

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 22, 2012

GATHERING TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY OF FAITH

*Indicates those who find it comfortable may stand

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

It is our hope and prayer that all who enter this place of worship will be feel 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 and turn your attention toward the One who sent His son into the world to be our life and our light!

WELCOMING TO WORSHIP

Leader: Good Morning...and welcome to the House of the Lord!
To God be the glory, this day and always!

People: Amen and Amen!

Leader: Come now! Let us quiet our voices and open our hearts as we prepare to
worship God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit!

WORSHIPING GOD THROUGH MUSIC (Prelude) *"Stockwood"* -Denis Eliot

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

THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

O-pen my ears that I may hear, Voic-es of truth You send so clear
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, Ev-ery-thing false will dis-ap-pear.
Si-lent-ly now, I wait for You, Read-y my God, Your will to hear!
O-pen my ears and speak to me, Spir-it di-vine!

CALLING OURSELVES TO WORSHIP WITH THE WORD

Leader: Grace and peace be unto you all, in the name of the Father, and the Son,
and the Holy Spirit!

People: And also unto you!

Leader: Friends, rejoice and give thanks, for this is the day which the Lord has made!

People: So let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Leader: Come! Let us worship the Lord, our God!

**People: And to Father, Son and Holy Spirit – God in three persons,
Blessed Trinity – let us sing songs of praise!**

*SINGING IN PRAISE *"Holy, Holy, Holy"* (Verses 1-3) Number 138

*PRAYING PRAYERS OF PRAISE/SEEKING GOD'S PRESENCE

*PRAYING TOGETHER THE PRAYER JESUS TAUGHT US (Contemporary)

Our Father, who is in heaven, Holy is Your name!

Your kingdom come, Your 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 Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen!

*SINGING TO THE GLORY OF GOD *"Holy, Holy, Holy"* (verse 4) Number 138

SHARING TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY OF FAITH

SHARING OF GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(During the time of fellowship, please warmly greet those around you, sharing with them the joy of Christian fellowship within Christ's Family of Faith! Also, please sign the friendship pads found on the end of each row, that we might know of your presence with us this morning!)

COMMISSIONING OF THE 2012 CONFIRMATION CLASS JoAnne Sharp, DCE

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

SHARING OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Sharing

Playing to the Glory of God (Offertory) *"Slane"* -Gregg Sewell

*Singing in Grateful Praise *"Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart"* -H. Smith

Give thanks, with a grate-ful heart, Give thanks to the Ho-ly One!

Give thanks be-cause He's giv-en Je-sus Christ, H-is son!

And now, let the weak say, "I am strong!" Let the poor say, "I am rich!"

Be-cause of what the Lord has done fo-r us! Give thanks! Give thanks! Give thanks!

*Praying in Thanksgiving

SHARING OF JOYS, CONCERNS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

SEEKING GOD'S PRESENCE *"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"*

(Sung slowly and meditatively)

Lord, lis-ten to your child-ren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place,

Lord, lis-ten to your child-ren pray-ing, Send us love, send us power, send us gr-ace,

Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

SHARING OF PRAYERS (Silent and Spoken)

SEEKING GOD'S BLESSING *"Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"*

Hear our prayer, O Lord! Hear our prayer, O Lord!

Send down Your love to us, And grant us Your peace! A-men!

SHARING THE GIFT OF MUSIC (Anthem) Setting in Scripture – Psalm 8

"O Lord, How Majestic Is Your Name!"

