

Celebration of Worship

January 4, 2009 – 11:00 A.M.

EPIPHANY

We enter to worship;

we depart to serve

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

Prelude Amanda Teachnor, Organist

Welcome

- ◆ Opening Hymn “*Joy to the World!*” (Vs. 1)
**Joy to the world! the Lord is come: Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing, And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.**

Announcements
(Please sign and pass the friendship pads at this time.)

Silent Meditation

Invocation Mr. Craig Hilgendorf

Call to Worship *from Isaiah 60*

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
The Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.
Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

- ◆ Hymn 193 “*O Come, All Ye Faithful*”

WE CONFESS OUR SINS & RECEIVE GOD’S GRACE

- ◆ Prayer of Confession
**God of glory,
you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world,
to reveal your love for all people.
We confess that our sin hides the brightness of your**

**light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace.
In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin,
and baptize us once again with your Spirit,
that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ.**
(...Silent confession will conclude with “Amen.”)

- ◆ Assurance of God’s Pardon
Hear the good news! The proof of God’s amazing love is this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him.
Friends believe the Good News: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
- ◆ Hymn 192 “*Angels We Have Heard on High*” (Chorus only)
**Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE

Children’s Moment Rev. Dan Milford
(Children’s Church is available for 4 yrs. through kindergarten.)

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer
**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.**

Morning Offering
Anthem “*Joy to the World*” Arr. John Leavitt
Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
Let ev’ry heart prepare Him room
and heav’n and nature sing, and heav’n and nature sing,
and heaven and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let men their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations
prove the glories of His righteousness
and wonders of His love, and wonders of His love,
and wonders, wonders of His love.

- ◆ Hymn 182 “*How Great Our Joy!*” (Vs. 4)
**This gift of God we’ll cherish well, that ever joy our hearts shall fill. How great our joy!
Great our joy! Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy!
Praise we the Lord in heaven on high!
Praise we the Lord in heaven on high!**

- ◆ Prayer of Dedication

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

New Testament Reading (page 783) Matthew 2:1-18

Sermon “*Through Joseph’s Eyes: Part II*”

- ◆ Hymn 194 “*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*”

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper
Invitation to the Table
Prayer of Thanksgiving
Words of Institution
Breaking of the Bread
Prayer of Dedication

WE FOLLOW CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

- ◆ Benediction
- ◆ Congregational Response Hymn 205
“*Go, Tell It on the Mountains*” (Chorus only)
**Go, tell it on the mountains, over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountains that Jesus Christ is born!**

Postlude

- ◆ *(Indicates appropriate place for congregation to stand)*

OUR MISSION

At First Presbyterian Church of Sand Springs,
we are filled with life as a congregation
because God creates us, loves us and calls us
to be his children and to be family to one another.
Our purpose is to serve, play, learn and worship together,
seeking to have our brethren, lost and found,
accept the grace God offers
and join us at the table of the Lord.

PRAYER LIST—NEW CONCERNS

Phil Clary and family on the death of his father.
 Charlie Moss—Heart problems
 Gail Reed and family on the death of her mother.
 Opal Blevins (Judy Martin’s mother)—Health concerns
 Ruth Hert (Grandmother of Justin Pickrell)—Breast Cancer
 Mike Shimp (Doug Ruffner’s friend)—Car accident
 Kierstynn Roberts (Daughter of Ryan and Amanda)—Recovering from pneumonia
 Jeff & Lana Edwards (friends of the church)—Lost house in fire
 Jeanie Kvach’s mother—Admission to nursing home
 David Garrison (M.E. Dempsey’s neighbor)—Hospitalized with diverticulitis & split aorta
 Johnny & Dixie Perry (Melvene’s brother-in-law)—House fire
 John Hill (Jerry & Sue’s son)—House fire
 (Please refer to newsletter for Ongoing Concerns and Homebound Members.)

OUR MINISTRY AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, January 4
 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
 12:00 Noon Called Session meeting
 3:00 p.m. Officer Training

Monday, January 5
 1:00 p.m. Women’s Circle
 7:00 p.m. AA Open Meeting & Al-Anon Meeting

Tuesday, January 6
 6:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting
 6:30 p.m. Officer Training

Wednesday, January 7
 5:30 p.m. Dinner
 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 8
 7:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting
 8:00 p.m. AA Closed Meeting

Sunday, January 11
 9:30 a.m. Morning Fellowship
 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Officer Ordination
 12:00 Noon Congregational Meeting
 12:30 p.m. Fellowship Dinner
 1:00 p.m. Children’s fellowship activity

THOSE WHO SERVE

Greeter: Suzanne Maloney
 Ushers: Steve Duncan, Chairman; Lanette Duncan
 Magen Duncan; Justen Duncan
 Liturgist: Craig Hilgendorf
 Sunday School Superintendent: Jean Smith
 Sunday Morning Fellowship: 1/11 **Need volunteers**



NEWS AND SUCH

Please refer to “OUR MINISTRY AND UPCOMING EVENTS” for meetings and events scheduled this week.

