

Celebration of Worship

December 6, 2009 – 11:00 A.M.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

We enter to worship;

we depart to serve

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

Prelude Amanda Teachnor, Organist

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

◆ Opening Hymn 8
“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” (Vs. 1)
**Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates,
Behold, the King of glory waits;
The King of kings is drawing near;
The Savior of the world is here!**

Welcome & Silent Meditation

Invocation Mr. Doug Ruffner

Call to Worship *from Isaiah 40*
A voice cries out: In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill made low;
The uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.
Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together. Let us worship God!

◆ Hymn 5 “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

Lighting of the Advent Candle The McAllister family

WE CONFESS OUR SINS & RECEIVE GOD’S GRACE

◆ Prayer of Confession
**Risen and Reigning Christ, we know that you will return.
We know that you will come back when we least expect it,
and we know that you urge us to be ready for that day.
Still, we are easily distracted.
Our interests and responsibilities often draw our**

attention away from you and your will for our lives.
We become complacent because of your long delay,
and we live as though our only hope is in what we can accomplish or accumulate in this life.
Forgive us, we pray. Rekindle in us expectant spirits.
Prepare the way in our hearts for your return.
Then guide us to bear fruits worthy of repentance.
In Jesus’ name we pray.
(...Silent confession will conclude with “Amen.”)

- ◆ Assurance of God’s Pardon
The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever.
He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.
- ◆ Hymn 23 “Angels We Have Heard on High” (Vs. 1 & Chorus)
**Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o’er the plains.
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE

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

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

Morning Offering
Anthem “A Round of Praise” Douglas E. Wagner
Blessing, honor, glory, praise, be to God for all my days.
Glory, praise; All my days; Alleluia, O praise the Lord.
Allelu, Praise the Lord. Allelu, Praise the Lord.
Glory, praise; All my days; Allelu, Praise the Lord.

From highest mountains, from valleys low;
From clear spring waters, Your praises flow.

Blessing, honor, glory, praise, be to God for all my days.
Glory, praise; All my days; Alleluia, O praise the Lord.
Allelu, Praise the Lord. Allelu, Praise the Lord.
Allelu, Praise the Lord. Allelu, Praise the Lord.
O praise the Lord, Amen.

◆ Hymn 309 “Of the Father’s Love Begotten” (Vs. 1)
**Of the Father’s love begotten, Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending He,
Of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see,
Evermore and evermore! Amen.**

◆ Prayer of Dedication

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Gospel Reading (page 834) Luke 3:1-6

Sermon “The Strangeness of God’s Word”

◆ Hymn 9 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

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 29
“Go, Tell It on the Mountain” (Chorus only)
**Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain 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

Bob Baker & family on the death of his daughter,
Bobbie Ladd.
Kaitlyn (Stephanie Drymon’s friend)—Leukemia
Marie Meldrum (Gail Reed’s friend)—Prayers for peace
Ruby Sloan (Leola Hall’s friend)—Heart attack
Judy Martin—Dec. surgery for leaky heart valve
Earl Wallace—Mild heart attack
Kelly Van Buskirk (Pam Smithey’s contractor’s wife)—
Breast cancer
Brenda Sabello (Amy McAllister’s friend)—Brain tumor
Doug Enevoldsen’s father—Stomach cancer
Patti Phillips—Slow recovery from back surgery
Dotty Drymon & family—Health evaluation
(Please refer to newsletter for Ongoing Concerns and
Homebound Members.)

OUR MINISTRY AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, Dec. 6
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
12:00 Noon Confirmation meeting for parents
and youth
2:00 p.m. Officer training

Monday, Dec. 7
1:00 p.m. Women’s circle
6:30 p.m. Officer training make-up session

Tuesday, Dec. 8
7:00 p.m. Deacons’ Meeting
AA Open Meeting & Al-Anon Meeting

Wednesday, Dec. 9 – Wednesday Night Live!
5:30 p.m. Dinner
6:00 p.m. Pre-K & Children’s Choirs
Jr. High Bible Study
Women’s Bible Study
Men’s Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
Sr. High Bible Study

Thursday, Dec. 10
7:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting
8:00 p.m. AA Closed Meeting

