

*The First Presbyterian Church of Dunedin  
The Second Sunday after Christmas  
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper  
January 3, 2010  
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 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: 1-18 (page 862) (The Word is the light of all people.) The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.*

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** *"God of infinite wisdom, we stand before you in awe – overcome with your love – hardly daring to believe the impossibly good news that you have made possible. Blessing and honor and glory are yours now and forever. Amen"*

### THE GATHERING

#### BELL PEAL

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

#### PRELUDE

**"Wie Schoen Leuchtet Die Morganstein"**

**Buxtehude**

#### INTROIT (*Gifts of Love*)

**"What a World of Sound"**

**Hymn to Joy**

**CHOIR:** What a world of sound it must have been for Jesus, newly born –  
Mother Mary singing songs of praise to God that Christmas morn;  
Joseph, reaching for the child, whispering when the baby fussed;  
Songs and whispers bear the promise: You are truly God with us.

**\*ALL:** What a world of sound we live in; many words we daily hear.  
'Mid the world's conflicting voices, be for us God's Word so clear.  
Help us listen to your story; help us hear you when we pray.  
In you, Jesus, is our hope: God came to us on Christmas Day.

#### \*OPENING SENTENCES

**LEADER:** Sing aloud with gladness, says the Lord.

**PEOPLE:** We praise the Lord and call on God's name.

**LEADER:** See – I am going to gather my people from the farthest parts of the earth!

**PEOPLE:** We come with songs and dancing, to feast at the table of the Lord.

**LEADER:** No more will they stumble and weep, for I am their shepherd,  
and I will lead them home.

**PEOPLE:** God has turned our mourning into joy, and our sorrow into gladness.  
Praise the Lord!

**ALL:** Let us worship God!

#### \*HYMN #29

**"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"**

**Go Tell It**

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**LEADER:** Remember that our Lord Jesus can sympathize with us in our weaknesses, since in every respect he was tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with boldness approach the throne of grace that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Let us confess our sins against God and neighbor.

**ALL:** Emmanuel, you have come to dwell among us, full of grace and truth, but we have failed to welcome you. You are the light of the world, but we try to hide ourselves from you. You are the giver of endless life but we have refused your gift. You called and claimed us as your own, but we failed to accept you. Forgive us, Lord. Fill us with grace upon grace so that we may believe in you and become children of God. Amen.

#### RESPONSE (*Songs for Celebration*) "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

**Houston**

**ALL:** I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.

When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.

In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**LEADER:** Hear the good news! The one who was born of Mary has delivered us from the waters of this womb, the fount of rebirth, in order to save us and set us free. Friends, believe the unbelievable news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**\*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."**

#### THE WORD

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### OLD TESTAMENT READING

**Jeremiah 31:7-14**

*The Word of the Lord!*

**Thanks be to God!**

#### GOSPEL READING

**John 1:1-18**

*The Gospel of the Lord!*

**Praise to You, O Christ!**

#### SERMON

**"Coming Home"**

**Rev. Victoria ByRoade**

## THE RESPONSE

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

#### OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “As With Gladness Men of Old” 15<sup>th</sup> Century Carol

\*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 SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

RESPONSE (Hymn #521) “You Satisfy the Hungry Heart” Finest Wheat

CHOIR: (REFRAIN) You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat;

Come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.

The mystery of Your presence Lord, No mortal tongue can tell.

Whom all the world cannot contain, Comes in our hearts to dwell.

ALL: (REFRAIN)

### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

LEADER: Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God! Men and women will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at table in the Kingdom of God. According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, he took bread and blessed it and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him. This is our Lord’s table. Our Savior invites all who love him to share the feast which he has prepared.

### GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LEADER: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: And also with you.

LEADER: Lift up your hearts!

PEOPLE: We lift them to the Lord!

LEADER: Give thanks to God, for he is good.

PEOPLE: His love is everlasting!

LEADER: It is right, and it is good, and it is our joy to give thanks to you, God of mystery and miracle. When there was only darkness, you made light. When the world was empty, you created us to be your people and loved us with an everlasting love. When we forgot our love for you, you did not forget us, renewing your promises, restoring our righteousness, through an ark on the waters, a baby in a basket, a child on the hay.

