

**The First Presbyterian Church of Dunedin
The Third Sunday in Advent
Service of Lessons and Carols
Sunday, December 13, 2009
10:30 a.m.**

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

PRAYER FOR THE DAY: *Eternal God, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way for the coming of your Son. Grant us the wisdom to see your purpose and openness to hear your will, that we too may prepare the way for Christ who is coming in power and glory to establish his kingdom of peace and justice. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.*

THE GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

CAROL PRELUDE

arr. Hopson (Orchestra)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE OF JOY

INTROIT

“Personent Hodie”

Sanctuary Choir

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we are told that this is supposed to be a joyful time, so why do we often feel joyless? We hear the summons to rejoice, but why do we struggle so to respond? Absorbed in the needs of the day, we have lost sight of you. Beaten down by cares and burdens, we neglect the means of grace through which our hearts might be lifted. We pray partly and worship half-heartedly and serve grudgingly. Sin prevails and joy eludes and we drift farther away. Gather us in. Forgive us. Restore us. Bring forth a new spirit within us, that we might discover the joy for which you created us, the deep joy made known to us in Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

LEADER: Hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin and alive to all that is good. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

ALL: Amen.

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”

Burkhardt

***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.”*

SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

BIDDING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

***HYMN** (see insert)

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Choir and Congregation

ZECHARIAH AND ELIZABETH

First Reading

Choir: “On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry”

MARY

Second Reading

Choir: “Canticle of the Turning”

THE SHEPHERDS

Third Reading

Choir: “Shepherds, Shake Off Your Drowsy Sleep”

THE ANGELS

Fourth Reading

*CAROL: “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” (see insert)

Choir and Congregation

THE ANIMALS

Fifth Reading

Choir: “The Friendly Beasts”

THE WISE MEN

Sixth Reading

*CAROL: “We Three Kings of Orient Are” (see insert)

Choir and Congregation

OUR WITNESS TO THE NATIVITY

Seventh Reading

*CAROL: “Silent Night, Holy Night” (see insert)

Choir and Congregation

CLOSING PRAYERS

The Collect

The Blessing

CAROL POSTLUDE

arr. Hopson (Orchestra)

(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 20, 2009 will be the Fourth Sunday in Advent. *The scripture readings will be: Psalm 80:1-7 (Pew Bible pages 470-471); Micah 5:2-5 (pages 756-757) Bethlehem shall bring forth the one who will rule Israel in peace. Hebrews 10:5-10 (page 976) Salvation through Christ, who learned obedience through suffering. Luke 1:39-55 (pages 831-832) Mary sings in praise of the salvific promises of God (the Magnificat). Mary visits Elizabeth.*

PRAYER FOR PEACE – SAFETY FROM ABUSE Every day, every nine seconds of every day, someone is abused. Abuse is usually committed by a loved one or someone who is supposed to love you. Abuse comes in the form of physical, psychological, or emotional harm by another person. Usually it’s a man harming a woman or a child. The abused person needs sympathy, kindness, understanding and especially safety. Separating the abuser from the abused is the first step in ending the cycle of violence. In our Church, our Stephen Ministers are trained to provide listening support and guidance. In Pinellas County, there is a shelter at the RCS Haven that can provide the safe place and alternatives for protection and defense. If we know of friends who are suffering, make sure they know there is help. Sometimes, knowing that there are others who care is enough to get you through the day. *Father, please bless those who are being hurt by their loved ones and caregivers. Protect them from harm. Help them to ask for help. Give us the good sense and the generous hearts to lend a hand and to listen well when friends are suffering. Give us strength to stand against meanness and cruelty in the lives of people in our community and in our world. 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 5th 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

LITURGISTS: Paul Stone and Peggy George

ACOLYTE: Jonathan Gibbs

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD BY

Nancy Jewitt in memory of Jack R. Jewitt

TODAY’S OPPORTUNITIES

8:45 a.m. – Worship Café

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School/Fellowship

10:30 a.m. – Traditional Worship

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Monday (14 th)	10:00 a.m.	Strong for Life
	7:00 p.m.	Financial Peace University
	7:00 p.m.	Sarah Circle
Tuesday (15 th)	2:00 p.m.	Koinonia
	7:00 p.m.	Session
	7:30 p.m.	Transit (Young Adult Group)
Wednesday (16 th)	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.	Video Club
	8:00 p.m.	Worship Café Rehearsal
Thursday (17 th)	7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SESSION MEMBERS please remember to pick up the Session Docket in your mailbox. Session meets Tuesday, December 15.

