



We Give Thanks To God!

First Presbyterian Church

Liturgy and Announcements
Sunday, November 20, 2011

Service for the Sabbath

9:30 a.m.

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+All who are able are invited to stand.
Unison readings and responses are printed in **bold face** type.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Welcome

Reception of New Members Joanna and Scott Barnes

The Greeting—Ringing of the Tower Bell

Prelude

"The Prince of Denmark's March"

Clarke

Keith Karns, trumpet

+Call to Worship (Psalm 100)

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and God's courts with praise! Give thanks to God, Bless God's name!

For God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever, and God's faithfulness to all generations.

+Hymn 551

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

St. George's Windsor

(Verses 1-3)

Prayer of Confession

Give thanks to the God who is good.

God's love is everlasting.

Come, let us praise God joyfully.

Let us come to God with thanksgiving.

For the good world; for things great and small, beautiful and awesome; for seen and unseen splendors;

Thank You, God.

For human life; for talking and moving and thinking together; for common hopes and hardships shared from birth until our dying;

Thank You, God.

For work to do and strength to work; for the comradeship of labor; for exchanges of good humor and encouragement;

Thank You, God.

For family; for living together and eating together; for family amusements and family pleasures;

Thank You, God.

For children; for their energy and curiosity; for their brave play and startling frankness; for their sudden sympathies;

Thank You, God.

For the young; for their high hopes; for their irreverence toward worn-out values; for their search for freedom; for their solemn vows;

Thank you, God.

For growing up and growing old; for wisdom deepened by experience; for rest in leisure; and for time made precious by its passing;

Thank you, God.

For your help in times of doubt and sorrow; for healing our diseases; for preserving us in temptation and danger;

Thank you, God.

For the church into which we have been called; for the good news we receive by Word and Sacrament; for our life together in the Lord;

We praise you, God.

For your Holy Spirit; who guides our steps and brings us gifts of faith and love; who prays in us and prompts our grateful worship;

We praise you, God.

Above all, O God, for your Son Jesus Christ, who lived and died and lives again for our salvation; for our hope in Him; and for the joy of serving Him;

We thank and praise you, Eternal God, for all your goodness to us.

Give thanks to the Lord, who is good.

God's love is everlasting.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

The mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

+Response Hymn 551 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" St. George's Windsor
(Verse 4)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

First Scripture Reading	(OT pg. 803) Ezekiel 34:11-16
Time With Our Children	<i>Rev. Peggy Casteel</i>
Musical Offering:	"God Be in My Head" Nicholson <i>Adult Choir Singing</i>
Second Scripture Reading	(NT pg 28) Matthew 25:31-46
Sermon	Come Ye Thankful People, Come <i>Rob Craig</i>

GO IN GOD'S NAME

Benediction

Spoken Response: “**Alleluia Amen**”

Response: Seven-fold Amen

Adult Choir

Postlude

“Rondeau”

Keith Karns, trumpet

Mouret

(The Postlude is an organ voluntary played at the end of our service. You are welcome to remain to enjoy the music and you may wish to move and be seated nearer the organ. However, our music staff is entirely comfortable if you choose to greet others with whom you have worshipped and then leave the sanctuary. Thank you again for joining us in worship this morning.)

A Conversation Possibility for Today:

“For what are you thankful?”

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY NOVEMBER 20, 2011

WELCOME! On this final Sunday of the Christian year, we recall the sovereign reign of God over all the world and we rejoice in the promise that Christ will walk among us again. We pray that during the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday our travels will be safe and our relationships will be strengthened. Please let a pastor or any parishioner know how we can serve you. We hope you will consider joining us for the Fellowship Time and coffee hour in the gym immediately following worship.

THE FLOWERS TODAY are given Bill Nie in loving memory of Sukey Nie.

THANKS TO the Adult Choir and Keith Karns for their gifts of music this morning.

WORSHIP NEWS: The banner we are using for today's Thanksgiving service is one of four banners given to memorialize long-time member, Mary O'Shaughnessey. The artist is Sonja Eads Cookson and she named this banner, Thanksgiving. This is the artist's description of her work: "I wanted to symbolize Thanksgiving, not realizing at the time that Thanksgiving is not a religious holiday but I was thinking about being grateful to God for food. I began to think about symbols that represented food. I knew that I wanted a large fish in the middle. Often times the fabric gave me ideas such as the scales, tail and fins on the fish. Then I added wheat, grapes and a chalice. The cross on this banner is curved on the edges to look like a Celtic cross."

