

**The First Presbyterian Church of Dunedin**  
**The Second Sunday in Advent**  
**December 6, 2009**  
**10:30 a.m.**

*Enter the church in silence. Through silence speak to God and let God speak to you.*

**PREPARATION:** *The following are the scripture texts for this morning: Malachi 3:1-4 (Pew Bible page 778) God's messenger to prepare the way of the Lord. Philippians 1:3-11 (page 953) Paul's prayer for the Philippians. Luke 1:68-79 (page 832) Zechariah's prophecy about his son, John the Baptist. Luke 3:1-6 (page 834) The proclamation of John the Baptist.*

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** *God of all, your servant John came baptizing and calling for repentance. Help us to hear his voice of judgment that we may also rejoice in his word of promise, and be found pure and blameless on that glorious day when Christ comes to rule the earth as Prince of Peace. Amen.*

**THE GATHERING**

**BELL PEAL**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**

**"Veni Emmanuel"**

**Young**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE OF LIGHT**

**LEADER:** We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ. Advent means coming. We are preparing ourselves for the days when the nations shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. (Isaiah 2:4)

The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. (Isaiah 11:6)

In whom is our light?

**PEOPLE:** **Our light is in the name of the Lord.**

**\*(Hymn #2) Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art;  
dear desire of every nation joy of every longing heart.**

**\*OPENING SENTENCES**

**LEADER:** The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

**PEOPLE:** **prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.**

**LEADER:** 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 smooth.

**PEOPLE:** **And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.**

**ALL:** **Let us worship God!**

**\*HYMN #5**

**"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"**

**Picardy**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**LEADER:** God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.

**ALL:** **We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to the path of righteousness. Amen.**

**RESPONSE (Hymn #3)**

**"Comfort, Comfort You My People"**

**Psalms 42**

**ALL:** **For the herald's voice is calling in the desert far and near,  
bidding us to make repentance since the kingdom now is here.  
O that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way;  
let the valleys rise in meeting and the hills bow down in greeting.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**LEADER:** In the name of Jesus Christ, I declare to you that your sin is forgiven.

**\*GLORIA PATRI (Hymnal #579) "Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen."**

**(At this time the children may leave for Sonshine Mountain.)**

**THE WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*The Word of the Lord!*

**Thanks be to God!**

**Malachi 3:1-4**

**GOSPEL READING**

*The Gospel of the Lord!*

**Praise to You, O Christ!**

**Luke 1:68-79**

**SERMON**

**"Late Surprise"**

**Eric Houghton**

## THE RESPONSE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD  
OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS  
OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Good News Is In the Air”

Hassler

\*DOXOLOGY (Hymnal #591) “Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.”

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

RESPONSE (Hymn #521) “You Satisfy the Hungry Heart” **Finest Wheat**  
CHOIR: (REFRAIN) **You satisfy the hungry heart with gifts of finest wheat;  
Come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.**  
The mystery of Your presence Lord, No mortal tongue can tell.  
Whom all the world cannot contain, Comes in our hearts to dwell.  
ALL: (REFRAIN)

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

LEADER: Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God! Men and women will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at table in the Kingdom of God. According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, he took bread and blessed it and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him. This is our Lord’s table. Our Savior invites all who love him to share the feast which he has prepared.

## GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LEADER: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

LEADER: Lift up your hearts!

PEOPLE: **We lift them to the Lord!**

LEADER: Give thanks to God, for he is good.

PEOPLE: **His love is everlasting!**

LEADER: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. You set us in this world to love and serve you, and to live in peace with all that you have made. When we turned from you, you did not turn from us. (-3-)

When we were captives in slavery, you delivered us to freedom, and made covenant to be our sovereign God. When we were stubborn and stiff-necked, you spoke to us through prophets who looked for that day when justice shall triumph and peace shall reign over all the earth. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the celestial choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

SANCTUS (Hymnal #581)