January Fellowship Dinner—The January fellowship dinner will be held next Sunday. Committee members will include: Craig & Becky Hunt, Chairmen; Mary Jane Garner; Jerry & Sandra Hanner; Len & Jennifer Gardner; Bob & Jimmie Hardeman; Rex Goad; Janice Harrington; Janice Gold; Jim Harrington & Keely Wheeler-Harrington; Wade & Anne Gore; Bernese Helton; Tracy Grayson; Bill & Cindy Helton; John & Renate Grewe; Kelly Hewitt; Mark & Charlotte Griffis; Meghan Hewitt; Ron & Margaret Hammond; Craig & Crystal Hilgendorf

WNL Resumes next week!—Our regular WednesdayNightLive! activities resume on January 14 so plan to come join the fun!

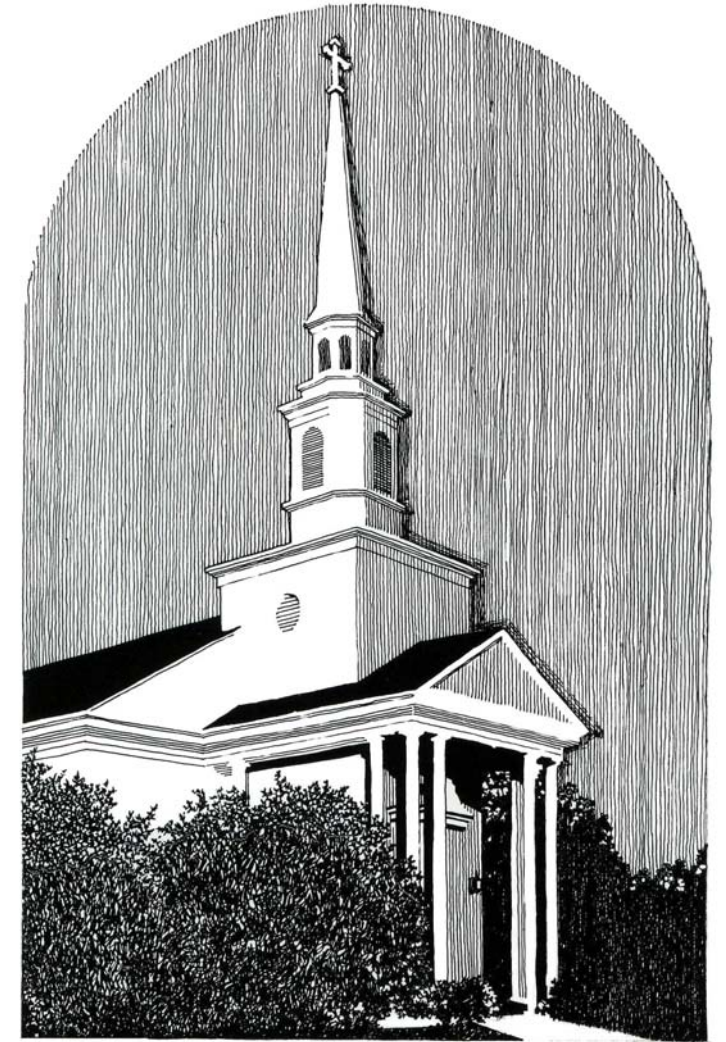
Congregational Meeting on January 11—Please note that we will have our annual congregational meeting on January 11. The purposes of the meeting will be to elect the nominating committee for 2009, elect an elder to fill a one-year term, approve the pastor’s terms of call as recommended by the session, and receive the 2009 budget. The fellowship dinner will begin immediately following the congregational meeting.



Sermon on the Amount—(through 12/21)
 Needed for Dec.: \$19,675.50 Budgeted YTD: \$231,565.50
 Received in Dec.: 13,110.45 Received YTD: 208,624.87
 Difference: (\$ 6,565.05) Difference: (\$ 22,940.63)

OUR STAFF

Dan Milford—Pastor
 Willa Barnes—Secretary
 Marti Law-Lowery—Director of Children’s Ministries
 Bill Zahringer—Director of Youth Ministries
 Doug Ruffner—Director of Music
 Amanda Teachnor—Organist and Accompanist
 Krista Polanski—Treasurer
 Kyla Rice—Children’s Church Teacher



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