

Celebration of Worship

December 18, 2011 – 11:00 A.M.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

We enter to worship;

we depart to serve

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

Prelude “Concerto IV” J. S. Bach

Welcome & Announcements

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

♦ Passing the Peace *The Peace of Christ be with you*

♦ Opening Hymn 8

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” (Vs. 3)

**Redeemer, come! I open wide
My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide.
Let me Thy inner presence feel;
Thy grace and love in me reveal.**

♦ Invocation Mrs. Sharon Bolton

♦ Call to Worship

Call upon the LORD who is worthy of praise

The LORD hears the cries of his people.

The LORD our God lights up our darkness.

We shall forever sing praises to your holy name.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Howard Cotner, Joann Lacrone,
& Kendall Helton

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE

Children’s Moment

(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

Offertory

♦ Doxology

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.

♦ Prayer of Dedication

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Christmas Cantata arr. Joel Raney

“A Thrill of Hope”

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“Long Ago, Prophets Knew” “Sing We Now of Christmas”

“The First Noel” “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

A Gift of Love

“Love Came Down at Christmas”

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

“Away in a Manger” “The Gift of Love”

A Prayer for Peace

“Silent Night, Holy Night” “Let There Be Peace on Earth”

“O Holy Night”

A Song of Joy

“Rejoice” “Mary Had a Baby”

“Angels, We Have Heard on High”

“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

“Joy to the World” “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

WE FOLLOW CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

♦ Benediction

♦ Congregational Response Hymn 22

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory” (Vs. 4)

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,

Evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in

One:

**Come and worship, come and worship, Worship Christ,
the newborn King!**

Postlude “Classical Christmas Medley”

arr. Dino Kartsonakis

♦ (Indicates appropriate place for congregation to stand)

CHOIR MEMBERS

Soprano

Sandi Byerly

Jeanie Kvach

*Christina Maxwell

Robin Mayhugh

Samantha Mayhugh

Margie Neff

Pam Walker

Alto

Dorothy Bartley

*Rhonda Duncan

Amy McAllister

Steffeny Palk

Sue Shelton

Bass

Ralph Bauer

*Andy Duncan

Mark Griffis

Bill Stuckert

Tenor

John Bright

Brian Legg

*Todd Maxwell

Reader

Rev. Lynn Simpson

Music Director

Doug Ruffner

Accompanist

Amanda Teachnor

Sound Crew

Bruce Phillips

Tom Rains

*Guest Performer

ORCHESTRA

Violin

Gina Davis

Oboe

Lisa Wagner

Cello

Mary Snider

Flute

John Rush

Horn

Bruce Schultz

Xylophone

Steve Craft

Percussion

Roy Smith

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

Sharon Bolton & family on the death of her nephew,
 Roger Bolton
 Nicole Reagh (Pam Smithey's daughter)—Bone spurs
 Cindy Guillette (Pam Smithey's sister)—Torn achilles
 Travis Moore & family on the death of his father, Eddie
 Phil Lackey—Broken hip
 Rocky Boyer (Len & Jen Gardner's friend)—Heart
 attack
 Susan Rhoades (Bill & Katie Deas' daughter)—Broken
 arms
 Dolly Claxton (Leola Hall's friend)—Health concerns
 Xander Valiant (Bob Baker's 6 wk. old great-
 grandson)—Blood disorder
 Tre Barnes (Willa's son)—Serious health concerns
 Jim Bulmer (CPHS teacher Margaret Bulmer's
 husband)—Leaky heart valves
 Ryan Bulmer (CPHS Teacher Margaret Bulmer's son)—
 Possible brain infection
 Jerry Hanner—Cancer issues

(Please refer to newsletter for Ongoing Concerns and
 Homebound Members.)

If you have someone you would like added to the prayer list,
 please call the Church Office. Thank you.

