

*The First Presbyterian Church of Dunedin*  
*The First Sunday after Epiphany*  
*The Baptism of the Lord*  
*Sunday, January 10, 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 29 (Pew Bible Page 438); Isaiah 43:1-7 (pages 585-586) Israel promised the Lord's special providence. Acts 8: 14-17 (page 892) Samaria receives the gift of the Holy Spirit. Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 (page 834) Jesus baptized by John and receives the Holy Spirit.*

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** *Almighty God, your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, came into the world that we might have light in our darkness, life rather than death. Grant that your people, enlivened by the reading and preaching of your word, and refreshed by your sacraments, might rise, might shine forth into all the world the radiance of the glory of Christ. May Christ be seen in us, worshiped by the world, obeyed by all, to the distant ends of the earth, now and always. Amen.*

### THE GATHERING

**BELL PEAL**  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME**  
**RECOGNITION OF FPU GRADUATES**

**PRELUDE** "Variations on LLANFAIR" Lynn

**INTROIT (Hymn #461)** "God Is Here!" Abbot's Leigh

**CHOIR:** God is here! As we Your people meet to offer praise and prayer,  
May we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world around us; all our varied skills and arts  
Wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

**\*ALL:** **Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt**  
**Keep us faithful to the gospel, help us work Your purpose out.**  
**Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive:**  
**We, who cannot live without You, we adore You! We believe!**

**\*OPENING SENTENCES** Psalm 29

**LEADER:** Let the heavens praise the Lord!  
**PEOPLE:** **God is full of glory and power!**  
**LEADER:** The voice of the Lord thunders over the waters.  
**PEOPLE:** **Let us be still and listen to our God.**  
**LEADER:** The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness.

**PEOPLE:** **Let us listen and wait with patience.**  
**LEADER:** The voice of the Lord is greater than all.  
**PEOPLE:** **Let us trust in the Lord.**  
**LEADER:** The Lord comes to strengthen us and give peace.  
**PEOPLE:** **Praise and glory to the Lord God of all creation!**  
**ALL:** **Let us worship God!**

**\*HYMN #481** "Praise the Lord, God Glories Show" Llanfair

### 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 majesty and power: even as your voice shakes the wilderness and strips the forest bare, so it shakes us, and strips us of pretensions and illusions. In your presence we know without doubt how we have wandered from your way, dishonored your name, and failed to fulfill our calling. Have mercy on us Lord. Your word brings order to chaos, life to death. Speak to us again your promise of newness. Call us again in righteousness. Take us by the hand and keep us, so we may live to please and praise you. Amen.**

**RESPONSE (Hymn #474)** "O Splendor of God's Glory Bright" Puer Nobis Nascitur

**CHOIR:** O splendor of God's glory bright, from light eternal bringing light;  
Thou light of life, light's living spring, true day, all says illumining.

**ALL:** **O Lord, with each returning morn Thine image to our hearts is born;**  
**O may we ever clearly see our Savior and our God in Thee!**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**LEADER:** Jesus has brought us, who were far off because of sin, near to God once more. Jesus has become the bridge to restored relationship, the sacrifice of the lamb proves the eternal love and forgiveness of God.

**PEOPLE:** **We are forgiven – free to seek, to love, and to serve God, in the power of the Spirit of Christ.**

**ALL:** **Praise and glory be to God and to Christ Jesus now and forevermore.**

**\*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** Eric Houghton  
(At this time the children may leave for Sonshine Mountain.) -2-

**THE WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION  
OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*The Word of the Lord!*  
Thanks be to God!

**Isaiah 43:1-7**

**ANTHEM**

**“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”**

**arr. Willan**

**GOSPEL READING**

*The Gospel of the Lord!*  
Praise to You, O Christ!

**Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

**SERMON**

**“A Voice from the Balcony”**

**Rev. Victoria ByRoade**

**THE RESPONSE**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**Confession of 1967; 9.21,22**

We believe that the reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God’s forgiveness to us, moves us to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.

We believe that the new life takes shape in a community in which we know that God loves and accepts us in spite of what we are. We therefore accept ourselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God’s grace. Amen.

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT**

**Clare McGrane**

**OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS**

**OFFERTORY**

**“Meditation in a minor”**

**Brandon**

**\*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 #70**

**“Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized”**

**Caithness**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*RESPONSE (Hymn #272)**

**“God of the Sparrow”**

**Roeder**

**CHOIR:** God of the hungry God of the sick God of the prodigal  
How does the creature say Care How does the creature say Life  
**ALL:** **God of the ages God of the hand God of the loving heart**  
How do your children say Joy How do your children say Home

**\*CHARGE**

**\*POSTLUDE**

**“Toccatà in G”**

**Dubois**

*(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 17, 2010 will be the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time.** *The scripture readings will be: Psalm 36:5-10 (Pew Bible page 443); Isaiah 62:1-5 (page 604) God promises vindication through marriage to Jerusalem 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 (page 933) Variety of spiritual gifts, yet one Spirit, affirmed among the Corinthians John 2:1-11 (page 863) Jesus performs his first sign; wedding at Cana*

