

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

4th Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2011

ADVENT WORSHIP

Awaiting the One Who Comes in Love!

*Indicates those who find it comfortable may stand

**Please turn off all pagers and cell phones before worship begins

All who enter this place of worship today are warmly welcomed in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ! Please use the time before worship to greet one another in the joy and gladness!

STRIKING OF THE CHIMES

When the chimes are struck, worship begins! Please end your conversations with those around you & turn your attention toward the One who sent His son into the world to be our joy and our life!

GREETING and WELCOMING

Leader: Good Morning! Welcome to the House of the Lord!
The love of Christ be with you all!

People: And also with you!

CENTERING OUR MINDS AND HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

Leader: Good friends and beloved of the Lord, the Season of Advent is upon us!

People: And we await the coming anew of Him who is God's love for us all!

Leader: Come then! Let us quiet our voices and open our hearts as we prepare to worship the One God sends to show us love!

WORSHIPING GOD THROUGH MUSIC (Prelude) *"The Desert Shall Rejoice"* - Lani Smith

BRINGING IN THE WORD OF GOD AND THE LIGHT OF CHRIST (Acolytes)

CALLING OURSELVES TO WORSHIP WITH THE WORD From John 3:16-17 (paraphrase)

Leader: Hear and believe the Good News Gospel! This is how much God loved the world:

People: He gave us his Son, his own beloved Son!

Leader: And this is why God did that:

People: So that we shall not die to him, but shall live abundantly and forever in God's eternal love!

Leader: Because God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,

People: But so that the whole wide world might know life and love through Him!

Leader: Come then! Let us rejoice in the love that is ours through Christ Jesus, our Lord!

People: And to the God who sent Jesus to be our love and our life, let us sing songs of praise!

*SINGING IN PRAISE *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"* (vss. 1 & 3) Number 376

*PRAYING PRAYERS OF PRAISE TO OUR GOD

*PRAYING TOGETHER THE PRAYER JESUS TAUGHT US (Traditional)

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!

*SINGING TO THE GLORY OF GOD

Tune Number 464

Come and join the hap-py chor-us, and the joy-ous song we raise!

Stars and angels gath-er round Him, Sing-ing His e-ter-nal praise!

Word made flesh with us a-p-pear-ing, Full o-f grace and truth and love!

Sing we to our Lord and Sav-ior, Jes-us Christ sent from a-bove!

SHARING TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY OF FAITH

SHARING OF ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS & CONCERNS

(Please sign the friendship pads found on the end of each row, pass them down and notice those seated around you, offering them the warmest of greetings!)

SHARING WITH THE YOUNG FOLKS

Lighting Mary and Joseph's Candle of Love

SHARING OUR GIFTS & OFFERINGS

Invitation to Sharing

Playing to the Glory of God (Offertory)

"The Shepherd's Cradle Song"

-Hall Macklin

*Singing in Grateful Praise

"Gift of Gifts"

Tune #446

Gift of gifts, Your love in-ca-r-nate, Giv-en Fath-er for u-s all!

We re-spond in deep de-v-o-tion, Giv-ing You our all i-n all!

Self for se-lf, You give, we gi-ve You, Life for life and love for love!

Of-fered u-p in thanks and pra-is-ing, For Chr-ist J-e-s-us, Lord o-f all!

(c.1996 Shining Light Music,
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*Praying in Thanksgiving