Lloyd Larson

SHARING THE WORD OF THE LORD

HEARING THE WORD OF THE LORD Luke 4:14-21 Pew Bible p. 1220
Mark 1:35 p. 1182

AFFIRMING THE WORD OF THE LORD

Leader: Friends, I invite you to open your ears, for this is the Word of the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SINGING IN MEDITATION

“Day by Day” (from Godspell)

Day by day, day by day, Oh, dear Lord, three things I pray:
To see Thee more clear-ly, Love Thee more dear-ly, Fol-low Thee more near-ly,
Day by day -- (Repeat)

PRAYING FOR THE GUIDING PRESENCE OF GOD’S HOLY SPIRIT

SHARING SOME THOUGHTS ON GOD’S WORD

Holy Habits!
Making a HABIT of the Lord

MEDITATING GOD’S WORD

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF THE LORD

SINGING IN COMMITMENT

“Seek Ye First”

Number 333

*GOING FORTH WITH A CHARGE & A BLESSING (Benediction)

*GOING FORTH IN SONG (Choral Blessing)

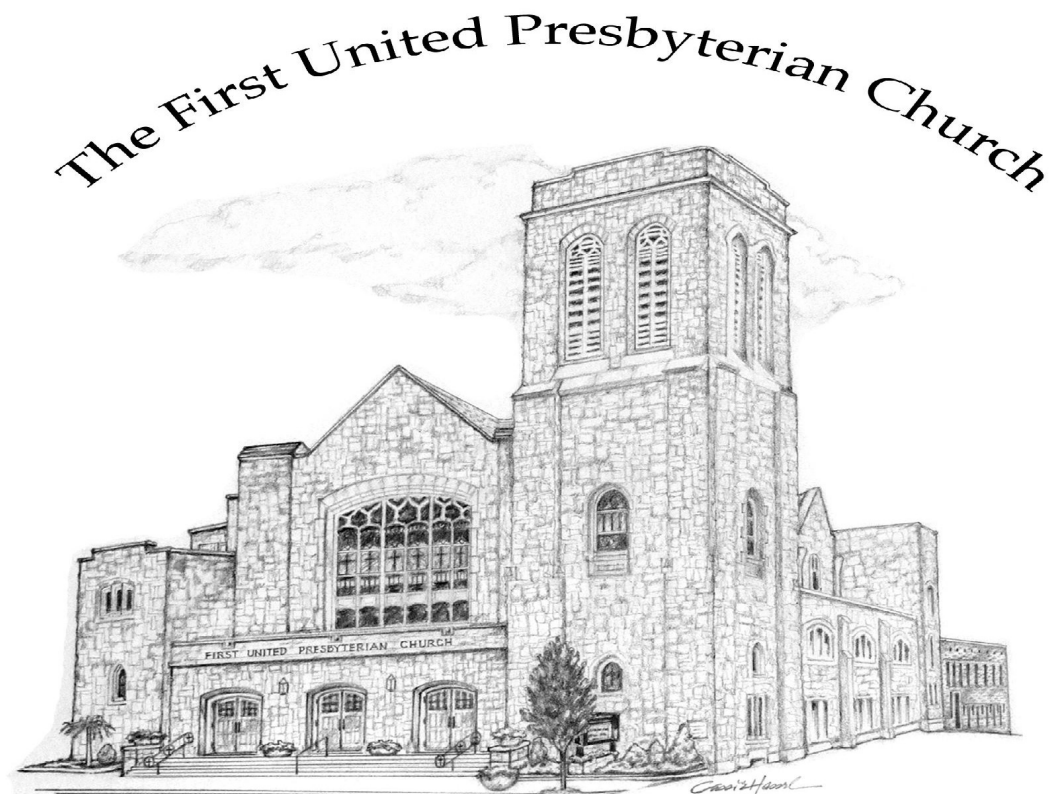
The Chancel Choir

*SHARING A MOMENT OF QUIET MEDITATION

*GOING FORTH WITH MUSIC (Postlude) *“Stand Up and Bless the Lord”* -Robert Graham

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH extends a warm and joyous *“Welcome!”* to **ALL** who have joined us for worship on this joyous Lord’s Day! Our hope and prayer is that as we share together during our time of worship, we may each know more fully and completely the blessing of God’s love, grace and mercy which comes to us in Him who is God’s light and life for us all! Whether you are a first time guest, an occasional visitor, or with us every Sunday, please know you are ALWAYS welcome within the 1st UPC Community of Faith!

