

*The First Presbyterian Church
Ann Arbor, Michigan
Christmas Eve Service of Holy Communion
December 24, 2008*



Welcome to All!

A special welcome to visitors and newcomers to Ann Arbor. Let us know of your presence by completing the pew card and introducing yourself to a minister after the service. Please know you are invited to share in all activities of the church. Brochures about programs at First Presbyterian Church are located in the entryway at the back of the sanctuary and at the Welcome Center (through the pulpit door and downstairs).

The communion wafers used at this service are made from wheat flour. For those with wheat allergies, we now have gluten-free communion wafers available, which are in a special, marked tray in the narthex. Those who wish to do so are invited to take and keep one of these wafers until the appropriate point of the communion service. We want to make sure that communion is available to all of our members, and we hope that this option is helpful to those who need it.

As we prepare for worship, please turn off all cell phones and beepers. Hearing assistive devices, large print bulletins, hymnals and Bibles are available from the ushers.

Those parts of the Service of Worship in which the congregation participates in word or song are noted in bold type.

* Those who are able, please stand.

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.

VOLUNTARY Music for Brasses
The Presbyterian Brass Quintet

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

Hymn 4 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence *Picardy*
(The congregation is asked to stand and join in singing as the choir processes into the sanctuary)

CALL TO WORSHIP

***CAROL 41 O Come, All Ye Faithful** *Adeste Fidelis*

PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS EVE (offered in unison)

Glory to you, almighty God,
for you sent your only-begotten Son,
that we might have new life.
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
for you became flesh and dwelt among us
that we might become your people.
Glory to you, Holy Spirit,
for you direct and rule our lives.
Glory to you, almighty God,
and to your Son, Jesus Christ,
and to the Holy Spirit,
now and forever. Amen.

ANTHEM Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day *John Gardner*
Tomorrow shall be my dancing day; I would my true love did so chance to see the legend of my play, to call my true love to my dance: Sing O my love, O my love, my love, my love; this have I done for my true love. Then was I born of a virgin pure, of her I took fleshly substance; thus was I knit to man's nature, to call my true love to my dance: Sing O my love, O my love, my love, my love; this have I done for my true love. In a manger laid and wrapped I was, so very poor this was my chance, betwixt an ox and a silly poor ass, to call my true love to my dance: Sing O my love, O my love, my love, my love; this have I done for my true love. Then afterwards baptized I was; the Holy Ghost on me did glance, my Father's voice heard from above, to call my true love to my dance: Sing O my love, O my love, my love, my love, this have I done for my true love.

FIRST LESSON *Isaiah 11: 1-9 (O.T., p. 640-41)*
The prophet Isaiah promises the birth and reign of the Messiah.

ANTHEM Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming *Hugo Distler*
Lo! How a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung, of Jesse's lineage coming, as men of old have sung. It came a Flow'ret bright amid the cold of winter, when halfspent was the night. Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind. With Mary we beheld it, the Virgin Mother kind. To show God's love aright, she bore to us a Savior, when halfspent was the night.

*SECOND LESSON

Luke 2: 1-14 (N.T. p. 58)

Luke's Gospel tells the story of the nativity of Jesus, the announcement to the shepherds, and their journey to see the Christ Child.

*CAROL 44 O Little Town of Bethlehem

St. Louis

SERMON

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

ANTHEM Verbum Caro Factum Est Hans Leo Hassler
Verbum caro factum est, et habitavit in nobis, et vidimus gloriam ejus, gloriam quasi unigeniti Patre, plenum gratiae et veritatis.

(Tr.) The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only-begotten by the Father, full of grace and truth.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S 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 our God.

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

Leader: It is truly right and our great joy . . .
. . . who taught us to pray, saying:

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.

THE COMMUNION

The bread and cup may be taken when received. All who call Jesus Christ lord and savior are welcome at the Lord's table.

COMMUNION ANTHEMS

Maria Walks Amid the Thorn *arr. Ron Jeffers*
Maria walks amid the thorn, Kyrie eleison, which seven years no leaf has borne, she walks amid the wood of thorn, Jesus and Maria. What 'neath her heart does Mary bear? Kyrie eleison, a little child does Mary bear, beneath her heart he nestles there, Jesus and Maria. And as the two are passing near, Kyrie eleison, Lo, roses on the thorns appear, Lo roses on the thorns appear, Jesus and Maria.

Glory to God in the Highest *Randall Thompson*
Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

COMMUNION PRAYER (offered in unison)

Good and gracious God,

**on this holy night you gave us your Son,
the Lord of the universe, wrapped in swaddling clothes,
the Savior of all, lying in a manger.**

On this holy night

draw us into the mystery of your love.

Join our voices with the heavenly host

that we may sing your glory on high.

