

*The First Presbyterian Church of Dunedin
The First Sunday after Christmas
December 27, 2009
10:30 a.m.*

Enter the church in silence. Through silence speak to God and let God speak to you.

PREPARATION: *The following are the scripture texts for this morning: Psalm 148 (Pew Bible page 508); 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26 (pages 214-215) Eli blesses Elkinah and Hannah for the gift of their son Samuel. Colossians 3:12-17 (page 958) Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts; do all in the name of the Lord. Luke 2:41-52 (pages 833-834) Jesus as a child in the temple, listening to and questioning the teachers.*

PRAYER FOR THE DAY: *O God, who wonderfully created and yet more wonderfully restored the dignity of human nature: grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself. Amen.*

THE GATHERING

BELL PEAL

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

PRELUDE "In dulci jubilo" arr. Manz

***INTROIT (Hymn #308)** "O Sing a Song of Bethlehem" Kingsfold

ALL: O sing a song of Bethlehem, of shepherds watching there,
And of the news that came to them from angels in the air:
The light that shone on Bethlehem fills all the world today;
Of Jesus' birth and peace on earth the angels sing alway.

*OPENING SENTENCES

LEADER: Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens.
PEOPLE: Praise the Lord from the heights.
LEADER: Let all creation praise the name of the Lord.
PEOPLE: For God's name alone is exalted.
LEADER: God has raised up strength for the people,
PEOPLE: and praise for all loyal servants.
ALL: Hallelujah!
Let us worship God!

***HYMN #28** "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" In Dulci Jubilo

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

LEADER: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
PEOPLE: But, if we confess our sins, God, who is gracious and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
LEADER: Let us, then, confess our sins before God and each other.
ALL: God of the ages, our beginning and our end, it is a day for looking at the past, what we have done and where we have been this year. It doesn't take long for us to recall the missteps and the mistakes and the many times we missed the mark. Looking back, we see our sins. We also see your faithfulness. So we offer our confession with a measure of hope that your mercy will cleanse us yet again so that we might follow Jesus Christ into the future you have prepared. Amen.

RESPONSE (Hymn #44) "O Little Town of Bethlehem" St. Louis

ALL: O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sins and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

LEADER: We do not repent nor wait in vain, for Jesus who has come, comes again, to be in his dying and rising the assurance of sin forgiven and death defeated.
ALL: Thanks and praise and glory be to Jesus our Savior! Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI (Hymnal #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."

CHILDREN'S SERMON Stephen L. Allen
(At this time the children may leave for Sonshine Mountain.)

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE READING Colossians 3:12-17
The Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL READING Luke 2:41-52
The Gospel of the Lord!
Praise to You, O Christ!

SERMON "Worship in Hymns" Stephen L. Allen

THE RESPONSE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

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.

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

arr. Manz

*DOXOLOGY (Hymnal #591) “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

THE SENDING

*HYMN # 40

“Joy to the World!”

Antioch

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE (Hymn #34)

“In Bethlehem a Babe Was Born”

Discovery

ALL: The mystery of Bethlehem was long ago, they say,
But, miracle of miracles, the Baby lives today
In each new heart that hears Love coming through the years,
Singing, “Come, come, Christ is born! Come, come world forlorn,
The Child of peace and sacrifice is waiting to be found.”

*CHARGE

*POSTLUDE

“Noel des Ausels”

Haan

(The congregation is invited to leave the sanctuary in silence as the Postlude is played.)

*The congregation stands. If standing is difficult for you, please feel free to remain seated.

NEXT SUNDAY, January 3, 2010 will be the Second Sunday after Christmas. The scripture readings will be: Psalm 147:12-20 (Pew Bible pages 507-508); Jeremiah 31:7-14 (page 641) God's promise to gather the marginal from the farthest parts of the earth. Ephesians 1:3-14 (page 949) Mystery of God's plan for the fullness of time disclosed to us in Christ. John 1: (1-9), 10-18 (page 862) (The Word is the light of all people.) The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

PRAYER FOR PEACE At the end of the year, we look around us to see what's been accomplished and what remains to be done. Around the world there are many people who are suffering in conditions we cannot imagine. In our own homes, many of us are waiting for something miraculous that will happen to improve our lives, enrich our spirit, and strengthen our health. As the year draws to a close, we think about the past and we look to the future with hope that in our personal lives and in the lives of everyone in the world that one day there will in fact be peace on earth. *Father, give us a day of peace, help us find ways to help our fellow man. Give us vision for a better tomorrow that will educate and feed the people of the world and bring us all peace if not in our lifetimes, then in Your Blessed Time. Amen.*

IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME and are interested in joining First Presbyterian Church of Dunedin, please indicate your desire to Pastor ByRoade so we can arrange a gathering of our Session.

WE WELCOME ALL WHO WORSHIP HERE TODAY – Coffee is available in Hager Hall following both services. Coloring pages for children to use during the worship hour are available from the ushers. Before “THE WORD”, girls and boys PK4 through 5th grade are invited to attend Sunday school on “Sonshine Mountain”. Our nursery, for infants through age 3, is in the Christian Education Building, downstairs in Room 103. Large print bulletins and large print hymnals are available from the ushers. Hearing devices are also available. Please ask for one at the sound booth.

