



Christmas Eve Services - Saturday, December 24, 2011

- 5:00 PM** *Jesus is the Word of God come to us as a baby!*
Family Service with Carols and Candlelight
- 9:00 PM** **Candlelight Christmas Communion**
- 11:00 PM** **Carols and Candlelight**

Christmas Morning Service - Sunday, December 25, 2011

- 10:00 AM** **Celebration of the Birth of the Christ Child**

The 5:00 PM worship service is particularly for families with young children. Along with the Rev. Pamela J. Hoogheem, the children and youth will proclaim the Christmas message: Jesus is the Word of God come to us as a baby! We will sing traditional carols and experience the wonder of the candle lit sanctuary. The Blessing of the Babies recognizes all infants born since last Christmas and little ones who are new to the congregation. The *Cherub Choir* and *Youth Choir* will lead the congregation in worship of God through song.

At 9:00 PM, Candlelight Holy Communion will be shared in the hushed quietness of the first Christmas when God "descended the back stairs of Bethlehem" to become one with the human race. The *Celebration Singers*, the high school choir, will offer the anthems for the evening. The Feast of Light will be celebrated as the darkened sanctuary is transformed by candlelight to symbolize pilgrims coming to see the Light of the World. The Rev. Richard Miller will offer the meditation. Several traditional and favorite Christmas carols will be sung during the distribution of the Sacrament.

At 11:00 PM, a festive service of carols and candlelighting will herald the welcome of Christmas Day. The Rev. Richard Miller will preach the Christmas message. The *Vesper Bells* will accompany the *Cathedral Choir of Young Men and Boys*, and the service will also include the *Sanctuary Choir* and the *Cecelian Carolers*. Alumni are invited to join the choirs by contacting Steve Jobman ahead of time. Of course, carol singing will abound. The traditional and inspiring Service of Darkness and Candlelighting during the singing of "Silent Night" will add a special feeling to the conclusion of this memorable Christmas celebration.

Sunday, December 25, there will be one service of worship at 10:00 AM. The Rev. Richard Miller will preach the Christmas message.

Taizé Prayer Service

Friday, December 2, 6:30 PM

Experience the quiet of Taizé worship in contemplative prayer, repetitive song, and silence this Advent. The meditative nature of this worship service provides everyone with the opportunity to ponder the significance of Christ's birth and life. Scripture, singing, and candle light offer a truly peaceful space in the busyness of the Advent season. Join worshipers on Friday, December 2 at 6:30 PM in the Chapel.



Congregational Meeting Notice

Sunday, December 4, 10:00 AM

Church officers for the class of 2014 on the Session and the Board of Deacons will be elected *today* at a congregational meeting, 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary. Those being nominated include:

Elders: Louise Hales, Jim Tucker, Chad Carr, Jeff Ehrmann, Ralph Congdon, Glenn Simmonds, Hugh Stafford, Bill Yingling (two year term). One position remains open for the Clerk of Session.

Deacons: Jim Woods, Lois Boyer-Fitzpatrick, Jim Roseman, Janet Stensrud, Patrick Downey, Christopher Tinsman, Ericka Schmidt, Deb Beshears, Susie Kardel, Bruce Rickert, Karla Ruitter, Kathy Middleton, Kristina Easter (two year term), Roen Paulsen (two year term), Safi Nyasa (two year term), Logan Yingling (one year term).

Advent Gathering for Families with Young Children



Saturday, December 10, 3:00 PM

Parents, grandparents, and children are invited to gather on Saturday,

December 10 from 3:00 - 4:30 PM in Von Maur Hall. Children ages 1 - 5 will enjoy cookie decorating and a simple ornament craft; parents and grandparents will enjoy spending time together with their children and other families. Invite your friends! Please RSVP to Pastor Pamela if you plan on participating (563-340-8714).



Rev. Richard Miller

Out the Study Window

As I put final touches on the last newsletter article I will write in 2011, I pause to give thanks to God for a challenging and rewarding year. By the time you read this, new Elders and Deacons will be making preparations to fill the shoes of retiring Elders and Deacons (see listing below). The Stewardship Committee will also be making their final follow-up calls so the joint budget committee (made up of active chairpersons from Elder and Deacon Committees, and the Foundation chairperson), can finalize the budget for 2012 in December. This is a new step for First Presbyterian Church. The plan is to decide on a budget based on projected revenue before the new year.