Give us a place among the shepherds

that we may find the one for whom we have waited,

Jesus Christ, the Messiah and Lord,

**who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

***THIRD LESSON**

John 1: 1-5, 9-14 (N.T., pp. 91-92)

John's Gospel unfolds the mystery of the incarnation
of Jesus Christ, the Light of the World.

THE SERVICE OF LIGHTS (The congregation may be seated.)

At the candle lighting the ushers will come forward to light their tapers from the Christ candle, moving then down the center aisle to light the first candle in each pew. Each person in turn will light the candle of the next worshiper. Everyone is requested to remain seated after the candles are lighted until each row is released by an usher. Then we will carry the light of the Christ child from the sanctuary to our homes as Christmas morning breaks, saying to one another, "The peace of Christ be with you."

The people seated and singing

Silent night! Holy night!

All is calm, all is bright

Round yon virgin mother and Child.

Holy Infant so tender and mild,

Sleep in heavenly peace,

Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! Holy night!

Shepherds quake at the sight;

Glories stream from heaven afar,

Heavenly hosts sing alleluia:

Christ the Savior is born!

Christ the Savior is born.

Silent night! Holy night!

Son of God, love's pure light,

Radiant beams from thy holy face,

With the dawn of redeeming grace,

Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,

Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

BENEDICTION

VOLUNTARY Music for Brasses

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THE PREACHER is the Reverend Douglas J. Brouwer.

PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE are the Reverends Douglas J. Brouwer, Brewster H. Gere, and Melissa Anne Rogers.

THE ORGANISTS are Susan Boggs and Carol Muehlig.

THE CONDUCTOR is Susan Boggs.

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**CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING TO SUPPORT
THE HAITI SCHOOL OF NURSING IN LEOGANE**

The Mission Committee has designated the Haiti School of Nursing in Leogane as the recipient of this year's Christmas Eve offering. Members of First Pres were instrumental in starting the school, which is the first four-year baccalaureate nursing school in Haiti.

It opened in 2005, has 127 students, and is about to graduate its first class in January.

Announcements

THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE WORSHIP SERVICE on Sunday, December 28, at 10:00 a.m. Children are encouraged to worship with their parents; child care will be available for the youngest children only. (Parents may be asked to present a picture I.D. when they pick up their children.)

THE CHURCH BUILDING WILL BE CLOSED on December 25, 26, and January 1. The building will close at 1:00 p.m. on December 31.

LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME? Just curious about Presbyterian beliefs and worship? 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.

The Poinsettias

*that decorate the chancel on December 21, Christmas Eve, and December 28
are given in memory or in honor of a loved one or family member.*

*Following worship, the poinsettias will be delivered by the deacons to our
shut-ins, those who are ill, and those who are grieving.*

In Memory of:

Barbara Alexander

George Alexander

Lois Alexander

Paul Alexander

Tommy André

Elmer Apley

John Armezzani

Marty Austin

William E. Austin, Sr.

Joan C. Banfield

Ralph W. Banfield

Claude Barnard

Lyle Barnard

Marion Barnard

Bruce Bartman

Merlee Bartman

Carl Bartscht

Josephine Bartscht

Shirley Beebe

Marie Therese Bookless

Audrey T. Boseman

Carolyn Bovenkerk

Mr. Doug Bradford

Bud Brenkert

Catherine Brenkert

Rev. Charles F. Brewer

George R. Brewer

John H. Bryant

Bill Burgess

Bob Campbell

Louise Campbell

Marian Cares

Susan Clark

Guernsy Collins

Reina Collins

Lena Cooper

John Dayton

Gail DeConick

Ilene De Haan

Jean de Koning

Henry de Koning

Richard W. DeMuth

Earl W. Deardorff

Eleanor (Ellie) Dickinson

George D. Dibble

Angela S. Dobson

Peter M. Dobson

Russell T. Dobson, Jr.

William T. Dobson

Anne Donofrio

Hugh Donofrio

Patrick Dorn

Thomas Dorn

Kenneth W. Dunkle

Martin Edwards

Rosalie Edwards

Walter "Skee" Edwards

Jay Einhaus

David H. Emmons

Richard "Dick" Emmons

David G. Endicott

Cheri Beth De Haan Erben

Herb Estes

Stelle Estes

Paul Etter

Susan Etter

Elizabeth Dunkle Evans

Mary Jo Farmer

Robert Farmer

Margaret Ference

Michael Ference

Mary Ellen Flanagan

Mary J. Flanagan

Sally Fleming

Ivan Victor Fosheim, Jr.

Ivan Victor Fosheim, Sr.

