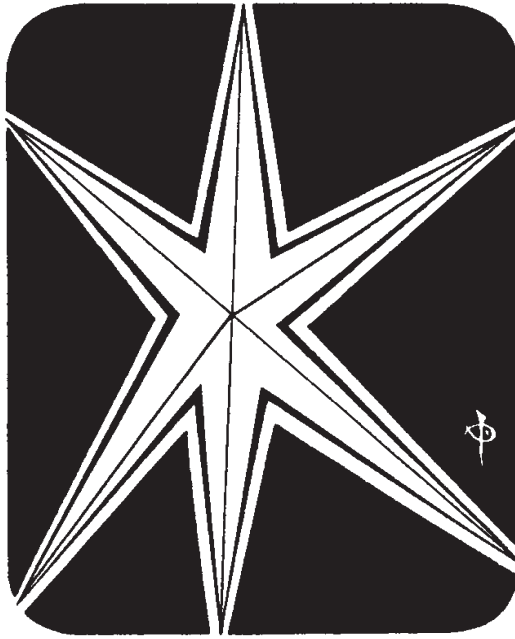


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January 4, 2009

**PREACHING** today is the Reverend Deborah Knott.

**ASSISTING** is the Reverend Aaron Janklow.

**THE MUSIC DIRECTOR/PIANIST** is Carol Muehlig.

**THE INSTRUMENTALISTS** are Linda Speck, viola, and the Handbell Ensemble.

**THE VOCALISTS** are David Bucholtz, Sally Carpenter, Kristin Eder,  
and Gerry Leckrone.

*Our mission is to grow spiritually as disciples of Jesus Christ through worship,  
fellowship, mission, learning, and prayer. We commit ourselves, in all we say and do,  
to demonstrate God's grace and love.*

# WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

## GATHERING MUSIC

In the Bleak Midwinter

I Wonder As I Wander

## WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

## OPENING SONGS

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

*Mendelssohn*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

## SILENT CONFESSION

## SUNG RESPONSE Christ Alone




1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my  
2. There in the ground His bo - dy lay, Light of the  
3. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the

4  
light, my strength, my song; this cor - ner - stone, this sol - id  
world by dark - ness slain; then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious  
pow'r of Christ in me; from life's first cry to fi - nal

7  
ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of  
day, up from the grave He rose a - gain. And as He  
breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of

10




love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings  
stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on  
hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from His

13



cease. My com - fort - er, my all in all, here in the  
me; for I am His, and He is mine, bought with the  
hand; 'til He re - turns or calls me home, here in the

16



love of Christ I stand.  
pre - cious blood of Christ.  
pow'r of Christ I stand.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

PASSING OF THE PEACE

# WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

## HYMN Thy Word

Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet, and a light un-to my  
path. When I feel a-fraid, think I've lost my way,  
Still you're there right be-side me, And  
noth-ing will I fear as long as you are near, Please be near me  
to the end. Thy Word is a  
(Repeat twice)  
lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### READING FROM SCRIPTURE

John 1:1-18 (N.T., pp. 91-92)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 147:12-20

A: Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!

**B: For he strengthens the bars of your gates;  
he blesses your children within you.**

A: He grants peace within your borders;  
he fills you with the finest of wheat.

**B: He sends out his command to the earth; his word runs swiftly.**

A: He gives snow like wool; he scatters frost like ashes.

**B: He hurls down hail like crumbs — who can stand before his cold?**

A: He sends out his word, and melts them;  
he makes his wind blow, and the waters flow.

**B: He declares his word to Jacob, his statutes and ordinances to Israel.**

A: He has not dealt thus with any other nation;  
they do not know his ordinances.

**All: Praise the Lord!**

SERMON Reflections on a New Year

# WE RESPOND TO GOD'S PROMISE

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC Of the Father's Love Begotten

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

**GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

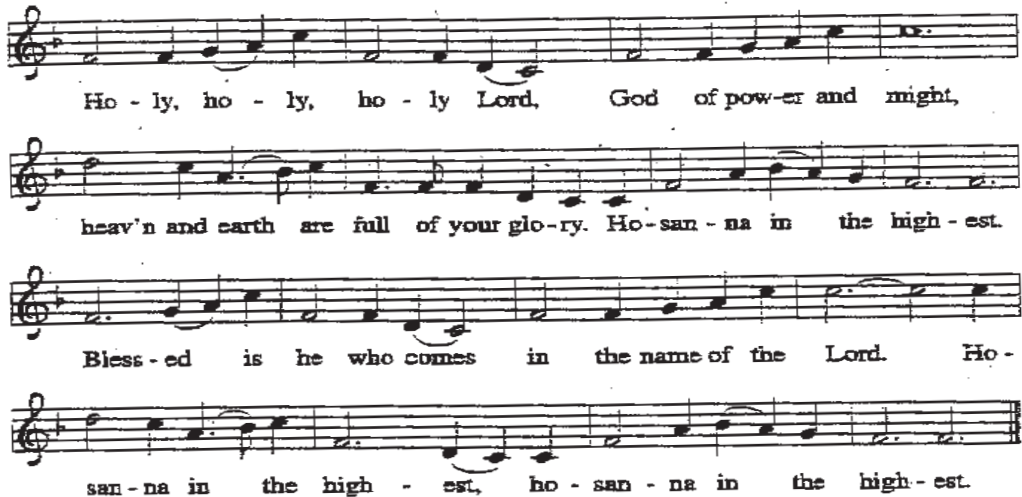
Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the LORD.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the LORD.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