PRAYERS FOR OUR MEMBERSHIP today and throughout the coming week: Rich, Rebecca, Benjamin and William Stenner; Sherry Stark; David, Rita and Alex Selheim; Danny, Sarah, Trey, Autumn Elaine Sanders and Evelyn Malcomb.

GREETING CARDS are available today on the Community Table in the gym. Please take a moment to sign them and show appreciation for our member families.

VISITORS AT WORSHIP LAST SUNDAY: Chris Smalling, Nancy S. Routier; Linda Vanspronsen; Ruth Kennedy and Bob Smith.

DEE JONES one of our members, is facing some challenges. Several people have asked how they may be helpful. A particular way of helping has become

clear and Lori Rowan will be pleased to hear from those who can help. Her e-mail is: lori@zellerinsurance.com.

CONSECRATION SUNDAY WAS A SUCCESS! It is a joy to give thanks for God's many blessings. Thanks to all who worked so diligently to make it a great day. We have received more than half of the expected estimates of giving. Initial tabulations indicate some increases along with nine new commitments. A letter and card are being mailed to those who could not be present. When additional estimates are submitted, detailed results will be shared with the congregation.

ARE YOU A VISITOR ready to live your Christian life in relationship with First Presbyterian Church? If you feel reasonably confident in your answer, then we want to speak with you about membership. If, on the other hand, you seek additional resources or experiences, or if you have never been baptized, several things can happen. One of the Pastors or another Elder will be glad to visit with you privately. We can also arrange a small group of inquirers to explore desired aspects of Christianity, Presbyterianism, and/or First Church. While membership is encouraged, you are welcome to take as long as you need in your exploration. Please let us know where you are in your journey.

ADULT NURTURE TODAY

SAVING JESUS: Who is Jesus and what is his relevance today? Sometimes it seems as if Jesus has been kidnapped by the Christian Right and discarded by the Secular Left. Amy-Jill Levine says —We're having a culture war and Jesus happens to be one of the weapons tossed about by both sides. —Saving Jesus is a 12 session DVD-based exploration of a credible Jesus in the third millennium. Each class will start with a 30-minute video segment, followed by discussion guided by Luther Pierson. —Saving Jesus is produced by the makers of the popular —Living the Questions course, recently presented at FPC by Cindy McMillin. This series began September 11 and ends on December 4; and meets in the Crump Room

NEWS ABOUT ABBY'S HOUSE Roger Brinkman, and other Board Members from Hillside Health Care International, will offer news and insights about developments in Belize. The Board Members will be in Columbus for a retreat and we are pleased that they can participate with us on Sunday morning.

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday the 20th

9:30 am - 10:30 am - Worship Service

10:00 am - 11:00 am - Sunday School

11:00 am - 12:00 pm - Adult Nurture: Laws Room

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm - Open and Affirming Committee – Crump Room

Monday the 21st

5:30 pm - 8:15 pm – Yoga

Tuesday the 22nd

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Band Rehearsal

Wednesday the 23rd

Thanksgiving Recess - No Preschool and Wee Care

9:30 am - 10:30 am - Staff Meeting

Thursday the 24th

Thanksgiving

Office; Preschool and Wee Care Closed

Friday the 25th

Thanksgiving Recess: Preschool --No Preschool and WC

Office Closed

6:45 am - 8:00 am - Men's Support Group: Crump Room

6:45 am - 8:00 am - Women's Support Group: Reeves Room

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm - Hot Meals - Sanders' Team: Gymnasium

REMINDERS: The office will be closed November 24 and 25 for Thanksgiving; December 26 for Christmas and January 2 for New Year's Day.

THE MISSION OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH:

is to be an active, growing, inclusive and caring church family that witnesses to God's love and shares the good news of Jesus Christ. Our mission leads us to invite all people to participate fully in our community and worship life as safe, loved, and accepted children of God, including:

- Conventional Christians and questioning skeptics
- Children and adults of all ages
- People of all sexual orientations and gender identities
- People of all races and cultures
- People of all socioeconomic situations
- People of all mental and physical abilities
- Those who bring hope to the world and those who seek hope

TODAY from about 1:30-3:00pm, landscape care team members and any other volunteers can meet at church to rake leaves and gumballs. Please join us if possible. Please see Sharon Larson with any questions. If anyone would like to volunteer at various times through the week, feel free to do so.

SIGN UP: IF YOU WISH TO CONTINUE TO RECEIVE PAPER COPIES OF THE NEWSLETTER.

