

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church. Please sign the Fellowship Register and pass it along the pew or to those around you. Visitors, please include your name, address, zip code, and phone number. When the register returns, note the names of people near you and greet one another after the service.

VISITORS, please accept our invitation to worship with us regularly. Scott Sherwood is volunteering at the Welcome Desk this morning.

Emergency Information. An AED (Automated External Defibrillator) is located immediately outside the door in front of the Sanctuary on the Lectern (east) side of the church. A telephone is located in the Iowa/Kirkwood Boulevard entrance to the Sanctuary. Dial 9-911 for an emergency.

Worship binders and activity bags are available for children to use during the service. They are located in the back of the Sanctuary, or you may ask an usher for one.

Large print Bibles, bulletins, and hymnals are available from the ushers. Also stop by the church library on the lower level for a selection of large print books available for loan.

Sound enhancement devices that can accommodate a T-switch on a hearing aid, or can be fitted with a personal earpiece, are available in the Sanctuary. Ask any usher for details, or see the sound engineer at the sound desk at the west of the Sanctuary.

Please join us for Fellowship Time in Fellowship Hall between services this morning. All members and visitors are invited to stop by to say 'hello' and share some refreshments. If you are available to host the fellowship hour one Sunday, please contact Nellie James (563-386-4854), or leave a note at the Welcome Desk.

Music Notes: Special music this morning is provided by Maddie Bawden. Maddie, a high school sophomore, sings with the *Celebration Singers* and *Cecelian Carolers* and is the daughter of Mike and Caroline Bawden.

Next Sunday, January 8, special music will be provided by the *Sanctuary Choir*.

Ushers for January 8: 9:00 AM - *Head Usher:* Dick Duncan. *Ushers:* Penne Duncan, Cris Fister, Marilyn Jorgenson, Denny Jorgenson, Kent Marcek, and Jay McQuillen. 11:00 AM - *Head Usher:* Susie Kardel. *Ushers:* Jenny Ferrell and Lorraine Sewick.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayers are Welcome For: Jason, Ashley, and Wiley Battles (*cousins of Susan Crutcher*), Damian Braun (*step-son of Carrie Braun*), Shirley Cook (*mother of Linda Ruebling*), Jacob Dalton (*son of Bret and Brenda Dalton*), Roberta Darbyshire, Emma Dobson (*student at Eden Seminary*), Matt Downey (*student at McCormick Theological Seminary*), Alexander Dudeck (*great-grandson of Pat Anthony*), Jim Foster (*father of Barbara Young*), Matt and Sarah Hayman (*death of Matt's grandmother*), Jean Holloway, George Holmes, Russell Karkowski (*son-in-law of Bill and Dorothy Schelar*), Scott Karwath (*friend of Jim Florang*), Charles Murphy, Doug Page, Sandy and James Partridge, Jeff Paul, Lucille Russell, Kim Schlabach, Christian Taber (*son of Marilyn Irwin*), Bonnie Van Loon, Lynn Wackenhuth, Lucy Walker, Dick Wells, Rev. José Pilar Alvarez Cabrera, Rev. Nestor Eduardo Alvarez Cabrera, and Ruben Aldana Guzman (*leaders of ILUGUA, Zacapa, Guatemala*), Rev. Herbert and Alice Chikomo (*leaders of children's club and orphanage in Harere, Zimbabwe*). Please share with the Pastors or the church office when your prayers have been answered and/or you no longer wish to remain on the list.

Hospital visits by the Pastor or Associate Pastor to members and friends of First Pres., are made only with a patient's permission. **Printed Prayer Requests** for members and friends also require permission from the person(s) in need of prayer before prayers are printed in the bulletin or mentioned during Sunday Prayer. The best way to assure a hospital visit or a prayer is to have you, a family member, or a friend directly notify the church office (563-326-1691).

The Prayer Chain connects those in need of prayer with church members who are committed to a ministry of prayer. Those asking for prayer on the Prayer Chain will not be included in the bulletin unless specifically requested. All requests may be directed to Mary Ann Francois, Prayer Chain Coordinator, (563-355-5292).