Mary Friskey

Ruth Frister

Sally Carlos Frister

Nick Frolick

Edmund Galant

Marjorie Galant

Lisa Ann Gallagher

Robert L. Gardner

Lloyd Gauntlett

Margaret Chamberlain Gere

Elizabeth N. Glinka

Hedy Goldsmith

Bea Gunderson

Roy Gunderson

Eugene Haddan

John T. Hall

Sarah P. Hall

Marion Hanley

Weldon Hare

Scott Hausen

Bonnie Heald

John Hildebrandt Henderson

Edwin Henry

James Calvin Henry
Myra Henry
William Hepola
Griffith Herold
Mary Herold
Daniel S. Hoag
Alan Hobart
Mady Hobart
Vernon Hobart
Amos Hoff
Fern Hoff
Dr. Julian Hoff
Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Hoff
Paul Horan
Phyllis L. Howard
Don Howe
Eugenia Hughes
Rollin Hughes
Delia S. Hunter
John C. Hunter
John C. Hunter, Jr.
Laurin R. Hunter
Milton Hunter
Rev. Bruce G. Ingles
Kathryn Inglis
August Jacobson
Richard Janz
Frances Jelinek
Mary Jilek
Frances Johnson
Johnny Johnson
Ester Katz
Hazel Kaufman
Gertrude Keegan
Robert Keegan
Betty Keller
Donald A. Kerr
June Kerr
Ruth Kerschbaum
Laura Kingery
Richard Kingery
Clyde (Stub) Kloack
Alger Koepfgen
Helen Koepfgen
Christine Kostbade
Howard Kostbade
Alma Kruger
Mrs. Helen Hoff Kuethe
Henry Kuizenga
Pamela LaMoreaux
Douglas Lane
Thomas W. Leabo
Shu-Chung Liao
Kenneth Lindley
Merv Mack
Lt. Commander Michael McCarthy
Harris McClamroch, Jr.
Ruth Mc Cracken

Patrick J. McDevitt
Patrick M. McDevitt
Barbara I. McKinley
George Milroy
Harold J. Montgomery
Constance M. Morley
James Mortensen
Marie Mortensen
Stephen Patton Moss
Robert E. Mueller
Elizabeth Najpaver
Joseph Najpaver
Merle Nash
Vina Nash
Boyd Nixon
Grace Nixon
Arvid Nordin
Julia Nordin
Louise Ostrander
Delia Ouimet
Edward Ouimet
Lawrence Ouimet
Magdaline Ouimet
Clare Palmer
Harvey Palmer
William M. Perrett III
Mr. Laurence Peterson
Mrs. Laurence Peterson
Maynard Phelps
Mildred Phelps
Fred Pickard
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Margie Pilcher
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Margaret Primas
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Vivian Reese
Walter Reese
Willis Reineman
Robert C. Ressler
Henry Rezmierski
Olga Rezmierski
Len Riccinto
F. E. (Bill) Richart
Hillary Dobson Ripmaster
Charlie Roberts
Lee Roberts
George Robinson
Rosetta Robinson
Sally Rogers
Marie Rugen
Allen Saunders
Ruth Saunders

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 Sarah Savarino
 Edna Johanna Scaatz
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 Philip Servais
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 J. E. Keith Smith
 Mark Snyder
 Mildred Snyder
 Mildred Southgate
 Robert Southgate
 Clarence James Staley
 Simon Stein
 Jean Stem
 Russell Stem
 Duel Stephens
 Marian Strodtman
 David Stryker
 Harold Stryker
 Ruth Stryker
 Ruth V. Sutton
 James Talbott
 David K. Tanner
 Glen K. Tanner
 Maxwell E. Tanner
 Stan Taylor
 Barbara Ternes
 Eugene H. Towner
 Dick Tripp
 Dick Trytten
 Francis Trytten
 Jack Trytten
 Charles Urquhart
 Thelma Mae Alice VanderVeen
 J. M. Walker
 Perry Walker
 Sallie Walker
 Viola Walker
 Christine Stephenson Watrous
 Almira White
 Hubert White
 Williams Family & Grandparents
 Carol B. Wood
 Elsie M. Wood
 William M. Wood



Yancer Family & Grandparents
 Agnes Yarmain
 Harry Yarmain

In Honor of:

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 Linda Arnsdorf
 Rachel Arnsdorf
 William E. Austin Jr.
 Erika Boothman
 Alexander D. Buchanan
 Susan Cares
 Thelma H. Duffell
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 E. M. Farmer
 Matthew Glinka
 Andrew Henning
 George Henning
 Sue Henning
 William Henning
 Downs Herold
 Sandy Herold
 Mary Hunter
 Katie Jozwick
 Sean K. Kesterson, M.D.
 Katie Miller
 Anna Oliva
 Roy Oliva
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 Ashley Smith
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