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December 7, 2008

PREACHING today is the Reverend Aaron Janklow.

ASSISTING is the Reverend Julie Marks.

THE MUSIC DIRECTOR/PIANIST is Carol Muehlig.

THE INSTRUMENTALIST is Linda Speck, viola, and Jonathan Smith, guitar.

THE VOCALISTS are David Bucholtz, Sally Carpenter, Kristin Eder,
and Jonathan Smith.

THE LITURGICAL DANCERS are Annie Jones, Stacie Barrett, Janene Ternes,
Shirley Axon, and Nancy Heers.

*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

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

OPENING SONG O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Veni Emmanuel

***CALL TO WORSHIP AND LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE**

The candles will be lit by Robin Snyder and Joe Sandman.

Leader: On this the second Sunday of Advent, we remember the words of the Prophet Isaiah spoken by John the Baptist:

People: A voice cries out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

Leader: We also remember the words spoken by Zechariah to John the Baptist:

People: "And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins. By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

Leader: A sign of the season, we light the second candle as we remember how a way has been prepared for Jesus and the light You show us in him.

Let us pray:

All: God help us to prepare a way for Jesus' coming in our own lives this season, help us to make the rough places plain and the crooked places straight so that you can guide our feet in the way of peace.

Amen.

Based on Luke 1:76-79 and Luke 3:4-6

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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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.

LITURGICAL DANCE Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 40:1-11 (O.T., pp. 667-68)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S PROMISE

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC

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

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

WE DEPART WITH GOD'S BLESSING

SENDING MUSIC Prepare the Way

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BENEDICTION

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.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE! Shop at Ten Thousand Villages, 303 S. Main St., Ann Arbor, December 8 through 14, and 15 percent of the proceeds from your purchase will benefit the Mission Committee. Pick up a flyer at the Welcome Center or in the store, and present it with your purchase. Ten Thousand Villages is a nonprofit fair trade organization that carries handcrafted items from 36 countries.

JOIN CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP, Monday, December 8, at 7:00 p.m. in the Hillemonds Chapel for support, understanding and advice as we care for loved ones in our homes, in assisted living facilities, or from a distance. Please contact Martine Blogin, Parish Nurse, 662-4466 ext. 26 or mblogin@firstpresbyterian.org for more information.

FEELING ADVENTISH? Hilltoppers will host a special program on December 11 at noon. Come for a \$5 hot lunch provided by our staff, and enjoy sharing Christmas memories, singing Advent carols, and thinking about Advent with the Rev. Eldon Beery. Sign up to attend in the church office by Tuesday, December 9 at noon. "Adopt" a table by bringing in your Christmas china, linens, glasses, and decorations (or any combination of those). If you would like to share your "goods," please email the Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers at mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org.

YOUTH NEWS: Check the website www.firstpresbyterian.org under "Education & Ministries," then "Youth Ministry" for all the up-to-date happenings. **MIDS** meets Wednesday, December 10, from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. **The MIDS and Confirmation class Christmas Party** will be held from noon to 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 14 at the Brinkerhoff home, 1011 Lincoln. Bring a cool wrapped gift, spending exactly \$6.08. See if you can do it! Please RSVP to the Brinkerhoff's, 332-1131. Lunch will be provided. **The KEYS and all High Schoolers' Christmas Party** will be held Sunday, December 14, from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the McKarn's home, 2241 Woodview Lane. Bring a dessert or side and a wrapped white elephant gift (a hideous or bizarre item you would like to re-gift) for a Bunco exchange. RSVP to Rev. Jim Monnett at the church, 662-4466, ext. 20. **The Costa Rica Mission Trip, June 21 - 30**, for high schoolers has openings. Call Rev. Jim Monnett at church, 662-4466, ext. 20, to get connected to this amazing work trip to San Jose.

MOTHERS' MORNING meets Tuesday, December 9, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Youth Room. Check-in is from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m. Slow down during this busy season and enjoy fellowship, food, a holiday craft, and an optional holiday community project. Child care is provided. Question? Contact Sarah Glinka Endicott at 930-2887 or snglinka@aol.com, or Carolyn Gehrke at gehrkecj@hotmail.com or 572-5832.