With the introduction of the new church web page at www.fpcolumbus.org anyone can download a copy of the church newsletter on any personal computer. The Communication Committee is encouraging everyone with computers to consider this simple way of accessing monthly newsletters. It is part of the green initiative as well as more economical. **If you wish to *continue* to receive your newsletter by regular mail, please fill out the form and place it in the offering plate.** This will ensure that there is no interruption or discontinuation of your newsletter service.

YES!

I would like to continue to receive my FPC monthly newsletter by regular mail.

Name(s) _____

Address update if new or different

CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH SCHEDULE November 20, 2011

Babies:

9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. – Nursery Room available with sound from sanctuary

Preschool – Kindergarten Sunday School – Education Wing

10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

2 and 3 year olds – Room 2

4 and 5 year olds – Room 4

Primary Division – Donner Wing

10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

1 – 2 grade – downstairs in Donner wing

Elementary Division – Large Youth Room

10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

3 – 4 grade students – Disciples Classroom

5 - 6 grade students – Apostles Classroom

The Gathering

10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m. – 11:10 a.m. Snacks in Large Youth Room

Cherub and Hosanna Choirs

11:10 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. – Choir Room off gym

Extended Childcare

Parents should meet the childcare provider Judy Dulong in Room 2 prior to attending additional classes.

Junior and Senior High Classes

11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. – Junior High meeting with Pastor Peggy

11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. – Senior High meeting with Jeff Wheatner

Children's Programming:

11/27/11 – Mitten Tree Christmas project – All are encouraged to bring in **new** hats and mittens and put on the mitten tree in the large youth room. All donations will be sent to Turning Point.

CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH ACTIVITIES CONTINUED

12/3/11 – Noon – 4:00 p.m. Parent's Day Out. Please bring a sack lunch for your child(ren). Youth will be here with adult chaperones to do childcare for a donation to the Youth Mission Fund.

12/10/11 – 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Children's Christmas Musical Dress Rehearsal. Youth and children – please plan to be here to practice with Jenny.

12/18/11 – Happy Birthday Jesus Party during The Gathering. Norie Erickson is hosting. Please watch for notes from Norie as to what parents can bring.

Youth Group Programming:

Heart Tree – Youth Service project assists 2 preschool families to have Christmas. Please look for the heart tree in the Laws room and help 2 families have a wonderful Christmas.

11/20/11 – Youth Group

- 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Junior High Youth Group and gospel Choir practice with Keith Karns
- 5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Talent Time
- 5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Supper
- 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Senior High Youth Group

11/27/11 – Happy Thanksgiving

Christmas Program

12/11/11 – During Adult Worship will be the presentation of the Children's Christmas musical with support from our youth.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS: Again this year, the Worship Committee will include poinsettias as part of the Christmas decorations in our sanctuary. Please consider ordering in memory or honor of family members or friends. A list of donors and the people they are honoring will appear in the bulletins on December 18 and December 25. Thank you for helping to make Advent and Christmas special in our worship services.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA COUPON IN MEMORY/HONOR of

Given by _____

Day phone # _____

___ I will donate ___ poinsettia(s) @ \$16.00; make check payable to First Presbyterian Church with poinsettia on the memo line and attach to coupon.

___ I wish to keep my plant(s) and will take after the Christmas Eve service I attend on December 24.

___ I wish for my plant(s) to be delivered to the senior members of the church who are unable to attend Christmas services.

___ I will help deliver plants to the homebound after the services on December 24.

ORDER DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 4, 2011



HANGING OF THE GREENS: The Worship Committee invites all members and friends to join us on Saturday, December 10, at 10 a.m. to decorate our sanctuary, Laws Room and the outside fences for Christmas. All adults and youth are welcome. Please come. We look forward to seeing you.



NEW MEMBERS!

*These people joined our
congregation on
November 13, 2011.*

Dana Harrison works currently as a program manager for Valleo Sylvania. She will be moving to Columbus soon. She has been looking for a home church and chose FPC. Though Dana has been a part of several congregations, she had never been baptized; we rejoice in her baptism at First Presbyterian Church. Dana joins us by affirmation of faith.

Keith and Courtney Karns grew up in North Pole, Alaska. Keith is a jazz musician; he plays and teaches trumpet, and writes music. He has already started working with our youth group and with worship music. Courtney teaches music at CSA Lincoln in downtown Columbus. She has joined our choir as a soprano and would enjoy working with our children's choir. Keith's grandfather and father are Presbyterian ministers, so they looked for a Presbyterian church when they came to Columbus. They appreciate FPC's outreach to the community. They join us by letter of transfer.