For this child, your child, our savior, we stammer out our thanks and praise, turning our voices to the angels’ songs, joining all those who sing on earth and in heaven:

SANCTUS (Hymnal #581)

Sanctuary Choir and Congregation

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

### PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

We praise you for this child, your son, swaddled in cloths in a manger, wrapped in a shroud in a tomb. Born in humility, raised to glory, that we might be raised with him, and all the world restored. Great is the mystery of faith.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (Hymnal #582)

Sanctuary Choir and Congregation

Dying, You destroyed our death; Rising You restored our life.

Lord, Jesus, come in glory!

### INSTITUTION AND FRACTURE

RESPONSE (Hymnal #597)

Sanctuary Choir

Bless the Lord, O my soul;

And all that is within me, bless God’s holy name!

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

And forget not all God’s benefits.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS *(Please partake of the elements as you are served.)*

### \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LEADER: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

PEOPLE: It is right to give our thanks and praise!

ALL: Pour out your Holy Spirit on your children gathered here and on these gifts of your creation, offered, in return, to you. Bread and wine of earth to body and blood of heaven, our frail flesh and blood to your holy people, that we might show Christ to your world. For this world we pray – knit together the broken places, calm warring spirits, heal suffering bodies, comfort aching souls, and infuse us with your peace that is rooted in what is just. By your Spirit make us one with Christ and with each other. Empower us for ministry and sustain us in hope until Christ comes in final glory and we feast at his heavenly table. Through Christ, with Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours now and forever. Amen.



**OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK**

|                              |            |                           |
|------------------------------|------------|---------------------------|
| Monday (4 <sup>th</sup> )    | 10:00 a.m. | Strong for Life           |
| Tuesday (5 <sup>th</sup> )   | 5:30 p.m.  | Growth Team               |
|                              | 6:30 p.m.  | Youth                     |
|                              | 7:00 p.m.  | Christian Education       |
|                              | 7:00 p.m.  | Mission Outreach          |
|                              | 7:00 p.m.  | Personnel                 |
| Wednesday (6 <sup>th</sup> ) | 10:00 a.m. | Strong for Life           |
|                              | 6:00 p.m.  | Pot-luck Dinner           |
|                              | 7:00 p.m.  | DBF Missions Program      |
|                              | 7:00 p.m.  | Bible Study – Doyle       |
|                              | 7:00 p.m.  | Handbells                 |
|                              | 7:00 p.m.  | Video Club                |
|                              | 8:00 p.m.  | Worship Café Rehearsal    |
| Thursday (7 <sup>th</sup> )  | 7:00 p.m.  | Congregational Care       |
|                              | 7:00 p.m.  | Sanctuary Choir           |
| Friday (8 <sup>th</sup> )    | 10:00 a.m. | Finance Committee         |
|                              | 11:45 a.m. | First Friday Conversation |

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY DINNER** This week the meal will be a potluck. Come and bring a large dish to share! **The format for the Wednesday evening dinners will be changing in the New Year.** As you know, the Session has been working to trim the budget and cut costs wherever possible. One of the key areas for which the Membership Development committee is responsible for is the Wednesday Night Family Dinners. Although we have tried to maintain costs and have changed our caterer, the Wednesday dinners continue to run a deficit and we will be discontinuing the catered dinners after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year. We will still have a Potluck on the first Wednesday and the Youth will cook on the last Wednesday of each month. Meanwhile, we will be looking at ways to restructure the dinner program without the use of an outside caterer. If you have any ideas, or would be willing to help with revamping the dinner program, please contact Jim Gibbs at 727-729-4850 or jimgibbs@tampabay.rr.com.

**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 MODOC. Join us for a discussion about dreams, friendship, love, devotion and loyalty! Discussion leader: Laurie Closson. Bring a friend; newcomers always welcome!

**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](mailto:mwalthall@tampabay.rr.com). Include your college goals, status, number of courses scheduled, 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.

**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 6<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER UPDATE** There are still a few unclaimed tubs of cookie dough. If you have not received your complete order, please see Stephen Allen as soon as possible. The shortage of Oatmeal Raisin cookie dough has been corrected and is now ready for delivery. All unclaimed cookie dough will be sold at the end of January.

**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.)

- 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

**First Church Financial Status on: December 30, 2009**

| <i>Operating Funds</i> | <i>Revenue</i> | <i>Expenses</i> | <i>Surplus (Deficit)</i> |
|------------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Church                 | \$ 381,348     | \$ 474,884      | \$ (93,536)              |
| Pre-School             | \$ 235,005     | \$ 229,499      | \$ 5,506                 |
| Totals:                | \$ 616,353     | \$ 704,383      | \$ (88,030)              |

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

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