IT'S TIME FOR PANCAKES! The Annual Pancake Supper for college students is Tuesday, December 9, from 10:00 p.m. to midnight. We need volunteers to work on one of the crews for set-up, cooking, serving, or clean up, or to help sponsor (pay for) the event. Interested? Contact Ginny Rezmierski, 971-6221, or send email to ver@umich.edu

"A BOYCHOIR CHRISTMAS" concert will be presented in our sanctuary on Saturday, December 13, at 3:00 p.m., by the Boychoir of Ann Arbor. Tickets are \$5 for children ages

17 and under, \$10 for seniors and students, and \$15 for other adults. Family tickets are \$40 (two adults and all children who live in the same home). Tickets may be reserved at www.aaboychoir.org/reserve_Christmas.html, or call 663-5377.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING CHILDCARE: Keystones will watch your child while you Christmas shop, go out to dinner, etc. Childcare will be offered Saturday, December 13, 8:30-11:30 a.m. and Wednesday, December 17, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Donations will be accepted for youth mission. Two adults will oversee the care each day. RSVP to Rev. Jim Monnett at 662-4466 x 20 with the number and age of children.

A YOUTH COOKIE EXPLOSION (cookie sale) will happen Sunday, December 14 after each service in the Social Hall. Need a gift? Love cookies? Buy a plate or a basket of homemade Christmas cookies and support youth mission!

PARISH NURSE'S NEW HEALTH MINISTRY PROGRAM begins December 14. Martine Blogin, RN will be available in the parish nurse office (by the Curtis Room) on the second Sunday of every month from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. to check your blood pressure and offer heart health information. For more information, contact Martine Blogin, parish nurse, at 662-4466, ext. 26, or mblogin@firstpresbyterian.org.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE COST OF CHANCEL FLOWERS has increased from \$45 to \$50. If you are interested in giving flowers in memory or in honor of someone in 2009, please contact Verna Thompson at (248) 437-0164.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT PARENT INFORMATION MEETING will be held at 11:00 a.m. Sunday, December 14, in Monteith Hall. At this meeting, you will learn more details about costumes and rehearsal schedules. The family Christmas Eve pageant and worship service will be presented by the children of the congregation at 3:00 p.m. on December 24. Pageant registration forms are available in your child's classroom, at the Welcome Center, and outside the church office.

THE PHILIPPINES TASK FORCE needs you! Please consider joining us; learn more about our mission work in the Philippines, get involved here in Ann Arbor with our mini-missions, or help with our upcoming Philippines dinner. Our next meeting is Sunday, December 14 following the 11:00 a.m. service in the French Room/Library.

PROMISES, our group for specially-abled adults, will meet on Sunday, December 14, at 5:30 p.m., attend the 5:45 worship service, then enjoy a Christmas gathering and dinner.

GLACIER HILLS ADVENT WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION will be held Monday, December 15, at 2:00 p.m. in the Hansen Room. Those who would like to help with transport, refreshments, or fellowship are welcome to volunteer. For more information, contact Rev. Jana Reister, 662-4466, ext. 55, or jreister@firstpresbyterian.org.

THE POINSETTIAS THAT WILL DECORATE THE CHANCEL on December 21 and on Christmas Eve may be given in memory or in honor of a loved one or family member. To recognize someone in this way, please sign up in the church office by December 15 so the person's name may be listed in the December 21 and Christmas Eve bulletins. The suggested donation is \$14. Checks should be made payable to First Presbyterian Church, with "poinsettia" in the memo line. Following worship, the poinsettias will be delivered by the deacons to our shut-ins, those who are ill, and those who are grieving.

SPECIAL SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE ON DECEMBER 21: There are years we feel great pain during the Advent season and are unable to embrace the festivities as others seem to do. Join us for the Longest Night Service, on Sunday, December 21, at 5:45 p.m., in Monteith Hall. Come for prayers, scripture, music, communion, and candlelighting, as together we acknowledge that God's Word comes to shine light into our darkness. All are welcome.

PERGOLESÌ'S MAGNIFICAT WILL BE PRESENTED on December 21 at the 9:30 and 11:00 worship services, by the Chancel Choir, soloists, a small string ensemble, and organ. The text of the Magnificat is Mary's faithful response to the Angel Gabriel upon learning that she will bear the Messiah.

CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDCARE: We offer childcare **by reservation only** on Christmas Eve for the 3:00, 5:00 and 7:30 p.m. services. There is no childcare at the 11:00 p.m. service. We are always in need of volunteers to be childcare providers. Grandparents, aunts and uncles, and entire families with teenage children have helped in the past. If you would like to volunteer, or make a childcare reservation, please contact Deborah MacVey at 662-4466, ext. 15, or dmacvey@firstpresbyterian.org.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP: The Christmas Eve Family Service and Children's Pageant will be held at 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The Service of Lessons and Carols will be held at 5:00 and 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The Candlelight Communion Service will be held at 11:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

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

CAMPUS MINISTRY MID-WEEK WORSHIP is on hiatus until Tuesday, January 13 due to final exams and winter break.

Calendar for December 8 - 13

MONDAY:

Body and Soul, 9:00 a.m., Curtis Room
Advent Study, noon, Vance Room
Mission Funding Subcommittee, 2:00 p.m., French Room/Library
Advent Study, 6:00 p.m., Founders Room
Pilgrims of Ibillin, 5:30 p.m., French Room/Library
Property Committee, 7:00 p.m., French Room/Library
CEFMC, 7:00 p.m., Vance Room
Caregivers Support Group, 7:00 p.m., Hillegonds Chapel
Loss Support Group, 7:00 p.m., Lewis Room
Stephen Ministry Supervision, 7:00 p.m., Youth Room
Residency Committee, 7:00 p.m., Founders Room
Campus Core Group, 7:30 p.m., French Room/Library
Boy Scout Troop 7, 7:30 p.m., Monteith Hall
Sanctus and Gloria Ringers, 7:30 p.m., Room 403

TUESDAY:

Prayer Group, 7:30 a.m., Founders Room
Mothers' Morning, 9:00 a.m., Youth Room
Advent Study, 10:30 a.m., Glacier Hills
PW Horizons Circle, 1:00 p.m., away
ESL, 4:00 p.m., 100 Level Classrooms
Ann Arbor Boychoir Rehearsal, 4:30 p.m., Sanctuary
Campus Core Group Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Hillegonds Chapel
Personnel Committee, 6:30 p.m., Doug Brouwer's office
Campus Pancake Supper, 10:00 p.m., Social Hall

WEDNESDAY:

Advent Study, 1:00 p.m., Vance Room
PW Reading Group, 1:00 p.m., away
Wednesday Night Meal, 5:00-7:00 p.m. (volunteers), 5:30 p.m. (meal), Delonis Center
Praying the Psalms, 5:00 p.m., Lewis Room
Hosanna Choir, 5:00 p.m., Russell Room
Alleluia Choir, 5:00 p.m., Room 404
MIDS, 5:00 p.m., Youth Room
Youth Choir, 6:00 p.m., Russell Room
Advent Study, 6:30 p.m., Youth Room
Baptism Class, 7:00 p.m., Monteith Hall
Taiwanese/First Pres Bible Study, 7:00 p.m., Room 101
TnT, 7:00 p.m., Vance Room

THURSDAY:

Advent Study, noon, Vance Room
Hilltoppers, noon, Social Hall
Chancel Choir, 7:00 p.m., Russell Room
Executive Deacons, 7:00 p.m., away

FRIDAY:

Advent Study, 6:30 a.m., Doug Brouwer's Office
Prayer/Study Group, 9:00 a.m., Founders Room
Moms' Bible Study, 9:30 p.m., French Room/Library
When I Was Little, noon, French Room/Library
Triangle Fitness Field Trip, 2:00 p.m., Social Hall
Knit Night, 7:30 p.m., Curtis Room

SATURDAY:

Youth Christmas Childcare, 8:30 a.m., Youth Room
Youth Cookie Drop-Off, 11:00 a.m., Kitchen
Ann Arbor Boychoir Rehearsal, 1:00 p.m., Sanctuary
Ann Arbor Boychoir Concert, 3:00 p.m., Sanctuary



*A Stephen Ministry
Congregation*