WE’RE GOING TO CHIP (Clearwater Homeless Intervention Project) this coming Friday, December 17. Can you prepare a cold dish for delivery to our homeless friends? Please sign up for meat, salad, fruit or cookies at the CHIP table in Hager Hall after the service. If we all do a little, we can make a lot of difference!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY DINNER – this week the meal will be house salad, pecan chicken with honey butter, mashed potatoes, seasonal vegetables, chocolate cream pie. 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!

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

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.

KOINONIA is this Tuesday. Please come to hear our professional reviewer, Iris Shallit, present SHANGHAI GIRLS. If you have read the book, you will enjoy hearing Iris's take on it. If you haven't read the book, her review will make you want to read it! Bring a friend Tuesday at 2:00 p.m., December 15 in the FPC Library. There will be Christmas treats for good listeners!

CHRISTMAS INTERNATIONAL HOUSE Do you have your Christmas plans in place yet? Do you have space for an international visitor or two? You may 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.

PRAYER REQUESTS the names of people who have requested prayer are listed in italics the first week of their request and any time there are changes in their condition or place of recuperation. A complete listing of the people for whom we need to lift our prayers will also be provided for you in each edition of THE VOICE. (Please call the church office if you have a prayer concern.)

- *Thelma Powell at Morton Plant with a broken leg*
- *Monica Adams, friend of the church, at home*
- Mary Greenlee-Krull, mother of Joanne Maddux, recuperating at Bay Alliance Health Care in Dunedin
- Cathy Davide, mother of Craig Davide, undergoing treatment for cancer
- Joe Tilney in CCU at Mease Dunedin
- Ron McDermott recuperating at home
- John Eichenberger, nephew of David and Bobbie Eichenberger, preparing to be fitted for his first prosthesis
- Anne Trahan, mother of Betsi Lewis-Knapp, under Hospice care
- Scott Miller, friend of Debbie and Keith Watson, diagnosed with lung cancer
- Hazel Aughenbaugh at Manor Care following a fall
- Blanche Kirchoffer recovering at Baytree Rehab
- Mae Harrington, daughter of Leona Baker Everitt, following surgery
- Jean Joiner at home recovering from surgery
- Marge Vilsoet and Don Hart undergoing cancer treatments
- Sandi Geller, family friend of Dave and Bobbie Eichenberger, following surgery
- Paul Kuehner recovering from cancer surgery
- Fran Iosa, mother of Jeff Iosa, being treated for cancer
- For improved health: Barbara Frett, Marion Guthrie, Martha Brinklow, Betsy Perkins, Bill Vilsoet, Sharyn Ramirez, Lois Krebs, Dotsie Dauble, Peg Harvie, Dee Faust, Walter Brashear, Dave Dauble, Eva Marcantel
- All our members who reside in skilled nursing homes
- The Transfiguration Faith Community of St. Petersburg, a new church development in the Presbytery of Tampa Bay
- Luke Phillips, our contemporary worship leader, as he begins the process toward ordination
- First Presbyterian Church in our desire to be responsible stewards of our talents and finances

First Church Financial Status on: December 9, 2009

<i>Operating Funds</i>	<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Expenses</i>	<i>Surplus (Deficit)</i>
Church	\$ 357,517	\$ 452,430	\$ (94,913)
Pre-School	\$ 219,505	\$ 212,084	\$ 7,421
Totals:	\$ 577,022	\$ 664,514	\$ (87,492)

Tithes and other contributions to First Church are almost 10 percent below expectations for this point in the year.

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