The Rosebud on the Communion Table this morning is in celebration of the birth of **Ryan Kennedy Price** born on January 9th to Jamie (Sidders) and Randy Price. Lori Sidders is the proud Grandma and Janet Brunke is the proud GREAT Grandma!



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WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT 1ST UPC

Deacons "On Call": Marilyn and Jennifer Crisler

1st UPC IN FAITH AND ACTION FOR THE WEEK of Jan. 22, 2012 – Jan. 29, 2012

Sun., Jan. 22, Pray for Fairmont Presbyterian Church / Read Mark 1:14-20

9:30a.m. Experience the Word – Experience the Community *3rd Sunday after the Epiphany*
10:45 a.m. Worship
Mid High Youth meeting

Mon., Jan. 23, Pray for Vicky & Mike Petty / Read Num. 14:1-12

The people complain against Moses and Aaron

Tues., Jan. 24, Pray for Beth Powers / Read Luke 4:14-30

The rejection of Jesus of Nazareth

7pm Board of Deacons meeting

Wed., Jan. 25, Pray for the Rader Family / Read Hab. 2:1-5

A vision for the appointed time

Thurs., Jan. 26, Pray for the Reames Family / Read Deut. 18:15-20

God will raise up a new prophet

Choir Practices

Friday, Jan. 27, Pray for Eva Rinehart & Christian Golden / Read Ps. 111

Praise for God's wonderful works

Sat., Jan. 28, Pray for the Ritter Family / Read 1 Cor. 8:1-13

Do not become a stumbling block

Sun., Jan. 29, Pray for the 1st UPC Family of Faith / Read Mark 1:21-28

9:30a.m. Experience the Word – Experience the Community *4th Sunday after the Epiphany*
10:45 a.m. Worship
Annual Congregational Meeting during worship
Combined Senior High & Mid High Youth meeting

Celebrating Birthdays This Week: Jan. 22: Russell Ark

Jan. 23: Tayteum Vigansky

Jan. 26: Courtney Chervenak & Evelyn Jones Wood

Jan. 27: Heather Fitzpatrick

SHARING IN THE MINISTRY OF 1ST UPC

Ministry Partners

Coordinator of Parish Nursing

Coordinator of Pastoral Partners

Clerk of Session

Moderator of the Board of Deacons

Moderator of Presbyterian Women

Custodian

Secretary

Treasurer

Nursery Attendants

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Choir Directors

Organist

Director of Christian Education and Youth Ministry

Pastor

Members & Friends of the Church

Phyllis Lyons

Marty Marine

Bridgett Hawkins

Ryan Lane

Krista Adelsberger

Ralph Morrison

Julie McCarthy

Sue Dearwester

Deb and Kent Amey

Cindy Jenkins

Bob Day and Cindy Jenkins

Thomas Boone

JoAnne Sharp

Rob Fulton

Greeting You Before Worship: East Entrance: Steve & Becky Mast West Entrance: the Lane Family

Serving as Ushers: Michael Chervenak, Courtney Chervenak, Brandon Standley, Peggy Hatcher,
Eric Caughenbaugh, Vicky Petty, Pam McBrien and Jeremiah Vigansky

Serving as Sound Tech: Colin Yoder

Serving as Acolytes: Gabe Core & Olivia Eader

Serving in the Nursery: The Ameys

Preschool:

Elder Greeters After Church: East: Elder Betty Lloyd

West: Elder Frank Turner

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!

THE CHURCH NURSERY for children birth through kindergarten is located on the lower level of the building, down the west stairs from the sanctuary. Please ask the ushers for directions. Children in 1st grade and older are encouraged and expected to worship with their families in the sanctuary.