HYMN Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Breaking of the Bread, Pouring of the Cup

## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*All communion chalices contain only nonalcoholic grape juice. We will partake of the Lord's Supper by intinction. The bread will be passed from one person to the next. We are all invited to take a piece. When the cup is passed we are invited to dip the bread in the cup and partake of both the bread and the juice together. Please use the words, "The body of Christ" and "The cup of salvation" when serving your brother or sister in Christ.*

COMMUNION MUSIC A New Year Carol

*Benjamin Britten*

## PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

# WE DEPART WITH GOD'S BLESSING

SENDING MUSIC Great God, We Sing that Mighty Hand *Old Hundredth*

## BENEDICTION

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### *Announcements*

*A full description of the events listed below can be found in our newsletter, First Press, available in the narthex, at the Welcome Center, outside the Church Office, or online at [www.firstpresbyterian.org](http://www.firstpresbyterian.org).*

**PLEDGE STATUS UPDATE:** As of December 30, 535 pledges have been received totalling \$1,314,037. The revised pledge 2009 goal is \$1,351,245. Last year at this time, we had 576 pledges totalling \$1,355,257. Given these totals at this time, the Session has had to identify cuts in committee requests totaling \$261,000 in setting the 2009 operating budget. If you have not yet made your pledge for 2009, please do so as soon as possible.

**CAMPUS MINISTRY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS** to assist with cooking or serving meals at the Delonis Center on Wednesday evenings. Cooks would assist with meal preparation and food storage, and work from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Servers would assist with serving the meal and clean-up, and work from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. For more information or to sign up, contact Brady West at 223-9793, or [bwest@umich.edu](mailto:bwest@umich.edu).

**HILLTOPPERS CONSIDERS "AGING IN PLACE:"** On Thursday, January 8 at noon, join us for Hilltoppers when we welcome a panel of local experts who will look at "Aging in Place" issues. They will present the case study of "Betty Smith," a woman living in her own home who has broken her hip. Her son wants to move her, against her will, to a senior facility. The experts, including Peg Trimble of Trimble Associates, Ltd. and a financial expert, will show us an assessment of her ability to live alone, pay for changes to her home, and receive in-home assistance. This will be an informative look at how quickly a living situation can change and what needs to be done to help ourselves and our loved ones in the midst of transition.

**SNEAKERS ON A MISSION:** The Philippines Task Force (PTF) is sponsoring a shoe drive through the month of January. Please donate your sneakers up to size 10, as well as women's and children's regular shoes, up to size 7. Donated shoes will be cleaned, boxed up, and mailed to the Dumagete Community Center in the Philippines. The shoes will be sold by the center at a very low price as an incentive to families who are up-to-date with their house payments.

Interested in helping? Please consider joining PTF the second Sunday of each month at noon in the French Room/Library. For more information, contact Chris Larson, [larson.christine@sbcglobal.net](mailto:larson.christine@sbcglobal.net), or 769-9587.

**INTERESTED IN JOINING FIRST PRES?** Join us on Sundays, January 11, 18, 25, and February 1 for the latest series of new member/inquirer classes. Those who wish to join the church may do so at the 9:30 a.m. worship service on February 8 (we treat you to breakfast before the service). If you are interested in participating, contact Rev. Budge Gere at 662-4466, ext. 53, or [bgere@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:bgere@firstpresbyterian.org).

**HAS YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE BEEN CHECKED RECENTLY?** Martine Blogin, R.N. will be available in the parish nurse office (by the Curtis Room) on the second Sunday of every month from 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. to check your blood pressure and offer heart health information. Questions? Please contact Martine Blogin, parish nurse, at 662-4466, ext 26 or [mblogin@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:mblogin@firstpresbyterian.org).

**WOMEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDY (W.E.B.S.)** meets Monday, January 5, in the Curtis Room, at 7:00 p.m. The group will discuss lesson four of the HORIZONS study of Luke, written by the Rev. Dale Lindsay Morgan. If you would like to join the group and would like to buy a study book (\$6.50), call Jennie Lombard, 663-7244.