December will also be filled with many activities that come with this festive month. We look forward to Advent worship services, the annual Christmas Concert, and our three wonderful Christmas Eve services; and this year we will experience an added bonus with one Christmas Sunday service at 10:00 AM.

Be sure to thank the following Elders and Deacons who have led us to follow Christ:

Elders with completed terms: Angela Bowles-Edwards, Anthony Ciccotelli, Harry Hoyt, Mark Jones, Sheryl Kress, Diane Schroder, and Craig Van Hook.

Deacons with completed terms: Penné Duncan, Jenny Ferrell, Dave Fritz, Diane Gere, Don Hultgren, Merriam Rink, Vicki Stegall, and Carol Tucker.

New Church Officer Training

Newly elected officers, please add the following date and time for officer training to your calendar: Saturday, December 10, 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM in the Parlor. A make-up date, for those who cannot attend the December meeting, is set for Saturday, January 7, from 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM. Elders and Deacons serving their second or third year may also attend the training sessions as a refresher course. Please note the Installation and Ordination of church officers is scheduled for Sunday, January 8, 2012, during the 9:00 AM worship service. Please R.S.V.P. to the church office (563-326-1691).

Shining a Light on the 2011 Christmas Joy Offering

A cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s, the Christmas Joy Offering is one of the four special offerings designated by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Because Advent and Christmas shine a light not only on our world's greatest hope but also on our world's greatest need, the PC(USA) provides this timely opportunity for congregations to support causes specifically designed to bring Good News of Great Joy to the poor in circumstance or spirit. Alongside the message of promise and fulfillment in Luke's Gospel, we hear the clear call to God's people to respond in faith as Christ calls us: "From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded" (Luke 12:48). Undesignated gifts to the Christmas Joy Offering will be distributed equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to support student scholarships at Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges.



In Fellowship Hall you will find the Advent Giving Tree – the central location for all of the Deacons ministries this Advent.

Angel Tree Project- You and your family can help in two ways: by purchasing gifts for the children and/or by helping deliver the gifts to the children before Christmas.

A quick reminder for upcoming dates:

- ▶ Sunday, December 4 - wrapped and tagged gifts are due back at the church;
- ▶ Saturday, December 10, 9:00 AM - volunteers are needed to sort gifts;
- ▶ Sunday, December 11 - MANY volunteers are needed to pick up gifts and deliver them throughout the Quad Cities.

For everyone who has signed out an Angel, thank you, and please remember to return your wrapped gifts by Sunday, December 4. Gifts can also be dropped off in the church office during the week. We are now looking for volunteers to help sort (15-20 volunteers needed) and to deliver gifts (30-40 volunteers needed). For sorting, please come to Fellowship Hall on Saturday, December 10, at 9:00 AM. For delivering gifts, come to Fellowship Hall after services on Sunday, December 11. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact either Jenny Ferrell- 563-676-8981 or Erika Schmidt 563-324-3371.

Boys and Girls Club- Hats and mittens are needed for each of the 62 children in the Davenport Club which meets in our church.

Children's Club- \$10 provides the children with a new item of clothing and a book/toy through the work of Rev. Herbert and Alice Chikomo at City Presbyterian Church in Harare, Zimbabwe.

Re-Member- Contributions will offset the purchase of \$1,500 in tools sent to Pine Ridge Reservation, South Dakota following the July 2011 mission trip.

ILUGUA - Purchase of gift cards will support efforts to promote sustainable agriculture, women's issues, spiritual development and environmental preservation in Zacapa, Guatemala.

Love Gift- A program to provide a holiday monetary donation for members of our congregation in need. Place a check in an amount of your choice in offering plate writing "Love Gift" in the memo line.

Youth Christian Education & Fellowship Opportunities

Advent Devotions for Preschool – 7th Grade

This Advent share time together as a family in preparing for Jesus' coming at Christmas. Everyone will receive an Advent calendar with a devotional scripture.

