



# The First Presbyterian Church

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## The Celebration of Worship 4th Sunday after Epiphany

January 29, 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

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Malachi 3:1-4

VOLUNTARY

Now Thank We All Our God  
Fred Gaul, organist

arr. George E. Beverst

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

We Praise God

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill McCoy

\*HYMN OF PRAISE 372

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Barbara Hopta

\*RESPONSE

Oh Lord, You're Beautiful

Keith Green

Oh Lord, You're beau - ti - ful. \_\_\_\_\_ Your face is all I seek. \_\_\_\_\_

For when Your eyes are on this child, Your grace a - bounds to me. \_\_\_\_\_

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the response, with lyrics 'Oh Lord, You're beau - ti - ful. \_\_\_\_\_ Your face is all I seek. \_\_\_\_\_'. The second staff contains the melody for the second line, with lyrics 'For when Your eyes are on this child, Your grace a - bounds to me. \_\_\_\_\_'. The music is written in a simple, accessible style with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp.

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jim Roberts

God of mercy and love, You have made us to belong to You alone. You call us to serve You with all our strength. We confess our waywardness from Your gracious path.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

You shower Your grace into our lives, but we fail to deal graciously with others. We nurse grudges, judge harshly, and act with pettiness. We have failed to love others with Christ's love.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.

We let our fear and insecurities rule us instead of trusting You, loving God. Forgive our self-centeredness, our shortsightedness, and our small-heartedness.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Please continue to pray silently.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

It is true that "all who love God are known by God." God has sent redemption to us all through Christ Jesus, and through Him we are heirs of God's eternal covenant. Friends, believe the Good News, in Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven.

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.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (11:00)

Barbara Hopta

\*PASSING THE PEACE

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

\*HYMN 388

O Jesus I Have Promised

ANGEL'S STORY

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

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

Jesus, Lead Thou On

arr. Gordon Young

\*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

Jim Roberts

Lord, all that we have is a gift of Your grace. We bring now our gifts in response to Your goodness, in Christ's name. Amen.

