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First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Sabbath

9:30 a.m.

December 4, 2011

+All who are able are invited to stand.

Unison readings and responses are printed in **bold face** type.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Welcome

The Greeting—Ringling of the Tower Bell

Prelude “Veni Emmanuel” Hampton

Introit “Come Into God’s House With Joy” Grotenhuis
Adult Choir

+Advent Call to Worship *The Geckler Family*

We light the candle of peace. It prepares us for Christ’s coming.

Our hearts glow with the light of peace.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

We wait in peace. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen

+Hymn Sung to the tune of “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

God, we thank You and we praise You for Your gift to us divine.

As we celebrate this Advent fill our hearts with peace sublime.

Candles glowing, spirits growing, as we wait the Christ child’s birth

We’ll rejoice His Holy birth.

Prayer of Confession *Mackenzie Geckler*

O God of forgiveness, with our tongues we speak evil against our sisters and brothers. By our actions, we disobey Your commandments. Hostility is bred through our suspicion and envy; anger continues in spite of Christ’s peace. You open our eyes to His righteousness, yet we remain blind to the truth of Christ’s reconciling presence. Forgive our deliberate misuse of Your mercy, and in Christ hear our prayer.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah speaks of God's comfort, of God's pardoning of iniquity, and of the coming One who shall level uneven ground and make a plain of the rough places. All the earth shall know that God's judgment is tempered by Christ's presence and peace on our behalf. In Him we have assurance of pardon.

Hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Veni Emmanuel

*O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel!*

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

First Scripture Reading Isaiah 40:1-11(O.T. Pg. 667)

Musical Offering "God Be In My Head" Walford-Davies
Sung by the Adult Choir

Time With Our Children *Rev. Peggy Casteel*

Hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Veni Emmanuel

*"O Come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night.
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

Second Scripture Reading Mark 1: 1-8 (Pg. 34 N.T.)

Communion Meditation *Rev. Peggy Casteel*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

+Hymn 8 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" Truro

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

“Our God Saves”
Gospel Choir

Keith Karns

Please sign the Friendship Pad in your pew and pass it on.

*Many people contribute generously annually or monthly.
We recommend that those givers place a coin in the offering plate as a
Sunday symbol of the offering of their lives to God.*

+Doxology 591 “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow” Old Hundredth
***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.***

Prayers of the People, the Lord’s Prayer (“debts and debtors”) Hymnal, p. 16

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give You. . . .

And with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the
glory of Your name:

Hymn 581

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

You are holy, O God of majesty

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory
and honor are Yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

Amen.

Communion of the People

(All the faithful, of any age or denominational background, are invited to commune. Trays of gluten free bread, followed by trays of grape juice, will be passed through the pew. Worshipers often wait until all are served and then partake together upon instruction.)

Prayer after Communion

GO IN GOD'S NAME

+Hymn 20 “Watchman, Tell Us of the Night” Aberystwyth

+Benediction

Spoken Response:

“Alleluia Amen”

Postlude Prelude in E Minor BWV 533 ("The Cathedral") J.S. Bach

(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:

Do you remember a time when you were surprised by God?

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY DECEMBER 4, 2011

WELCOME : Today is the 2nd Sunday of Advent. We are grateful you are here to help us wait with Hope, Peace, Joy and Love for the arrival of the good news of Jesus birth. Today is also a communion Sunday. Everyone is welcome to God's table. We invite you to remain after worship to visit and to have a cup of coffee or hot chocolate in the gym. If there is anyway we can help you during this holiday season, please let us know.

THE FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God by the Rehbein family in loving memory of Conrad Rehbein.

THANKS TO the Adult and Gospel Choirs for sharing their gifts of music this morning.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS today and throughout the coming week the following members of our congregation, lifting them in prayer: Nancy Marble; Jim Martin; Mark and Anne Owens; Marty Newsom; and Marge LeBrec.

GREETING CAMPAIGN CARDS are available today. Please take a moment to sign them and encourage our member families.

MARKET FOR GOOD – an alternative Christmas market will be held today during coffee hour. We've all heard about the concept of "Pay it forward," and many have read the book by Catherine Hyde. The Republic recently reported on a second book by Tom Roth entitled "How Full is Your Bucket?" Both books have adult and kid's versions. When we say and do good things for people, we are filling buckets. This holiday season you'll both pay it forward and fill a bucket when you purchase items for family and friends at our Market For Good. We will have diverse products and your purchases will be helping Palestine, Africa, and Haiti. Not only will you delight family and friends, you'll be filling buckets far away. Let's all try to counter the excessive consumerism which tends to overwhelm the season. Buy a few simple gifts that give twice and enhance the greater good. Join in the fun at coffee hour for four Sundays beginning November 27.

THE CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING CAMPAIGN will be dedicated at the Christmas Eve Services, December 24. This offering continues the tradition of supporting equally: 1) the Board of Pensions, assisting those retired church workers

who have little or no pension, 2) Presbyterian racial ethnic schools and colleges, funding scholarships to deserving students. The Stewardship Committee and Session appreciate your consideration of this special offering.

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.

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. **today.** Come join us for an hour of entertainment and help stock the shelves at Love Chapel during the holiday season.

VIOLIN CONCERT: Holiday Violin Concert Monday evening, Dec. 5th at 5pm. All are welcome to come and hear Handle, Bach and Merry Holiday music played on violins under the direction of Camilla Kincer.