Advent Children's Worship & Wonder:

December 11, 9:00 AM; December 18, 10:00 AM

During Advent we will hear God's stories about waiting for Jesus to be born: we are all on the way to Bethlehem, who will show us the way? Worship & Wonder is for children ages 4 - 4th grade. This is a time for children to worship God in singing, hearing one of God's stories, responding to the story, and leaving worship with a blessing. On the 18th we will meet after sanctuary worship in our Worship Center from 10:00 - 10:45 AM. Please contact the Rev. Pamela J. Hoogheem (hoogheem@fpcdavenport.org).

Wednesday Night Fellowship

During these weeks of Advent we will explore the meaning of Christmas, engage in seasonal crafts and games, and enjoy frosting and eating cookies. We will be in recess on December 21 and 28. Our first meeting of the New Year will be Wednesday, January 4, 2012.

High School Fellowship

December 4: Part 2 of the Advent Series about Jesus.

December 11: It's a Christmas Party in Advent!

In celebration of birth of Jesus, we'll make merry and exchange gifts. This is a "White Elephant" gift exchange - bring something from home that you want to get rid of, or purchase a gift for less than \$10 to give. HSF is in recess December 18 and 25. See you in January!

Note: Children & Youth Christian Education, Fellowship programs and Confirmation 2 are in recess Sunday, December 18, December 25, and January 1, 2012.

College Students Welcome Home Reunion:

Wednesday, December 28, 7:00 PM

Join your First Pres friends for an evening of fun, fellowship, and food. We'll meet at Pastor Pamela's house: 728 Ridgewood Avenue, Davenport, Iowa, from 7:00 - 9:30 PM. Awesome. RSVP on Facebook or text 563-340-8714.

Adult Learning Opportunities

Sunday Von Maur Hall Series - 10:00 AM

December 4: *ACE is in recess, please attend the Congregational Meeting.*

December 11 & 18: *Will they be home for Christmas? Teenage Homelessness in the Quad City Area.* A few months ago the *Quad-City Times* ran a series of articles on teenage homelessness in the Quad Cities. We have invited several of those working on the front lines of teenage homelessness in the Quad City area to share their experiences with us. Join us on December 11 and 18 to learn more.

December 11: Rusty Boruff directs a multi-faceted outreach program that includes the 180 Zone, a homeless shelter for adult men. He is working to establish a new shelter for youth and women. Rusty's home base is Calvary Church of the Quad Cities in Moline, but his ministry involves volunteers from many churches. He was described in the *Quad-City Times* as a "force unto himself."

Joining Rusty will be Ellen Reilly. Ellen is a curriculum specialist with the Davenport Community Schools. Did you know that schools are mandated to monitor for homelessness among their students? That is part of Ellen's responsibility. She will tell us about the school's work with these youth in need.

December 18: The guest will be Pennie Kellenberger, Director of the Center. This will be the second of our two presentations focusing on teenage homelessness. The Center houses a Street Team that strives to provide basic needs to the homeless in our community but also try to form a respectful relationship with them to meet more than physical needs. Pennie will share her perspective on homelessness in the QCA.

December 25: *ACE is in recess*

DEACONS' CORNER

The Board of Deacons takes seriously the responsibility of ministering to the needs of the community. This is done in part through support of community agencies that respond to needs in ways that we, as individuals, are unable.

The Board of Deacons, in response to a goal elicited at the Leadership Retreat in June 2011, formed a task force to review these mission expenditures. The goal of the task force was to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of these agency donations. Task force members included Deacons Lyle Miller, Ted Brown, Penné Duncan, Karen Moore and Judy Smith, Elder Craig Van Hook, the Rev. Pamela Hoogheem, and the Rev. Richard Miller.

The task force created a questionnaire to gather information from each community organization the Board of Deacons supports. The task force also created a set of criteria for evaluating funding to these agencies and possibly others. The criteria included considerations in evaluating the mission and finances of the agencies as well as congregational interest. Following the evaluation the task force recommendations to the Executive Committee of the Board of Deacons were accepted on August 25, 2011.

The report included adopting the criteria used for evaluating future agency donations and the following recommendations for the 2012 Deacons' budget:

Mississippi Valley Boys & Girls Club	\$1200
Café on Vine	\$1000
Churches United CareLink	\$4100
Humility of Mary Shelter	\$1500
United Neighbors	\$1100
Churches United Winnie's Place	\$3200
PUNCH Kicks for Kids	\$2000
PUNCH General Fund	\$1000

Continued funding to Christian Family Care, Family Resources, Friendly House and Salvation Army was not recommended. PUNCH funding represents a new donation. If you would like a copy of the full report of the task force or of the criteria, please contact Karla Jones, Secretary of the Deacons.