Tapestry of Light

A Celtic Christmas Celebration

by Joseph Martin

Directed by Bob Day and Cindy Jenkins

Narrated by Michael Brady and Suzanne Dennis

THE LIGHT OF CREATION

Carols of Hope and Light.....Choir

THE LIGHT OF PREPARATION

Longing for the Light.....Choir

Duet – Jill Butler & Dameon Jones

THE LIGHT OF ANTICIPATION

An Advent Garden.....Choir

THE LIGHT OF THE ANNUNCIATION

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT 1ST UPC

Deacons "On Call": Jennifer Oelker & Tammy Fowler

1st UPC IN FAITH AND ACTION FOR THE WEEK of Dec. 18 – Dec. 25, 2011

- Sun., Dec. 18, Pray for First Presbyterian Church, Troy / Read Luke 1:26-38**
9:30a.m. Experience the Word – Experience the Community
10:45 a.m. Worship
Christmas Eve Practice following worship
Youth Groups gathering at JoAnne's home
4th Sunday of Advent
- Mon., Dec. 19, Pray for Bob & Ranae Lentz / Read 1 Sam. 1:1-18**
7pm Presby Book Club @ Fulton's home
Hannah is promised a child
- Tues., Dec. 20, Pray for the Lloyd Families / Read 1 Sam. 1:19-28**
Hannah presents Samuel to God
- Wed., Dec. 21, Pray for Phyllis Lyons / Read Mark 11:1-11**
6pm Christmas Eve Practice
Jesus enters Jerusalem
- Thurs., Dec. 22, Pray for Doug & Marge MacGillivray / Read Isa. 9:2-7**
A child is born for us
- Friday, Dec. 23, Pray for the Manning Family / Read Ps. 96**
Let the earth be glad
- Sat., Dec. 24, Pray for Gene & Marty Marine / Read Titus 2:11-14**
7pm Christmas Eve Service – "Live Nativity, Candles and Carols"
The grace of God has appeared
- Sun., Dec. 25, Pray for the 1st UPC Family of Faith / Read Luke 2:1-14**
10:45 a.m. Worship
Christmas Day

Celebrating Birthdays This Week: Dec 19: Jo Mustaine & Jack Harris

Dec. 20: Woody Amidon
Dec. 22: Denny Lane
Dec. 24: Eric Caughenbaugh

Presby Book Club: is meeting tomorrow night, at 7:00 P.M. at Janet Fulton's home (595 Rd 199 W), weather permitting, or at the church. We will be sharing Christmas or winter poems with the group. Bring your favorite.

UPCOMING HOLIDAY EVENTS:

Sat. Dec. 24th – 7pm *Christmas Eve Service – "Live Nativity, Candles and Carols"*

Sun. Dec. 25th – *Christmas Day* No Sunday School / 10:45am Worship

Fri. Dec. 30th – All 2011 Contributions to the church are due by Noon.

SHARING IN THE MINISTRY OF 1ST UPC

Ministry Partners	Members & Friends of the Church
Coordinator of Parish Nursing	Phyllis Lyons
Coordinator of Pastoral Partners	Marty Marine
Clerk of Session	Judy Wical
Moderator of the Board of Deacons	Tammy Fowler
Moderator of Presbyterian Women	Karen Brady
Custodian	Ralph Morrison
Secretary	Julie McCarthy
Treasurer	Sue Dearwester
Nursery Attendants	Deb and Kent Amey
Handbell Choir Director	Cindy Jenkins
Choir Directors	Bob Day and Cindy Jenkins
Organist	Thomas Boone
Director of Christian Education and Youth Ministry	JoAnne Sharp
Pastor	Rob Fulton

If you are interested in learning more about faith in and discipleship to the Lord Jesus Christ, or about exploring membership within First United Presbyterian Church, please speak with Pastor Rob or one of the Elder Greeters TODAY! It would be our JOY to welcome you into the 1st UPC Family of Faith on our next New Member Sunday or at any time that is convenient for you! Please let Rob or the Elders know of your interest!

AT FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, we believe that worship is a time for ALL MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY to come together to hear God's word and sing God's praise! Therefore, ALL CHILDREN OF GOD, no matter what their age, are welcomed during our service of worship! Parents are encouraged to help their children engage in QUIET ACTIVITIES during the service that will not interfere with the worship participation of those seated nearby. Also, please visit the restrooms prior to worship and pick up QUIET ACTIVITY BAGS on your way INTO the sanctuary. WELCOME ONE AND ALL!