Operation Love is a member-to-member outreach to those with short term needs for transportation, meals, emergency babysitting, or respite care. Please contact Patti Angelici (309-277-8460) for more information.

January 1, 2012
First Sunday after Christmas
Worship at Ten O'clock in the Morning



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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2012

BAPTISM OF THE LORD; ORDINATION/INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

SERVICES OF WORSHIP AT 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Genesis 1:1-5

Psalm 29

Acts 19:1-7

Mark 1:4-11

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*A place to belong! Where faith is nurtured,
curiosity is encouraged, diversity is welcomed, and all are loved.*

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A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

SCRIPTURES FOR READING AND MEDITATION

Isaiah 61:10 – 62:3

Psalm 148

Galatians 4:4-7

Luke 2:22-40

*The poinsettias, evergreen swags, and trees have been given to the glory of God
in memory of those people listed on the insert in this bulletin,
whom are held in grateful affection.*

ORDER OF SERVICE

*Worshippers who are able, please stand. **Bold** indicates congregational response.
Please mute the audible ringer or turn off the power on your pager or cell phone.

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO...

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

At the beginning of the announcements, all worshippers are invited to sign the Fellowship Register.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Worshippers meditate silently during the following prelude using the Scripture readings on the front of this bulletin. The Bible, which has been placed near the outside door symbolizing its place in the world, is brought to the lectern from which lessons will be read, symbolizing the place of the Scripture in Christian Worship.

PRELUDE

PRAISE ALMIGHTY GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 61:10 - 62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch.

The nations shall see your vindication, and all the rulers your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give.

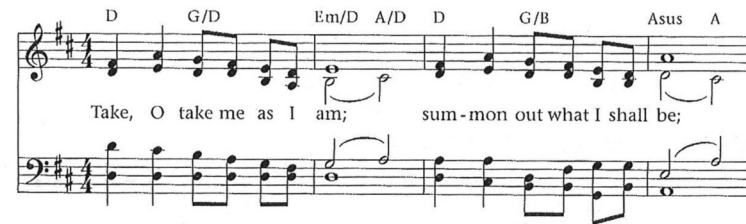
We shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of our God.

***HYMN 22** "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" REGENT SQUARE
Those who are able, please rise as the introduction begins.

CONFESS TO A FORGIVING CREATOR

***CALL TO CONFESSION** - Sing, "Take, Oh Take Me" one time.

"Take, O Take Me As I Am"



*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God of life, of all life and of each life, from whom nothing in us is hidden, we lay our lives before you. You have given us love beyond measure and understanding, yet we continue to be stingy and reluctant to forgive others. You have given us a new name, but we continue to shy away from belonging only to you. In your mercy forgive us, and give us strength to begin again this New Year's day. Amen.

Following the Prayer of Confession, please sing, "Take, O Take Me" one time

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, hear and believe this good news of the Gospel.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

***GLORIA PATRI** - Hymn 579.

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:22-40 *The New Testament page 59*
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Mind the Gap"

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN 49** "Once in Royal David's City" IRBY
Those who are able, please rise as the introduction begins.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER - (Traditional) Page 16 in the hymnal.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND LIVES TO GOD

In the gift of money, we offer something of our work and selves to God.

OFFERTORY "Gesù Bambino" Pietro Yon
Madeline Bawden, soloist

*PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Those who are able, please rise singing the Doxology - Hymn Tune: OLD HUNDRETH, 592 in the hymnal.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O Christ, begotten before all time, may your church be a sign of hope and joy. O Christ, truly God and truly human, born to a people in fulfillment of their expectations, now also fulfill the world's desires with these gifts. O Christ, Prince of peace, may the whole world live in peace and justice. Amen.

GO TO SERVE WITH GOD'S BLESSING

***HYMN 40** "Joy to the World" ANTIOCH
Those who are able, please rise as the introduction begins.

CHARGE AND BLESSING

BENEDICTION RESPONSE Chimes

POSTLUDE