OUR MINISTRY AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, Dec. 18
 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

Monday, Dec. 19
 7:00 p.m. AA Open Meeting & Al-Anon Meeting

Thursday, Dec. 22
 7:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting
 8:00 p.m. AA Closed Meeting

Saturday, Dec. 24
 5:30 p.m. **Christmas Eve**
 Christmas Eve Service

Sunday, Dec. 25
 10:00 a.m. **Merry Christmas**
 Morning Fellowship
 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

Sermon on the Amount

Needed for Dec.: \$16,385.42 Budgeted YTD: \$189,062.50
 Received in Dec.: 9,326.63 Received YTD: 164,182.71
 Difference: (\$ 7,058.79) Difference: (\$ 24,879.79)

THOSE WHO SERVE

Greeter & Ushers: Kevin McAllister, Captain; Katy Carter,
 Spencer Bright, Cody Shelton
 Liturgist: Sharon Bolton
 Trustee Lock-up: Pam Walker

NEWS AND SUCH

WNL—Wednesday Night Live activities will not be held this
 week due to the approaching holidays and will resume on
 January 11th.

Christmas Eve Service—Make plans now to attend our annual
 Christmas Eve Service at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday evening. We
 recommend coming early as this service is traditionally well-
 attended by others in the community. **Please remember the
 new time this year!**

Poinsettias—The deacons would like to thank each and every
 one that purchased poinsettias this season. You may pick up
 your poinsettia(s) after the Christmas Eve service on Saturday
 evening.

Contribution Deadline—Please be aware that all gifts need to be
 in by Dec. 31st to count as 2011 contributions.

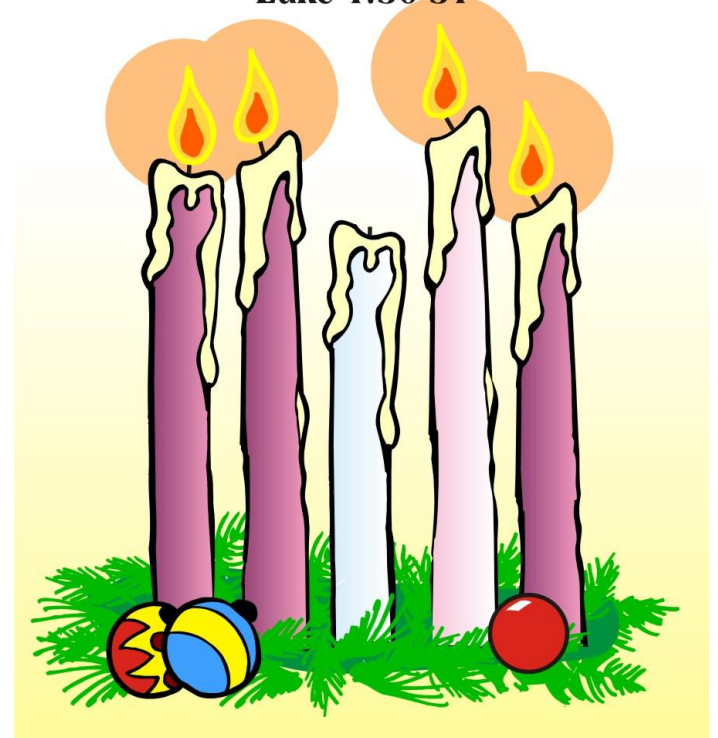
Scripture for Next Week
Isaiah 9:2-7
Luke 2:1-20

OUR STAFF

Lynn Simpson—Interim Pastor
 Bill Zahringer—Director of Youth Ministries
 Doug Ruffner—Director of Music
 Amanda Teachnor—Organist and Accompanist
 Willa Barnes—Secretary
 Gail Reed—Treasurer
 Kyla Rice—Children's Church Teacher

**Do not be afraid, Mary,
 for you have found favor
 with God. And now, you
 will conceive in your womb
 and bear a son, and you will
 name him Jesus.**

Luke 1.30-31



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