



# The First Presbyterian Church

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## The Celebration of Worship Second Sunday of Advent

December 5, 2010

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

May the God of hope fill you with  
all joy and peace in believing,  
so that you may abound in hope  
by the power of the Holy Spirit.

—Romans 15:13

#### VOLUNTARY

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus  
Dan Faber, organist

*D. Schack*

#### CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

## We Praise God

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill McCoy

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Louise and Dave Christensen 8:45

Jack Rogers and Elizabeth Scharman, Shannon and Aidan 11:00

\*HYMN OF PRAISE 13

Prepare the Way

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Jim Roberts

\*RESPONSE

Emmanuel

Bob McGee

Em - man - u - el, \_\_\_\_\_ Em - man - u - el, \_\_\_\_\_ His name is  
called \_\_\_\_\_ Em - man - u - el. \_\_\_\_\_ God with us, \_\_\_\_\_ re - vealed in  
us. \_\_\_\_\_ His name is called \_\_\_\_\_ Em - man - u - el. \_\_\_\_\_

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Barbara Hopta

God of the loving heart, we confess before You those places in our hearts where we have refused You entrance: people we have refused to love; habits we have not yet changed; good things we have left undone; and ways we have hurt You, ourselves, and others.

Forgive us, Lord, and show us new ways to live. Sweep clean the rooms of our hearts, that Christ may find a home among us.

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.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Advent Conspiracy: Alternative Gifts

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (11:00)

Barbara Hopta

\*PASSING THE PEACE

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

We Declare our Faith

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Barbara Hopta

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

HYMN 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.*

We Give Thanks to God

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Bill McCoy

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

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

J. Barr

\*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

Gracious God, we give You thanks for gifting us with so much—our selves, our time, and our possessions—signs of Your love for us. Make us grateful and humble in our sharing of these gifts that others may see Your love in us. Amen.

The Word is Proclaimed

ANTHEM (11:00)

The First Song of Isaiah

Jack Noble White

*Surely it is God Who saves me. I will trust in Him and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and He will be my Savior.*

*Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation,  
and on that day you shall say, "Give thanks to the Lord!" and call upon His name.*

*Make His deeds known among the peoples. See that they remember that His name is exalted.  
Sing the praises of the Lord, for He has done great things and this is known in all the world.*

*Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion! Ring out your joy!  
For the Great One in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.*

Music of the Angels

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 3: 1-12, Pew Bible, NT, p. 2

Jim Roberts

SERMON

Preparation for Christ's Coming: Repent!

Jim Roberts

\*CONCLUDING HYMN 2

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

\*INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND BENEDICTION

Jim Roberts

\*HYMN OF PARTING

HYMN 13

*Prepare the way, O Zion, Your Christ is drawing near!  
Let every hill and valley a level way appear.  
Greet One Who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story.  
O blest is Christ that came in God's most holy name!*

\*VOLUNTARY

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones  
Dan Faber, organist

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The asterisks (\*) invite you to stand if it is comfortable for you to do so.  
Reminder: please return your hearing devices at the end of the service this morning.

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: *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:* Scott Case, Tish Chafin, Louise Christensen, Jim Crockett  
: *Greeters today are:* Barbara Gessner, Mark Holmes, Betty Kerns, Janice Lessley  
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: PLEASE DROP THIS BULLETIN IN THE RECYCLING BOX AS YOU EXIT. THANK YOU!  
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