Welcome New Members - On Sunday, December 4, 2011, the following new members of First Presbyterian Church will come before the congregation to be introduced and welcomed. They look to the whole congregation to help them become oriented and involved. Make it a point to get to know these wonderful people.



Deanna Curl
Deanna is an attorney by profession but is currently a full time mom to three month old Ila Jane. She is married to Nathaniel and they recently moved to the area. Her interests include crafts, gardening, and watching movies.



Alyssa Darland
Alyssa lives in the neighborhood and has decided to make First Pres. her church home. She is full time mom to three year old Michael. When the weather is nice she enjoys planting flowers.



Dawn Hickenbottom
Dawn is married to Jim. They are the parents of Adam, Ella, and Kathryn. She is a mortgage loan processor at The National Bank. She enjoys singing, spending time with her family, and volunteering with Junior Achievement.



Julie Hogenson
Julie was baptized at First Pres. She and her husband, Jeff, were married here. Her passion is raising leader dogs, from puppies until they are old enough to go into service. In her spare time she volunteers for The Honor Flight and Toys 4 Tots.



Nathaniel (Nate) Curl
Nathaniel is the husband of Deanna and new dad to Ila Jane. He is employed as an emergency room physician at Trinity Medical Center. In his spare time he enjoys running, walking and playing percussion instruments.



Shonna Darland
Shonna has been attending church at First Presbyterian for awhile and has made the decision to become a member. She is employed at Walmart and has two daughters, Alenna, age 9, and Katalenna, 4 months. She is engaged to Patrick Kellenberger.



Jim Hickenbottom
Jim is husband to Dawn and dad to Adam, Ella, and Kathryn. He is an Assistant Manager for Verizon Wireless. His interests include being a fan of the San Francisco 49ers and Iowa Hawkeyes, and being the handyman around the home. Spending time with his family is his biggest enjoyment.



Patrick Kellenberger
Patrick is currently working in lawn care for JC Landscaping. He is engaged to Shonna Darland and enjoys spending time with his family, which includes daughters Katalenna and Alenna.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS 2011

In the tradition of past Christmas seasons, the Chancel Guild will brighten the Sanctuary with poinsettias given in memory or honor of loved ones. To be a part of this wonderful tradition, please complete the form below. Return the form with a check in the amount of your choice to the church office or place it in the offering plate. The deadline for making memorials is December 11, 2011.



In Memory or Honor of: _____
(circle one)

Given by: _____



Every year becomes more challenging for First Presbyterian Church to truly make a difference in our community and world. We cannot do so without your support of time, talents and money. Please commit to making a difference by giving through our pledge program, or by indicating in some way your financial commitment to the ministry of First Presbyterian Church. No gift, given from the heart, is too small or too large. Pledge cards can be found in the pew racks (or you can make your pledge online by following the stewardship pledge links on the FPC homepage at www.fpcdavenport.org).



TICKETS for the *Christmas Carols: God Bless Us Everyone!* Christmas Concert are in great demand. If you have obtained reserved seats and will not be able to use them, please return the tickets to the church office as soon as possible so that others may enjoy the performance.

Member News:

The congregation of First Presbyterian Church marks the following occasions in the lives of those who make up the First Presbyterian Church community.

Deaths: Nile Kinsler - October 19, 2011; Willmina "Billie" Ray - October 28, 2011; Byron Bailey - November 9, 2011; Carl LeBuhn - November 14, 2011; Stephen L. Schalk - November 19, 2011.

Baptism: Kirsten Amelia Edwards, daughter of Amanda Edwards and David Dude - November 6, 2011.

November Session Summary

▶ Eight new members received by Session and will be recognized by Congregation on December 4.

Make a Note of it:

- ▶ Articles for the January newsletter need to be sent to Diane Pumphrey (pumphrey@fpcdavenport.org) by December 15.
- ▶ The church office will be closed December 26 and January 2.
- ▶ Committee reports for the 2011 Annual Report will be due December 31, 2011. For more information, contact Diane Pumphrey in the church office (pumphrey@fpcdavenport).
- ▶ There will be only one service of worship on Sunday, December 25, at 10:00 AM, and there will be only one service of worship on Sunday, January 1, 2012, at 10:00 AM

The Broadcaster

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Office Hours: M-F, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Sunday Worship:
9:00 & 11:00 AM.