**MOTHER'S MORNING** meets Tuesday, January 13, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Youth Room. Check-in is from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m. First Presbyterian member and executive and life coach Lisa Pasbjerg, LMSW, DCSW will be exploring the idea of work/life balance, especially as it relates to women and mothers. Child care is provided. Questions? Contact Carolyn Gehrke at [gehrkecj@hotmail.com](mailto:gehrkecj@hotmail.com) or 572-5832.

**STEPHEN MINISTRY CONTINUING EDUCATION CLASSES:** The Stephen Minis-

try invites the congregation to attend a series of continuing education classes, from 7:10 to 7:45 p.m., in the Youth Room. The session topics and dates are Monday, January 12, "Eating Disorders," presented by the Rev. Jana Reister; Monday, January 26, "Dementia and Alzheimer's," presented by a speaker from the Redford Center; and Monday, February 9, "Facing Death: Providing Physical and Emotional Comfort to Loved Ones," the presentation of a video from Stephen Ministries, St. Louis.

**A TWO-SESSION BAPTISM WORKSHOP** will be held on Wednesdays, January 21 and 28, at 7:00 p.m. in Monteith Hall for parents who are considering having a child baptized at First Presbyterian, or those interested in the topic of baptism. **These classes are a requirement for parents before children are baptized.** To register and to schedule a baptism date, contact Jennifer Sansbury, 662-4466, ext. 16.

**INVEST IN COLLEGE STUDENTS AND GOD'S WORK:** You are invited to attend the Campus Ministry Mission Banquet on Friday, January 30, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The banquet will raise funds for the 40 college students traveling on a mission trip to the Dominican Republic February 21 - 28, and give First Pres members the opportunity to meet and build relationships with the college students, a critical step in helping students integrate into the life of the church. The expectation will be that all who attend the banquet will donate at least \$250. To RSVP, contact the Rev. Julie Marks at [jmarks@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:jmarks@firstpresbyterian.org). If you are unable to attend the banquet but would like to make a donation, please make checks payable to Ann Arbor Campus Ministry Foundation and send them to church, attn: Campus Ministry Mission Trip. Contributions are tax-deductible. Thank you for prayerfully considering how you can join in this effort!

**PRAYING THE PSALMS**, our weekly prayer group, meets Wednesday evenings at 5:00 p.m. Pew cards with prayer requests may be completed and put in the offering plate. For information, contact Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers at 662-4466, ext. 12, or [mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org).

## *Calendar for January 5 - 10*

### **MONDAY:**

Body and Soul, 9:30 a.m., Curtis Room  
Liturgical Dance Rehearsal, noon, Monteith Hall  
Card Sorting, 1:00 p.m., French Room/Library  
YEMC, 6:30 p.m., French Room/Library  
Stephen Ministry Training, 6:30 p.m., Room 104  
W.E.B.S., 7:00 p.m., Curtis Room  
Property Committee, 7:00 p.m., Vance Room  
Boy Scout Troop 7, 7:30 p.m., Monteith Hall  
Sanctus Ringers, 7:30 p.m., Room 403

**TUESDAY:**

Prayer Group, 7:30 a.m., Founders Room  
Bible/Support Group, 10:00 a.m., Vance Room  
ESL, 4:00 p.m., 100 Level Classrooms  
Campus Ministry Committee, 5:15 p.m., Vance Room  
FIG, 5:30 p.m., Founders Room  
Haiti Medical Mission Task Force, 5:30 p.m., Curtis Room  
Campus Core Group Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Hillegonds Chapel

**WEDNESDAY:**

Card Sorting, 1:00 p.m., French Room/Library  
Wednesday Night Meal, 3:00-7:15 p.m. (volunteers), 5:30 (meal)  
Delonis Center  
Small Group Ministry, 4:00 p.m., Vance Room  
Praying the Psalms, 5:00 p.m., Lewis Room  
Taiwanese/First Pres Bible Study, 7:00 p.m., Room 101

**THURSDAY:**

Hilltoppers, noon, Social Hall  
Annemarie Austin Small Group, 4:30 p.m., Founders Room  
Vision and Strategy Committee, 6:00 p.m., Vance Room  
Abide Committee, 7:00 p.m., Founders Room  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Russell Room  
Campus Dominican Republic Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Lewis Room  
Adult Education Committee, 7:30 p.m., French Room/Library

**FRIDAY:**

Prayer/Study Group, 9:00 a.m., away  
When I Was Little, noon, French Room/Library  
Knit Night, 7:30 p.m., Curtis Room

**SATURDAY:**

Officers' Retreat, all day, Weber Center  
Stephen Ministry Training, 9:00 a.m., Room 104



*A Stephen Ministry  
Congregation*