OUR "WE CARE" POSTERS today are for **BOB AND MARLENE CARTER** following the death, last Sunday, of their son, Robert...with **EVELYN JONES WOOD**, wife of former pastor of this church, Alun Jones (1948-1961), who is celebrating her **97th Birthday** on Thursday... with **BRIAN MURDOCK** following hip replacement surgery on Friday...and for **MARY ANN PATTERSON** who recently retired from Honda. Please sign the We Care Posters in the hallway and let **Bob and Marlene...Evelyn...Brian...and Mary Ann** know 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
Brian Murdock, following 1/20 surgery to remove hip replacement due to infection
Peggy Hatcher, homebound following a severely sprained ankle
Brad Flora, began new round of chemo treatment last week
Lyle Moyer, to begin preventative radiation treatments
Bill Maybrook, Scott Costin's uncle in Florida, end stages of Lou Gehrig's disease
Joy Delapena, BHS friend of Courtney Chervenak, diagnosed with leukemia
Ruth Irwin, moving to Green Hills Inn in the coming days
Elaine Hess Keller, daughter of Mark and Carol, high risk pregnancy with twins
Pat Opel, neighbors of Louise Gordon, dealing with liver disease

Dear Church Family, I want to thank the members of First UPC for all the remembrances during the past few weeks. Thanks for all the Christmas cards and candy and lovely poinsettia. The personal visits were especially welcome and enjoyable (please feel free to stop and visit anytime). Also thank you for the We Care poster sent for my 96th birthday. It is great to be a member of this great church family. May God bless you all.

Dorothy Whisman (Room 118 Logan Acres Center)

Dear Friends, What a nice surprise to get the "newsprint" get-well card. I believe this is the second such greeting you have sent me – both times when I have had some serious work done on my increasingly aging body. It is so good to be remembered by so many of you – some of whom (I am glad to say) I do not know. I am so glad to see that FUPC continues to grow under Pastor Rob's leadership. My recovery from this quadruple by-pass surgery is going quite well. I am in my third week of Cardiac Rehab, and that is building my stamina. I will need that over the next year since I am beginning my term as moderator of New Castle Presbytery. But more than stamina, I will continue to need prayers. The power of that simple act continues to be confirmed in my life. And it commits me to remembering you all in the same way. Again, many thanks for your thoughtfulness. Nancy and I continue to grow into retirement, and look forward to what unfolds for us and our family in the years to come.

Grace and peace, **Tom**

Tom Stout's address: 4634 Muggleton Rd, Wilmington DE 19808-4102

The Church Courtyard.....our church ministry teams are looking into the possibility of renovating the courtyard and would appreciate any suggestions that you might have....if you have an idea please give Carla Murdock a call at 599-3408 or 441-1758

Kirkmont Center is in need of a nice **USED DESK!** If anyone has a desk they would like to donate to Kirkmont, please call Deb at 593-2141.

Last Tuesday Dinner @ the Prez – we will be serving dinner on **Tuesday, January 31**. Our menu will be: Ham & Beans, Cornbread, Applesauce and Pie for dessert. We will need 25 pies for the dinner on the 31st. All types of pies are needed. If you can donate a pie, please contact Ranae Lentz @ 441.6125. Thank You!!

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
SUNDAY, JANUARY 29th

The Session has set the date for the Annual Congregational Meeting to be Sunday, January 29th, immediately following the worship service. At that time we will receive the Annual Report and consider any other business any member of the congregation wishes to bring. All members and friends of 1st UPC are encouraged to be a part of this brief but important meeting in the life of our church. Please plan to attend.

Annual Reports are now available on the tables outside the sanctuary for your review. Please take one home and bring with you on the 29th.

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2012 Coffee Hour / Fellowship Time

We would like to continue our monthly fellowship time following worship. We are in need of helpers for 2012. The host is responsible for providing punch or fruit. Those who volunteer to bring cookies will need to bring 3 dozen.

If you are interested in participating, please fill out the form below and return it to the church office or place in the offering plate on Sunday. Thank you!

Margaret Appel

I / we are willing to help with the 2012 Coffee Hour/ Fellowship Time.

Please mark your choices:

Bake Cookies (3 dozen needed) _____ **Host (provides punch or fruit)** _____
Month _____

Name _____ **Ph No.** _____

Questions??? Call Margaret Appel 935-2872 Thank You!!

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