OUR WE CARE POSTERS TODAY is for JO MUSTAINE who celebrates her birthday on Monday and for our CHANCEL CHOIR to thank them for the beautiful Christmas Cantata they are singing this morning! Please sign the WE CARE poster in the sanctuary hallway and let **Jo and the Chancel Choir** know that they are in our thoughts and prayers and that WE CARE about them!

THOSE NEEDING OUR SPECIAL PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

(**Bold print** indicates new additions or changes in status of those listed previously)

Fellow church members with health & family problems and employment issues

Kim Wagner at home following hip replacement surgery at OSU on Monday

Beulah Orahood, recuperating from a fall at home

Dave Haw, undergoing rehab following foot/leg surgery in Cleveland

Brian Murdock, awaiting surgery to remove hip replacement because of infection

Lyle Moyer, test reports show not present cancer!

Friends of Susie Barlow: Ted Hoy and family of Springfield, following massive stroke

Former Pastor Tom Stout, following quadruple bypass surgery

Tom's address: 4634 Muggleton Road, Wilmington, Delaware 19808

Joe & Pat Opel, neighbors of Louise Gordon, Joe has cancer and Pat has liver disease

Friends of Jenna (McLaughlin) Leopold, following explosion in Fairborn

Ruth Irwin, at home following a fall and broken vertebrae in her back
Dottie Cost, blood clots in her legs
Trisha Prenger, friend of Judy & Tom Oldiges, diagnosed with Hodgkins Lymphoma
Janet Fullerton
Lorna Brunson and Debbie Stein, sisters of Carol Hess, both dealing with breast cancer
Isabella Santos, 6 yr. old niece of Barb Neff's coworker, battling cancer

Once again this Christmas our church family has heard and responded generously to the call to help those in our community in need. Our church family adopted **40** families this Christmas. **Thank you for helping to make a neighbor's Christmas brighter!!**

The Mission & Outreach Ministry team

2012 Offering Envelopes: As a cost-saving measure, a member of the Stewardship & Finance Ministry team will be handing out 2012 Offering Envelopes **TODAY!** The envelopes are located on the table on the **EAST** side of sanctuary. Thank you for your continued financial support of our church.

Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers don't forget your Christmas celebrations later today at JoAnne's house. Middle school 4-5:30; High School 6:30-8:30-extra parking next door in Dr. Maxwell's lot. Last Saturday some of our Middle school youth went to the Food pantry at LCS to help sort and count food items that had come in during food drives. Devin Fowler and Drew Jackson sorted over 600 food items that will be used to make over 400 food baskets. **Well done Devin and Drew!**

Upper Rooms & These Days available on the sanctuary hallway tables.

Tuesday Dinner @ the Prez – we are serving dinner on Tues. Dec. 27th and we need 15 Green Bean Casseroles and 15 Cheesy Potato Casseroles. If you can help, please let Ranae Lentz know. Thanks!

The Poinsettias in the sanctuary are in honor or memory of the following:

In memory of Nate and Eleanor Augustine, given by Kris Christenson
In memory of John D. and Caroline Inskip, given by Kris Christenson
In memory of My Dear Parents and Brother in Law, given by Louise Gordon
In memory of Our Parents, given by Woody and Katie Amidon
In memory of Our Grandparents, given by Woody and Katie Amidon
In memory of My Grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Chapman, given by Vicky Petty
In memory of Edith Smith, given by Vicky Petty
In memory of My Father and Our Grandfather, David Hesson, given by Karen, Matt and Cassie Brady
In memory of Rush and Jean Eichholtz, given by Bud & Mona Eichholtz and family
In memory of Lowell and Romaine Brown, given by Bud & Mona Eichholtz and family
In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Neer, given by Audrey L. Neer Hurley
In memory of Ralph Hurley, given by Audrey L. Neer Hurley
In memory of Rev. Alum O. Jones, given by Evelyn Jones Wood
In memory of Dr. Fred G. Wood, given by Evelyn Jones Wood
In memory of Nelle and Delbert Caughenbaugh, given by the Caughenbaugh family
In honor of Alma and Frank Lynn Young, given by the Caughenbaugh family
In memory of Marcia Lane, given by Sarah Phillips & Linda Green
In memory of Charles Coomos, given by Scott Costin Family