Sunday, Dec. 13
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
12:00 Noon “White Elephant” Fellowship Dinner



Sermon on the Amount

Needed for Nov.: \$19,762.08 Budgeted YTD: \$218,903.07
Received in Nov.: 20,915.55 Received YTD: 183,868.15
Difference: \$ 1,153.47 Difference: (\$ 35,034.92)

THOSE WHO SERVE

Greeter: Peggy Wallace
Ushers: Earl Wallace, Captain; Craig Hilgendorf
Tom Byerly, Dick Boone, Autry Salyers
Liturgist: Doug Ruffner
Trustee Lock-Up: Steve Duncan
Sunday School Superintendent: Bobbie Cook
Sunday Morning Fellowship: 12-13 **Need volunteers**



NEWS AND SUCH

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

“White Elephant” Fellowship Dinner—You won’t want to miss the fun next Sunday after the worship service. All will gather in the Fellowship Hall for the blessing & “The Night Before Christmas” with Charlie Moss. Then the adults will eat upstairs and the children downstairs, who will then watch a movie. The youth will gather with Bill. **Be sure** and bring a wrapped, untagged “white elephant” gift for the exchange to follow after lunch. Be sure it’s something inexpensive, humorous – “gag” or useful – just something you no longer want or need!

Deacons’ Angel Tree—The Angel Tree arrived last week in the Narthex full of angels for adoption. Approx. half of the angels are still available and in need of fulfilled wishes. All gifts should be returned by Dec. 12th. They should be unwrapped and placed in plastic bags with the angel tied around the top of the bag for identification purposes. Bless you for your kindness and generosity.

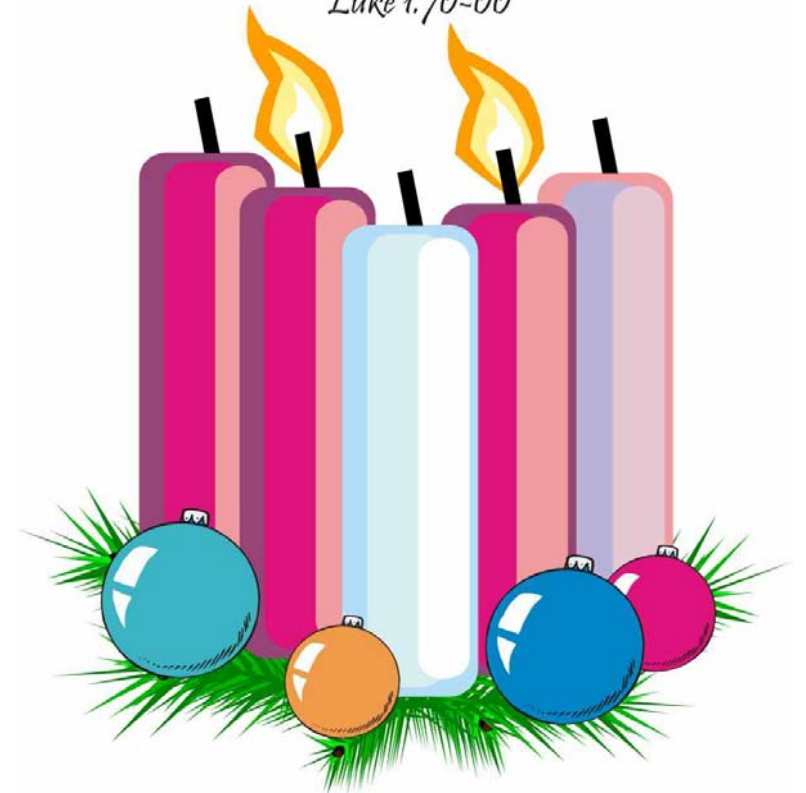
Poinsettias—Poinsettias are still available for purchase. Order forms are located in the pew pockets and can be placed in a pew envelope, checking it as a Special Offering. The price is \$10.00 per plant and orders should be in by next Sunday, Dec. 13th.

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
Jesse McAtee—Interim Nursery Attendant

*You, child, will be called
the prophet of the Most High;
to give knowledge of salvation
to his people by
the forgiveness of their sins*

Luke 1.76-66



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