Ted and Elaine Marston join FPC as affiliate members by letter of transfer. Ted volunteers weekly at Love Chapel. Elaine spends Mondays at Green Tree, playing the piano for the enjoyment of the residents. The Marstons were drawn to FPC because they enjoy the worship. They found the congregation very friendly and already knew many people. They are thinking about ways they would like to be involved.

Jane Vandivier enjoys doting on her grandchildren, reading, creative writing, and yardwork. She has found FPC very friendly in church and when she is out and about in the community. She is looking forward to learning more about the history of FPC and its work in Columbus, to Bible study and to fellowship with people in our congregation. Jane joins our congregation by letter of transfer.



WELCOME ALSO NEW MEMBERS TODAY

Scott and Joanna Barnes were drawn to FPC's accepting church environment. Scott works for Cummins in information security.

Joanna teaches education classes at Indiana University Southeast. Their daughter Krystal is 16 and attends the Columbus International School. Scott joins FPC by reaffirmation of faith. Joanna joins us by letter of transfer.

HIGHLIGHTS—NEXT WEEK NOVEMBER 27

- Advent begins
- International AIDS DAY
- Adult Nurture will feature

In the Laws Room: representatives of the Positive Link who will help us to learn of the impact of AIDS. Also in the Crump Room will be the ongoing series, "Saving Jesus."

ADVENT NOVEMBER 27:

Celebrating the liturgical season of Advent is a challenge. On one hand, we are being asked by the Church patiently to wait, hope, and expect the second coming of Jesus Christ, while also being patient about celebrating His birth in Bethlehem.

On the other hand, stores and commercials are already using, and often misusing, images of Christmas. How do we maintain our tradition and still enjoy the excitement? Our worship schedule attempts to do both.

On Sundays November 27 and December 4 (Communion), we will focus on Advent themes. On December 11 we will bridge to Christmas themes young people will lead worship. We wish you a hopeful advent!

SPECIAL THANKS to the faithful Newsletter team who have helped produce and distribute the FPC Newsletter for many years. It is our hope that the new copy machine which will be here soon, will eliminate the need for manual collating and labeling. The Newsletter may also be viewed on the website at fpccolumbus.org under the newsletter tab.

WELCOME TO VISITORS

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church! Please ask ushers for information about child-care, Sunday School, large-print bulletins and hymnals, hearing-aid assists, or current newsletters.

Please sign the *Friendship Registration* pads!

We welcome children in worship. Infant and toddler care is offered from 9:00-Noon today in the Education Wing, Room E2.

Please join us for a time of fellowship in the Gym at 10:30 a.m., following worship. Please check the bulletin for upcoming opportunities!

We strive toward the use of inclusive language in our church as it pertains to people and to God.

MINISTERIAL STAFF OFFICE HOURS

Pastor Rob Craig is normally in the church building on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays. Other days will be used for study, visitation, and he will be pleased to make additional appointments. He will be regularly checking his office telephone voicemail (ext. 223) and emails rob@fpccolumbus.org.

Associate Pastor Peggy Casteel's normal office hours are Monday through Thursday. She will be out of the office on Fridays. She will check her voicemail regularly (ext. 224) or email Peggy at peggy@fpccolumbus.org.

Colin Andrews, Director of Music, is normally in the office Wednesdays all day, Thursday from 2:30-8:30 p.m., Sunday 0800-5:00 p.m., occasionally on Fridays He will check his voicemail (ext. 225) and email coandrew@indiana.edu. Cell phone number is 252-717-9248.

OFFICE HOURS

The office is open Monday through Friday from 8AM–5PM.

Lunch hour is from 12:30PM–1:30 PM

Pastor	Rob Craig
Associate Pastor	Peggy Casteel
Director of Music	Colin Andrews
Music Assistant	Jennifer McNamee
Preschool Director	Barbara Newton
Childcare	Judy DuLong
Office Staff	Tammy Pace, Susan Vannice
Facility Staff	John Frank
Organist Emeritus	Ramon L. Hass
Parish Associates	Cal Brand, Norie Erickson, Eric Erickson, John McKune, Sharon Williams Hanrattie, Bill Rumsey



BENEFIT CONCERT FOR LOVE CHAPEL:

For Katie Glackin's Senior Project, she has organized a mostly classical concert to benefit Love Chapel. Performers include Katie, Andrew Hacker, Jill Bosserman, and a few other student musicians.

At the concert she will be collecting canned goods for Love Chapel. The concert will be held at First Presbyterian Church in the Laws Room at 1:00 p.m. on December 4. Come join us for an hour of entertainment and help stock the shelves at Love Chapel during the holiday season.



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