



# The First Presbyterian Church

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## The Celebration of Worship Baptism of the Lord

January 8, 2012

8:45 and 11:00 AM

Worship is broadcast at 11 AM on WCHS-580AM

A warm welcome is extended to all who worship here today.

Large print hymnals, Bibles and hearing devices, as well as information about child care and other church programs are available from any usher.

All children are welcome and encouraged to participate in worship.

Clipboards, children's Bibles and books to borrow during worship are located at the entrances.

The asterisks (\*) invite you to stand if it is comfortable for you to do so.

### We Gather

#### TIME FOR PREPARATION

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

Isaiah 60:1-5

VOLUNTARY

Carols of the Star  
Fred Gaul, organist

Lani Smith

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

### We Praise God

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill McCoy

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Jim Roberts

\*RESPONSE

Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place

words and music: Lanny Wolfe

Sure - ly the pre - sence of the Lord is in this place.

I can feel His might - y pow - er and His grace.

I can hear the brush of an - gels' wings, I see glo - ry on each face.

Sure - ly the pre - sence of the Lord is in this place.

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Barbara Hopta

Lord, we confess that we sometimes feel overwhelmed by life.  
 We take actions that belie our faith in Jesus and the message of His grace.  
 Forgive us, we pray, and deliver us from our doubts, O merciful God.

Please continue to pray silently.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WELCOME AND CELEBRATION OF FRIENDSHIP

Bill McCoy

Please sign the friendship pad placed at pew's end, so you may greet each other by name.  
 Visitors are invited to wear the button found in the friendship pad.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS—CLASS OF 2014 (11:00)

*Ordination and Installation of Elders—Class of 2014*

Tish Chafin	Phil Hereford	Andy Stewart
Louise Christensen	Steve Hopta	Jim Thomas
Nancy Douglas	Jim McCain	Sandy Zando
Rick Francke		

Otis O'Connor—filling an unexpired term in the *Class of 2013*

*Ordination and Installation of Deacons—Class of 2014*

Vic Burkhammer	*Blair Johe	Diane Roberts
Art Doumaux	*Charlie Lorensen	Diana Rustemeyer
*Sherry Harrison	*Jean Mercer	Bob Schacht
*Les Hawkins	Debbe Moredock	*Sam Strickland

\*Jessica Harper—filling an unexpired term in the *Class of 2012*

Recognition of newly elected Trustees: Dave Nolan, Dave Pitchford

\*Being installed and ordained

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (11:00)

Barbara Hopta

\*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.  
And also with you.

\*HYMN 525

Here I Am, Lord

Daniel L. Schutte

We Declare our Faith

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Jim Roberts

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Glory to God

Hymnal Sampler, p. 6

*Glory to God, Whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, Whose grace has pardoned me,  
And to the Spirit, Whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

*World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen.*

*World without end, without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

We Give Thanks to God

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Jim Roberts

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;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE

Offertory

Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light

arr. Roger C. Wilson

\*Doxology

*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

Barbara Hopta

God, bless these gifts, we pray, that in this place shelter may be offered, diversity welcomed,  
hard times weathered, rainbows recognized.

We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Word is Proclaimed

ANTHEM (11:00) Christmas Joy Mark Schweizer

*When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky has withdrawn, when the kings see their prophecy rightly fulfilled, when the princes and shepherds have gone, then the true work of Christmas begins. The work of Christmas begins.*

*To find the lost, to heal the broken hearts, to feed the hungry, to free the prisoner, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among all brothers, to make music, music in the heart. When the song of the angels is stilled, then the true work of Christmas begins.*

*How bright appears the morning star, with mercy beaming from afar! The host of heaven rejoices.  
O Righteous Branch, O Jesse's Rod, Thou Son of Man and Son of God! We, too, will lift our voices.  
Jesus, Jesus! Alleluia, alleluia! Praise be given evermore, by earth and heaven.*

The Geneva Choir

SCRIPTURE READING John 15:12-17, Pew Bible, NT, p. 109 Bill McCoy

SERMON Ordained of God Bill McCoy

\*CONCLUDING HYMN 63 As with Gladness Men of Old DIX

\*INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND BENEDICTION Bill McCoy

\*HYMN OF PARTING HYMN 66

*Glorious now behold Him arise, King and God and sacrifice.  
Alleluia, alleluia sounds through the earth and skies.  
O, star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!*

\*VOLUNTARY Christmas Joy Franklin Ritter  
Fred Gaul, organist

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Reminder: please return your hearing devices at the end of the service this morning.

“Many Voices, One Song”

“Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me” is being sung this morning by PC(USA) churches all over the world in anticipation of our new hymnal. It is found on page 6 of the hymnal sampler in your pew.

- *In worship leadership:* We thank LOGOS participant Bowman Alexander for chiming the Trinity to
- begin our worship on Christmas Eve.
- *Restrooms and water fountains* are found through the double doors to the left of the chancel - please
- accompany children.
- *Childcare:* Nursery and Rooms 113 and 114
- *Elder Visitation:* Doug Chambers, Jim Crockett
- *The Flowers in the Sanctuary* this Sunday remind us that a contribution has been given to the Hunger
- Fund for the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Thomas and Mr. and Mrs. L.
- Newton Thomas by Mr. and Mrs. James R. Thomas, II and Mr. and Mrs. L. Newton Thomas, Jr.
- *Greeters today are:* Mary Kay and Pat Bond, Jim Hartman, Beth Pugh
- PLEASE DROP THIS BULLETIN IN THE RECYCLING BOX AS YOU EXIT. THANK YOU!