Handicapped Services:

First Church is handicapped accessible via the elevator entrances on the west side of the building.

Childcare: Nurseries for infants through four-year-olds are provided in the Folwell Education Center (3rd floor of the Christian Education Building) during Sunday services from 8:15 AM - 12:15 PM.

Fellowship: Enjoy refreshments each Sunday between the services.



Financial Focus

**Financial Summary
for the Month of October, 2011
General Church Operation Fund**

	Month	YTD
Actual		
Revenue	79,492	782,088
Expense	65,682	782,673
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$13,810	\$ (585)
Budget		
Revenue	73,645	745,108
Expense	76,378	814,889
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$(2,733)	\$(69,781)

**2011 Church Budget Approved by Session
February 21, 2011**

\$929,388.00; Projected Revenue
\$979,034.90; Projected Expenses
(\$49,646.90); Surplus (Deficit)

Ways to Effect Giving to First Pres.

There are many ways to give or pay a pledge to First Presbyterian Church. We acknowledge that people feel connected in worship through the act of placing their gift in the offering plate each Sunday. This act is very meaningful. In case there is a need for an alternative, here are a few other ways to effect giving to the church.

- ▶ Automatic Bank Payments (ACH) – This option allows funds to be electronically debited from a checking or savings account and credited to the church’s account. The church schedules these withdrawals either on the first or the 15th of the month.
- ▶ Credit Card Payments – The church schedules credit card payments for the first of each month.
- ▶ Gifting Stock – Please contact the Finance Office for current instructions. When stock is gifted to the church, please notify the Finance Office of the following information so we can give full contribution credit:
 1. Number of Shares Transferred
 2. Company or Stock Symbol
 3. Date of Transfer

If you are interested in giving through automatic bank payments (ACH) or credit card payments, please call Shannon Gruhlke, Finance Manager, at 563.326.1691 or email at gruhlke@fpcdavenport.org. A form will be sent to you for your review and signature.

Reminder: We ask all of our members to fulfill their 2011 pledge prior to December 31. Donors must deliver checks on or by December 30 (due to the office being closed on December 31) in order to claim a charitable contribution deduction for 2011. Checks that are placed in the church offering during the first worship service in 2012 (January 1) will not qualify for a charitable deduction in 2011, even if the check is predated to 2011 or was actually written in 2011. However, under the so-called “mailbox exception,” checks that are written, mailed, and postmarked in 2011 will be deductible in 2011 though they are not received by the church until 2012.

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MIKE GARSON
Christmas Jazz Piano

Co-sponsored by
Quad City Arts Visiting Artist Series
Reserved seating
Saturday, December 10 - 4:00 PM
Adults \$12 Students \$8

Mike Garson is an American pianist, most notable for his work with *David Bowie*, *Nine Inch Nails*, *Billy Corgan*, *Free Flight*, and *The Smashing Pumpkins*.

From Bach to Bowie, east coast to west coast, piano keyboards to computer keyboards, Mike Garson has worked to make the world a more creative, compassionate and compelling place. He remains a man of many talents and limitless inspiration. No artistic medium is off-limits to this avant-garde individual to whom the word “no” is quickly transformed into the word “now.”

Best known for his impressive skills as a pianist, he is a respected composer and an evolving computer artist. Embracing the idea of the “Renaissance Man,” Mike continually experiments with new ways through which he can communicate his humanistic ideals and hopes for the world in which he lives.



Special CD Gift Packages
Now Available

Looking for a great gift idea? Look no further! Gift packages of choir CDs are now available for purchase. The musical selections were recorded during the past Christmas Concerts and include performances of the *Cathedral Choir of Young Men and Boys*, the *Cecelian Carolers*, the *Celebration Singers*, the *Chamber Chorale*, *Vesper Bells*, and the *Sanctuary Choir*.

- 4 CD Gift Package - \$20
- 2 CD Gift Package - \$10
- 1 CD - \$5

Stop by the display table in Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings to make your purchases or visit the church office, Monday-Friday, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.