**PRAYER FOR PEACE - FREEDOM FROM FEAR** Every day we are assaulted by story after story of threat, death, anger and fear, stories that come from all corners of the globe and some stories right here in our town. The media bombard us with the latest details of each awful event or tragedy narrowly escaped. Perpetrators are held to account some of the time, but not always. Our wish for revenge is less than our wish that it would all just stop – that people would have valued their own lives above the hatred in their hearts. That tyrants among us would value the lives of their children and their people more than the desire to hold onto their temporary place in the world. We feel helpless and afraid. *God in Heaven, help us know when to look and when to engage. Give us moments each day of peace and quiet when we are not being terrified by images in the newspapers and on the television screens. Please give us the strength and the wisdom to be present and accountable at the right time and in the right fashion so that your precious world is protected for those who will come after us. 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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: Doug Davis, Richard Simon, Joe Hoffer, Paul Burks

LITURGIST: Diana Carsey

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

11:30 a.m. – Membership/Development

7:00 p.m. – First Sunday Books

**OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK**

Monday (11 <sup>th</sup> )	10:00 a.m.	Strong for Life
	7:00 p.m.	Sarah Circle
Tuesday (12 <sup>th</sup> )	9:30 a.m.	Martha Circle
	1:00 p.m.	Esther Circle
	3:30 p.m.	Preschool Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Property
Wednesday (13 <sup>th</sup> )	<b>DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY VOICE ARTICLES</b>	
	10:00 a.m.	Strong for Life
	6:00 p.m.	Wednesday Night Family Dinner
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study – Doyle
	7:00 p.m.	Handbell rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Video Club
	8:00 p.m.	Worship Café Rehearsal
Thursday (14 <sup>th</sup> )	7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FIRST SUNDAY BOOKS** – TONIGHT – 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!

**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.

**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.

**WE’RE GOING TO CHIP** (Clearwater Homeless Intervention Project) this coming Friday, January 15. Can you prepare a cold dish for delivery to our homeless friends? Please sign up for meat, salad, fruit or cookies at the CHIP table in Hager Hall after the service. If we all do a little, we can make a lot of difference!

**PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT** Every church is apportioned a share of the expenses of the presbytery, the synod, and the General Assembly for ecclesiastical purposes. The apportionment is based on church membership. The amount varies with the needs of the presbytery, synod and General assembly, and is a regular expense payable by this church at the spring meeting of the presbytery. This year, the charge apportioned to First Church is \$15.05 per member. If you receive pledge envelopes you will find the Per Capita envelope (yellow) in the very front of the box. If you do not receive envelopes you can use a pew envelope or simply drop your check on the offering plate or mail it to the church. Please notate in the memo area that the check is for “Per Capita”.

**CONGREGATIONAL FAIR COMING** Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup> is the date for our Community Congregational Fair. All the groups that work in and around the Church and all the amazing faith ministries of our church will be on display. Check out how to join the choir, where to sign up to get meals on wheels or to help deliver those meals. How do you get on the Session, when do the Women’s Circle meet, where do the young folks meet on Tuesday night, can I get my child enrolled in the Preschool? There is so much going on, it’s hard to keep track. We are going to help by providing a directory of what’s happening and who’s the contact person. You can pick it up that day. So plan to stop by Hager Hall on January 31<sup>st</sup> for the Community Congregational Fair. Everybody’s welcome.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY DINNER** – this week the meal will be pork loin, au gratin potatoes, green beans and dessert. The cost is \$6.50 per adult; \$4.00 12-18; \$3.00 2-12; \$18.00 max per family with children under 12. We eat at 6:15, so please come a little early to pay. Sign up today on the Friendship Register.

**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 Ron McDermott who died January 3*
- *Family and friends of Don Hart, father of Donna Dayock, who died January 1*
- *Family and friends of Nick Pfeifauf, former member, who died in Osteen, FL on December 11*
- *Clara Mary Huff at Mease Dunedin*
- *Nancy Jewitt at Mease Countryside*
- *Hazel Aughenbaugh at her daughter's home*
- *Luke Phillips, our former contemporary worship leader, as he begins his education at Fuller Seminary in Pasadena, CA*
- 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
- Marge Vilsoet 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 Missio Dei Community (formerly the Transfiguration Faith Community of St. Petersburg), a new church development in the Presbytery of Tampa Bay
- First Presbyterian Church in our desire to be responsible stewards of our talents and finances

**First Church Financial Status on: January 6, 2010**

<i>Operating Funds</i>	<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Expenses</i>	<i>Surplus (Deficit)</i>
Church	\$ 6,672	\$	\$ 6,672
Pre-School	\$	\$	\$
Totals:	\$ 6,672	\$	\$ 6,672

**ANNOUNCEMENTS - CONTINUED**

**SUPER SATURDAY FOR CHURCH LEADERS** – Early Registration Discount – save \$10.00 if you register before January 12! DATE: January 23; LOCATION: First Presbyterian Church of Lakeland; TIME: 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Contact Carol Walker at the presbytery office 813-784-4550 or email [cwalker@pbtty.com](mailto:cwalker@pbtty.com) for more information.

**JOIN US IN A LOCAL MISSION OPPORTUNITY** The mother of one of our former preschool students to whom we were able to give scholarship help has found a way she would like to “pay it forward” and has invited us to help. You may be aware of the fire on December 22<sup>nd</sup> which destroyed the home of the Murray family. Crystal has arranged with Cornerstone Christian Center to serve as a drop-off point for clothes, household goods, toys, furniture. These can be new or gently used. The family will be invited to “shop” for things they need, and then anything left over will be included in a garage sale. The deadline for drop-off is February 12<sup>th</sup>. There will be further information available at the welcome table.

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