In memory of Henry Scouten, given by Scott Costin Family
In memory of Glenn Ashworth, given by Scott Costin Family
In memory of James Costin, given by Scott Costin Family
In memory of Don M. Hilliker, given by Jim and Linda Hilliker
In memory of Husband, Father and Grandfather, Donald T. Harris, given by Ramona Harris
In memory of Ewing H (Butch) Crawfis, given by Sue Crawfis
In memory of 1st Lieutenant Roger L. Vickers, given by Sue Crawfis
In memory of My Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vickers, given by Sue Crawfis
In honor of Katie, Emily, Grant and Grandma, given by Mark and Susie Barlow
In memory of Ronald H. Wisse, given by Nancy Wisse and Family
In memory of Edward K. Core, Jr., given by Nancy Wisse and Family
In memory of E.K. and Dorothy Core, given by Nancy Wisse and Family
In memory of Our Parents, Floyd and Libby Ashton, given by Cindy & Edson Jenkins
In memory of Our Parents, Raoul and Geneva Jenkins, given by Cindy & Edson Jenkins
In honor of Our Children and Grandchildren, Keren & Zack, Christopher, Whitney, Kaitlyn and Kai, given by Cindy & Edson Jenkins
In memory of Marcia Lane, given by Denny Lane
In memory of My Father and Mother, Ray and Laura Wical, given by Jim Wical
In memory of My Sister and Brother in Law, Susan & Randy Wortman, given by Jim Wical
In honor of My Grandson, Steven Cronkel, given by Jim Wical
In memory of Betty Suber, given by Janet & Rob Fulton
In memory of Frank and Francis Fulton, given by Janet & Rob Fulton
In memory of Our Parents, Roland & Beverly Brady, given by Mike & Tracy Brady
In honor of Our Parents, Rose Tremains & Bob Tremains, given by Mike & Tracy Brady
In honor of Our Children, Steve, Trent, Matt, Cassie & Isaiah, given by Mike & Tracy Brady

Gifts given to our church's General Memorial Fund in memory or in honor of the following:

In memory of My Parents Claude (Key) and Mildred Jenkins, given by Carolyn Fitzpatrick
In memory of Ronald E Stewart, given by Barbara A. Stewart
In memory of Kathleen Barnwell, given by Barbara A. Stewart
In memory of Jo Notestine, given by Tom and Caroline Notestine
In memory of Ed Kindell and Tom Peters, given by Betty Kindell
In honor of My Great-Grandson, Drake Ellis Peters, given by Betty Kindell
In memory of My Parents, Rex & Wilma Shirk, given by Nancy Stokes
In memory of My Sister, Charlotte Shirk Zell, given by Nancy Stokes
In memory of My Sister, Marion Shirk Armstrong, given by Nancy Stokes
In memory of Horace and Ann Wortman, given by Gene & Marty Marine
In memory of Lyle and Glenna Marine, given by Gene & Marty Marine
In memory of Robert Shoemaker, given by Rose Shoemaker
In memory of Jack Hines, given by Marge Hines
In memory of My Parents, J. Lewis and Florence (Schurr) Plank, given by Sue Dearwester
In honor of My New Great-Grandson, Keaton J. Dinovo, given by Sue Dearwester
In memory of Paul and Irene Kanter, given by Nate & Becky Weber
In memory of Rev. H.J. and Estella Weber, given by Nate & Becky Weber
In memory of Dorothy Brennan, Celia Gebby, Alberta Mills and George Zupp, given by Nancy Wisse and Family

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