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

USHERS: Don Shaffer, Manny Garcia, Diana Carsey

LITURGIST: Jim Gibbs

ACOLYTE: Jonathan Gibbs

TODAY'S OPPORTUNITIES

8:45 a.m. – Worship Café

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School/Fellowship

10:30 a.m. – Traditional Worship

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

10:00 a.m. Strong for Life

NO ACTIVITIES

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Monday (28th)

Wednesday (30th)

Friday (1st)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED Friday, January 1 for New Years.

PASTOR BYROADE IS ON VACATION from December 26 through January 5.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR FIRST CHURCH SCHOLARS If you are a full-time student at one of the Florida colleges or universities, you may qualify for a Gladys Douglas Hackworth Scholarship. If you are a full-time student at a non-Florida college, you may apply for a scholarship from the James Crozier Scholarship Fund. Please send a letter to Mary Walthall, 1781 Briar Circle, Dunedin, FL 34698. You may also e-mail Mary at mwalthall@tampabay.rr.com. Include you college goals, status, number of courses schedules, social security number and the address of the financial aid department of your college in your request. If you are a current scholarship recipient, please include a copy of your grades. Please submit your request to Mary by January 17, 2010.

FIRST FRIDAY CONVERSATION January 8 – 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. East Hager Hall Join us for a brown bag lunch, followed by a “walkabout” in the sanctuary to learn about the stained glass windows of First Church. Led by Eric Houghton, learn about the symbolism in the windows which enhance our worship experience every Sunday morning. Bring a friend: newcomers always welcome! Program coordinator: Joyce Swan.

FIRST SUNDAY BOOKS – January 10 – 7-8:15 p.m. – First Church library MODOC: The True Story of the Greatest Elephant That Ever Lived by Ralph Helfer Joint biography of a man and an elephant (both born on the same day in 1896), a true life adventure epic. If you love animals, you’ll be amazed at the lifetime story of Bram and his elephant MOCOD. Join us for a discussion about dreams, friendship, love, devotion and loyalty! Discussion leader: Laurie Closson. Bring a friend; newcomers always welcome!

DBF MISSIONS Learn about DBF Missions. Do you ever wonder what all the talk about DBF Missions means? Now is your chance to find out. Join us in Hager Hall at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, January 6th, following the pot luck dinner, and hear John Brockman tell us who (or what) is DBF (hint: Dana Beck Fancher), and what DBF does for missions at home and around the world.

THANK YOU! Have you enjoyed the beautifully decorated Fellowship Hall tables in East Hager Hall during the month of December? Beautiful carolers, candles and other objects of art were provided and arranged by Jackie Chalk and Hazel Kirk. If you enjoyed the festive air their tables invoked, please thank Jackie and Hazel.

First Church Financial Status on: December 23, 2009

<i>Operating Funds</i>	<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Expenses</i>	<i>Surplus (Deficit)</i>
Church	\$ 377,215	\$ 464,239	\$ (87,024)
Pre-School	\$ 228,569	\$ 221,338	\$ 7,231
Totals:	\$ 605,784	\$ 685,577	\$ (79,793)

Tithes and other contributions to First Church are almost 10 percent below expectations for this point in the year.

PRAYER REQUESTS the names of people who have requested prayer are listed in italics the first week of their request and any time there are changes in their condition or place of recuperation. A complete listing of the people for whom we need to lift our prayers will also be provided for you in each edition of THE VOICE. (Please call the church office if you have a prayer concern.)

- *Family and friends of Gus Richardson who died December 17 in Danfield, IL*
- *Ron McDermott at The Oaks in Clearwater*
- Clara Mary Huff at Mease Dunedin
- Dick Bole at West Chester Gardens following hip replacement surgery
- Joe Tilney at Manor Care on Patricia
- Thelma Powell at Manor Care on Tampa Road
- Laura Garcia at home following surgery
- Monica Adams, friend of the church, at home
- Mary Greenlee-Krull, mother of Joanne Maddux, recuperating at Bay Alliance Health Care in Dunedin
- Cathy Davide, mother of Craig Davide, undergoing treatment for cancer
- Anne Trahan, mother of Betsi Lewis-Knapp, under Hospice care
- Scott Miller, friend of Debbie and Keith Watson, diagnosed with lung cancer
- Hazel Aughenbaugh at Manor Care
- Marge Vilsoet and Don Hart undergoing cancer treatments
- For improved health: Betsy Perkins, Bill Vilsoet, Sharyn Ramirez, Lois Krebs, Dotsie Dauble, Peg Harvie, Dee Faust, Dave Dauble, Eva Marcantel
- All our members who reside in skilled nursing homes
- The Transfiguration Faith Community of St. Petersburg, a new church development in the Presbytery of Tampa Bay
- Luke Phillips, our contemporary worship leader, as he begins the process toward ordination
- First Presbyterian Church in our desire to be responsible stewards of our talents and finances

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