class will be held on Sunday, January 22, 2012,  
at 9:45. Follow the "Welcome Class" signs to Room 2200.

### Moravian Love Feast Today ~ Chapel 5:00 and 7:00 p.m.



Music Provided by  
The Chamber Singers  
5:00 and 7:00 p.m. ~ Chapel

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.

- ❖ This service is a joint effort between First Presbyterian Church and the Palmetto Moravian Fellowship here in Spartanburg, whose members will serve the feast dressed in period costumes.
- ❖ Because of large crowds, this service will be offered at 5:00 and 7:00 p.m.
- ❖ A nursery will be provided (ages 6 weeks to 3 years).



### Invite a Friend! December 24, 2011 Christmas Eve Services *Sanctuary*

5:00\* p.m. Family Service  
7:30\* and 11:00 p.m. Candlelight Service

**Everyone Welcome!**

\*Nursery provided.

#### 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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# 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."*