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.

SENIOR HIGH HEART TREE: This year we are helping three families – a preschool family with two special needs children and two church families. Please help these children and families in three easy steps. First, select a heart from the tree by the kitchen. Second, write your name on the chart (on the bulletin board) to note which heart number you chose. Third, shop! Unwrapped gifts should be placed under the Christmas tree, with the heart, so they can be given to the correct family. Cash donations and gift cards should be placed in the designated box in Pastor Peggy's office (also with the heart number noted). All gifts need to be returned by Friday, December 9th. Thank you for helping us make Christmas magic for these families!

MITTEN TREE – The 5th and 6th grade Sunday School class will be sponsoring the Mitten Tree this year as their mission project. From Thanksgiving Sunday until

Christmas Sunday, the Christmas tree will be up in the Large Youth Room. Children are encouraged to bring new mittens, gloves, and hats to decorate the tree. All items will be donated to Turning Point Domestic Violence Shelter after Christmas Sunday. Thank you!

~~Children's Nurture

WRITE FOR RIGHTS 2011: December 12, 6-8:30, the Laws Room.

Amnesty International marks International Human Rights Day by offering a write-a-thon. Columbus Peace Fellowship will provide sample letters, background information and writing materials. Bring family and friends, children are welcome, as we write letters of solidarity with people suffering human rights abuse. These are part of the work toward change in conditions around the world.

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.fpccolumbus.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

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.

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

ADULT NURTURE TODAY

SAVING JESUS:

The *Saving Jesus Redux* study concludes. Join Luther Pierson and the class as they wrap up this thought provoking series. Another Bible focused study begins early in 2012.

ADULT NURTURE DECEMBER 4

Mission is relational and transformative-loving God and neighbor with heart, soul, and mind. In our missional work at First Presbyterian Church, we view ourselves as missionaries engaging surrounding neighborhoods from our doorstep to the ends of the earth. We recently heard more of the impact of Abby's house and the clinic- a dedicated program of love in action. Our church holds hands with our neighbors in Zambia as well through the Power of Love Foundation (POL). Cindy Chapman, Mary Harmon and Ann Jones traveled to Zambia in September and will provide an adult nurture program about the work of POL'S pediatric AIDS program in Matero, a poor compound of Lusaka, Zambia. Please join us on Dec 4th and hear more about, missional engagement, public witness, and mutual empowerment.

~Ann Jones

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

ACTIVITES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday the 4th

9:30 am - 10:30 am - Worship Service Second Sunday of Advent / Communion

10:00 am - 11:00 am – Children’s Sunday School

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

12:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal: Choir Room

1:00 pm Katie Glackin Benefit for Love Chapel: Laws Room

4:00 pm - 8:30 pm - FPC Youth

Monday the 5th

5:30 pm - 8:15 pm - Yoga

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm - Personnel Committee: Crump Room

Tuesday the 6th

9:00 am - 10:45 am Preschool Sanctuary Visits

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

Wednesday the 7th

9:00 am - 10:45 am Preschool Sanctuary Visits

10:30 am - 11:30 am - Staff Meeting: FPC

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Deacon's Meeting: Crump Room

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm - Youth Nurture: Reeves Room

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm - Worship Committee: Lindeman Room

Thursday the 8th

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm - Stewardship and Finance Committee: Crump Room

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Adult Choir Rehearsal: Choir Room

Friday the 9th

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

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

11:00 am - 12:00 pm - Prayer Circle: Crump Room

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm - Hot Meals - Unitarian Fellowship Team: Gymnasium

Saturday the 10th

9:00 am – 11:00 am - Special Saturday Children's Choir Practice

10:00 am - 1:00 pm - Hanging of the Greens: FPC

CHILDREN’S AND YOUTH SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 4

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:

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.

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.

12/11/11 – Children’s Christmas Musical during Adult Worship

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.

12/4/11 – Youth Group –

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Junior High Youth Group
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

12/11/11 – Youth Group and helping with Children’s Christmas Musical

12/18/11 - Junior High Christmas Party hosted by Lisa Porter, Bonnie Boatwright and Nicole Moore: ***Location TBA***

Senior High Christmas Party hosted by Terri Glackin, Colleen Herrick and Joanna Barnes: at the Glackin home.

12/25/11 – 1/1/11 – Merry Christmas, Happy New Year!



SIMPLE SUNDAY REMINDER:

If the Sheriff announces a snow emergency, urging cars off the roads, we will cancel all activities. If a Sunday morning appears **unusually** dangerous, but there is not a snow emergency declared, we may announce a “**Simple Sunday.**”

1. On a Simple Sunday, one or more of the Pastors will take responsibility for leadership that morning.
2. No other staff or leaders will be required or

unnecessarily encouraged to attend.

3. Any members who wish to come to worship will be led by the staff in a simplified worship service.

4. The leaders will assign a few tasks from among those who attend.

Notification will be made by e-mail; television channels 6 & 8; Republic; radio stations QMIX and White River, and through a phone chain if time permits.

WI-FI USERS PLEASE MAKE NOTE: The property committee has



concluded that in today’s high tech society, it is no longer wise to have an “open” internet connection. You may have already found that the wireless internet here at FPC is not connecting as it has previously. It is now necessary to have a password to log onto the wireless internet which is available upon inquiry at the office.

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 robc@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 peggyc@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



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