Sanctuary Choir and Congregation

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!**

## PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

LEADER: You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. You sent him into this world to satisfy the longings of your people for a Savior, to bring freedom to the captives of sin, and to establish justice for the oppressed. He came among us as one of us, taking the lot of the poor, sharing human suffering. We rejoice that in his death and rising again, you set before us the sure promise of new life, the certain hope of a heavenly home where we will sit at table with Christ our host. Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we take from your creation this bread and this wine and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising, as we await the day of his coming. With thanksgiving we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice dedicated to your service.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (Hymnal #582)

Sanctuary Choir and Congregation

**Dying, You destroyed our death; Rising You restored our life.**

**Lord, Jesus, come in glory!**

## INSTITUTION AND FRACTURE

RESPONSE (Hymnal #597)

Sanctuary Choir

Bless the Lord, O my soul;

And all that is within me, bless God’s holy name!

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

And forget not all God’s benefits.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS (*Please partake of the elements as you are served.*)

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LEADER: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

(-4-)

**PEOPLE:** It is right to give our thanks and praise!  
**ALL:** Eternal God, as you led your people in ages past, you direct our journey into the future. We give you thanks that you came to us in Jesus Christ, and we eagerly await his coming again that his rule may be complete and your righteousness reign over all the world. Then we will feast at his royal banquet, and sing his praise with the choirs of heaven. By your Spirit, open our eyes to the generosity of your hand, and nurture our souls in all spiritual gifts. Fill us with gratitude overflowing that we may share life and live in praise to you, God of all the ages, in the gracious name of Jesus Christ, your Son, by the power of your Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

### THE SENDING

**\*HYMN #8** "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" **Truro**  
**\*BENEDICTION**  
**\*RESPONSE (Hymn #535)** "Go with Us, Lord" **Tallis' Canon**  
**ALL:** Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day, that in Your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to You.  
**\*CHARGE**  
**\*POSTLUDE** "Wachet Auf" **Manz**  
*(The congregation is invited to leave the sanctuary in silence as the Postlude is played.)*  
*\*The congregation stands. If standing is difficult for you, please feel free to remain seated.*

**NEXT SUNDAY, December 13, 2009 will be the Third Sunday in Advent and the Service of Lessons and Carols presented by the Sanctuary Choir and orchestra.**

**PRAYER FOR PEACE - WWII** - On December 7, 1941, the United States was attacked by Japan. The attack forced us to declare war on Japan. We then were able to argue that the US should enter the European theater as well and we became thoroughly embroiled in World War II. The War to End all Wars had already been fought, so this second world war was a tragic development reluctantly acknowledged. It took two years for the country to mobilize fully in support of the war so that it could be finally concluded in 1945. This was a terrible time for our country and for the world, and in remembering Pearl Harbor, we not only honor all those who died there that day but all those who lost their lives during the years that followed before the fighting finally ended. *Father in Heaven, bless us as we recall and learn from the great and terrible wars of the past. Help us find ways to heal wounds in ways that do not require death and killing. Forgive us for seeking revenge and humiliation of others. Give us the courage to allow all nations to excel and all people to thrive. Amen.*

**IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME** and are interested in joining First Presbyterian Church of Dunedin, please indicate your desire to Pastor ByRoade so we can arrange a gathering of our Session.

**WE WELCOME ALL WHO WORSHIP HERE TODAY** – Coffee is available in Hager Hall following both services. Coloring pages for children to use during the worship hour are available from the ushers. Before "THE WORD", girls and boys PK4 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to attend Sunday school on "Sonshine Mountain". Our nursery, for infants through age 3, is in the Christian Education Building, downstairs in Room 103. Large print bulletins and large print hymnals are available from the ushers. Hearing devices are also available. Please ask for one at the sound booth.

### PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

USHERS: Don Shaffer, Manny Garcia, Laura Garcia, Diana Carsey  
LITURGIST: Paul Stone  
ELDERS SERVING COMMUNION: Paul Stone, Peggy George, Skippy Boynton, Peg Rowe, Diana Carsey, Carol Justice, Garry Justice, Doug Davis, Jynx Bailey

### SANCTUARY FLOWERS THIS WEEK ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD BY

Jackie Chalk and Mary Chalk Thorne in memory of their mother Lassie  
Beverly Weese and Debbie Watson in memory of Donna Lee Miller,  
daughter of Beverly and sister of Debbie

### TODAY'S OPPORTUNITIES

8:45 a.m. – Worship Café  
9:30 a.m. – Sunday School/Fellowship  
10:30 a.m. – Traditional Worship  
3:00 p.m. – Christmas Mourning Service  
5:00 p.m. – Advent Festival  
7:00 p.m. – First Sunday Books

**OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK**

Monday (7 <sup>th</sup> )	10:00 a.m.	Strong for Life
	6:00 p.m.	Faith in Action
	7:00 p.m.	DBF Missions
	7:00 p.m.	Financial Peace University
	7:00 p.m.	First Samaritans
Tuesday (8 <sup>th</sup> )	9:30 a.m.	Martha Circle
	11:30 a.m.	Esther Circle
	3:30 p.m.	Pre-school Committee
	7:00 p.m.	Property
	7:00 p.m.	Worship
	7:30 p.m.	Transit (Young Adult Group)
Wednesday (9 <sup>th</sup> )	10:00 a.m.	Strong for Life
	6:00 p.m.	Wednesday Night Dinner
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study – Doyle
	7:00 p.m.	Handbells
	7:00 p.m.	Video Club
	8:00 p.m.	Worship Café Rehearsal
Thursday (10 <sup>th</sup> )	7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir
Saturday (12 <sup>th</sup> )	12:00 p.m.	PW High Tea
	1:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal w/orchestra

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHRISTMAS “MOURNING” SERVICE** this afternoon at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary for those who find the holidays overwhelming, sad, or lonely. This service is designed to help bring holiday memories and grief together in a supportive spiritual environment. See Pastor ByRoade for details.

**ADVENT FESTIVAL** this evening from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Come and enjoy the chili, crafts and fellowship!

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS** Sign up in Hager Hall on the bulletin board to sponsor a poinsettia for the December 20<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> worship services. Cost is \$8.00 per plant. They may be taken home following the 11:00 p.m. service on Christmas Eve.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY DINNER** – this week the meal will be pasta salad with basil and tomato, chicken cordon bleu, roasted red potatoes, seasonal vegetables, cheese cake with strawberry topping.. The cost is \$6.50 per adult; \$4.00 12-18; \$3.00 2-12; \$18.00 max per family with children under 12. We eat at 6:15, so please come a little early to pay. Sign up today on the Friendship Register!

**IT’S TEA TIME!** High Tea at High Noon on Saturday, December 12 in Hager Hall hosted by Sarah Circle. We are excited to have Emily Harris, Teaching Artist/Storyteller as our guest. Tickets for the tea are \$6.00. Reservations can be made through your circle leader or by calling Lynn Steuernagle at 736-3850. The deadline for reservations is Monday, December 7. We hope you will join us for a delightful and special afternoon.

**CHRISTMAS INTERNATIONAL HOUSE** Do you have your Christmas plans in place yet? Do you have space for an international visitor or two? You many want to consider Christmas International House, a Christian ministry designed to offer hospitality to students during the Christmas holidays. International students are given the opportunity to visit an American home and become acquainted with different areas of the country. Students from different colleges and universities around the country select the Tampa Bay area and are housed for a portion of the time at Cedarkirk Camp and Conference Center in Lithia and the rest of the time in local homes. You would need to house the students from December 23 until December 27. Call Kathy Schultz at 796-2751 from more information.

**ADOPT A FAMILY CHRISTMAS** (2009 Homeless Emergency Project – HEP) is back! We have multiple families who need our help with Christmas gifts this year. Please stop by Hager Hall after the service and sign up to purchase a gift or two. You purchase and wrap and we will deliver! You will then be a part of lots of smiles on Christmas morn.

**ORNAMENTS FOR SHUT INS** Do you know someone who is sick or shut in or someone who just needs a little pick up or remembrance at the holiday? Stop by the Congregational Care table in East Hager today. There are precious ornaments made by Lillian McKibben. Take one to a shut in.

**ESTHER CIRCLE** meeting on December 8<sup>th</sup> will be a luncheon. Please meet at the church at 11:30 a.m. to carpool.



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