

The First Presbyterian Church

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All members
of the congregation

The Celebration of Worship First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2009

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 for younger children and books to borrow during worship are located at the entrances,
and children's Bibles are available in the pews.

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

We Gather

TIME FOR PREPARATION

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and He shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'
Jeremiah 33:14-16

VOLUNTARY

Berceuse
Fred Gaul, organist

Lani Smith

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

We Praise God

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

8:45 Dick and Becky Smith
11:00 Dee, Anna, Lauren, and John Campbell

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill McCoy

*HYMN OF PRAISE 559

We Gather Together

KREMSER

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Barbara Hopta

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Claire Butler

God of forgiveness and mercy, hear our prayer as we confess our sin. With moments so critical, we let time go by. With deliverance so near, we linger in the darkness. With the night having passed, we still hesitate to greet the new day. O God, lead us forth, that we may meet the moment You graciously give us. Dispel the shadows, so that Your will may be clear. Clothed with light and new life in Christ, let us go forth as those awake to Your will.

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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00)

For **Bonnie Brothers, Jennelle Jones, Drex Vealey and Ruth Weber.**
(Children are invited to come to the chancel area.)

Welcome by congregation (In unison)

Bonnie, Jennelle, Drex and Ruth with joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church. As we are all one in Christ, we promise to love, cherish and support you, to share the good news of the Gospel with you, and to help you to know and follow Christ.

*PASSING THE PEACE

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

*HYMN 513

Let Us Break Bread Together

LET US BREAK BREAD

We Declare our Faith

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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.

*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

OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE

Offertory Prepare the Royal Highway *arr. Wilbur Held*

*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

Lord, we give You thanks for gifting us with so much—our selves, our time, and our possessions—
signs indeed 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

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 9:6-7, Pew Bible, OT p. 638
John 14:15-28, Pew Bible, NT p. 109

Bill McCoy

SERMON

NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES:
Wonderful Counselor

Bill McCoy

PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION

Come Just As You Are
(See insert)

Joseph Sabolick

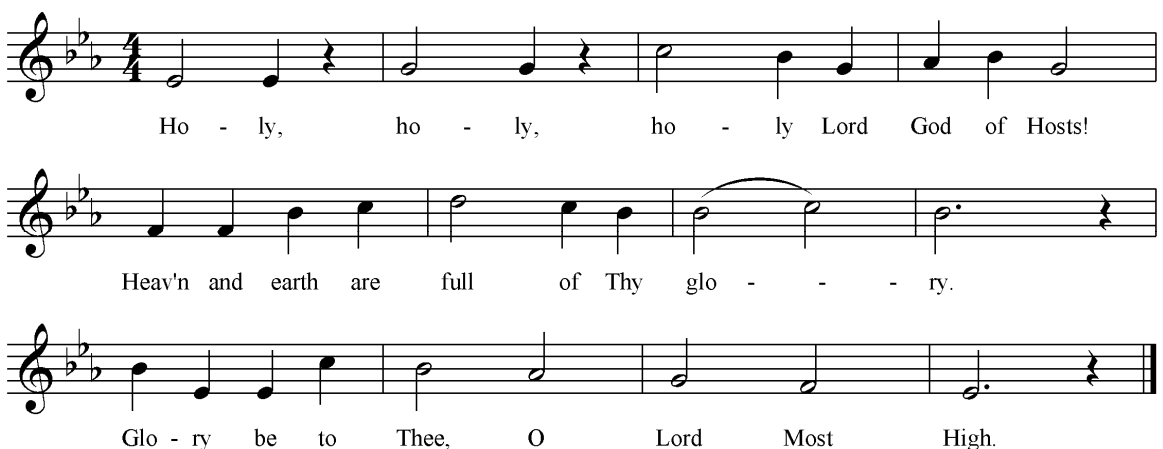
SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Salutation: The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Sursum Corda: Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Sanctus:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Hosts!
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - - - ry.
Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord Most High.

