

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

8:30 & 11:00 AM

November 29, 2009

First Sunday of Advent – Hope

Chrismon Service

The season of Advent is a time of joyful wonder and expectation as the story of Jesus Christ's birth is retold through decorations, carols, scripture, stories, candles and pageants. In the telling of the story we remember the past, and experience the coming of Christ again.

One of the ways we will tell the story of Jesus Christ is with Chrismons: "Christ monograms." These ancient Christian symbols tell the story of Christ from his birth and ministry, through his passion and death, to his resurrection and reign. The colors of Chrismons are white and gold. White symbolizes the purity of Christ, and gold his majesty and reign.

Today Chrismons will be hung on our church Christmas tree by members of FPC. The Chrismons, scripture and song will tell the story of Jesus Christ, and invite us to prepare for the wonder of the coming of Christ.

GATHER BEFORE GOD

PRELUDE "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" arr. Gilbert M. Martin

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

(Please sign the Welcome Pads at the end of each pew.)

MINUTE FOR ADVENT MISSION – Salvation Army Angel Tree Jane Jones

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT #309 v.1 *Divinum Mysterium*

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

CALL TO WORSHIP Isaiah 64:1-4

LEADER: O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence –

PEOPLE: as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil – to make your name known to your adversaries.

LEADER: When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

ALL: From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him.

*ADVENT #9 "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" *Veni Emmanuel*

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Heath Russell Stevenson Miller

Presentation/Questions/*Profession of Faith: Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Baptismal Prayer/Baptism/Welcome

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Wendy Karlovic

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH: HOPE

8:30 – Linda & Jeff Goodridge
11:00 – The Miller Family

#The Good News for the Younger Disciples
(All children are invited to come forward. Children in the nursery will then return to the nursery, and children K-5th grade will return to their seats so to participate in the Chrismon service.)

ADVENT CANDLE HYMN #44 v. 1 "O Little Town of Bethlehem" *St. Louis*

THE GOOD NEW FOR ALL DISCIPLES

The Birth and Ministry Chrismons

The Fish (Ichthus – Jesus Christ God's Son Savior) Luke 2:8-14 (p. 53)

The Shepherd's Staff Psalm 23 (p. 485)/John 10:11 (p. 96)

*8:30 AM – ADVENT HYMN #30 *Mary's Child*

"Born in the Night, Mary's Child" (3)

11:00 AM – ADVENT DUET “Carol For Advent” Don Besig & Nancy Price
Hayley & Chelsea Rose
*(Those with Fish and Staff Chrismons are invited to bring them forward
and hang them on the tree.)*

The Passion and Resurrection Chrismons

The Passion Cross Luke 23:32-38, 44-46 (p. 82)
The Butterfly Matthew 28:1-10 (p. 31)
*ADVENT HYMN #37 “**Infant Holy, Infant Lowly**” Polish Carol
*(Those with Cross and Butterfly Chrismons are invited to bring them forward
and hang them on the tree.)*

The Reign and Lordship Chrismons

The Crown Phil. 2:5-11 (p. 182); Rev. 14:14 (p. 232)
The Alpha and Omega Col. 1:15-20 (p. 184); Rev. 1:8 (p. 223)
*8:30 AM - ADVENT HYMN (insert)
“**Soon and Very Soon**” Andrae Crouch
Carolyn Jennings

11:00 AM – ADVENT ANTHEM

“Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain”

Climb to the top of the highest mountain, Joyous tidings proclaim to the world, Lift up your voice, Shout the good news: Behold, your Lord comes to you. He will feed his flock like a shepherd, He will carry the lambs in his arms, He will ever keep them safe from harm. Behold, your Lord comes to you. He who made the stars in the heaven, He who fashioned the earth and the sea, From time eternal he was God, the Alpha and Omega, He. Behold, your Lord! He will come in power and glory, He will rule with mercy and truth, Hope of the nations, Light of the world, Light of all. He will love the little children, He will hold them in his arms. Love him and trust him as a child. Behold, your Lord comes to you. (From Isaiah 40)

*(Those with Crown and Alpha-Omega Chrismons are invited to bring
them forward and hang them on the tree.)*

THE CELEBRATION OF ADVENT COMMUNION

The Invitation and Instructions

The Prayer of Thanksgiving and **The Lord’s Prayer**

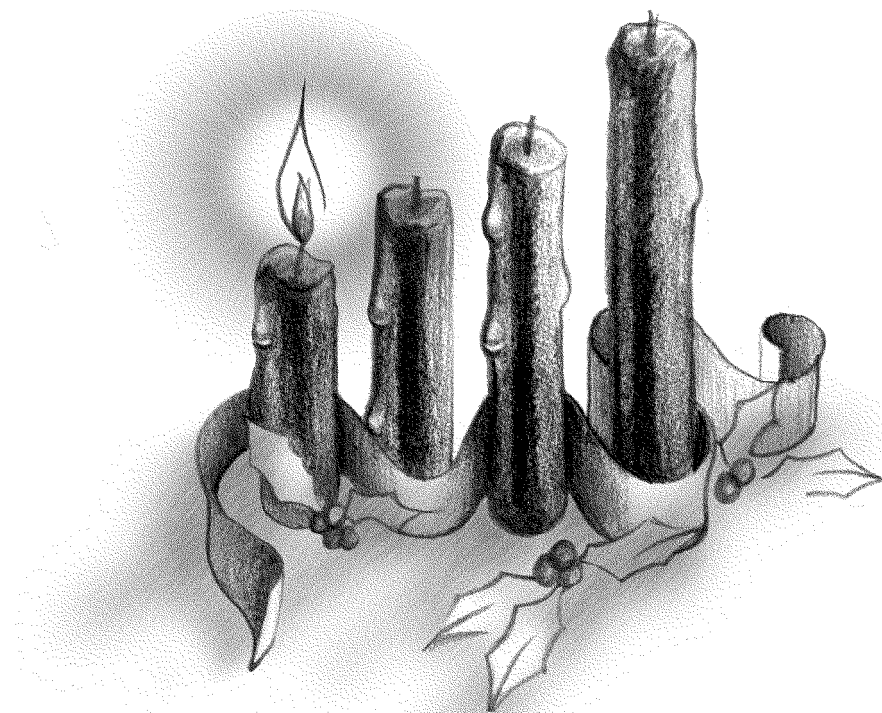
“...sins, as we forgive those who sin against us...”

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of Communion

THE CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Prayer Response #38 v. 3 “**It Came Upon the Midnight Clear**” Carol
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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SHARON

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Rev. Pam Maloney, Associate Pastor
Aaron Christy, Dir. of Youth Ministry
Debra Derrenbacher, Dir. of Children’s Ministries

“Real people, committed to Christ, living the Great Commandment”

November 29th

8:30 & 11:00 AM Services
Chrismon service & Baptism
First Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM	Worship	Chapel
9:15 & 10:30 AM	Coffee Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
9:30 AM	Sunday School K-Adult	
10:30 AM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Room #303
10:30 AM	Children's Choir Practice	3 rd Floor
11:00 AM	Worship	Sanctuary
12:10-1:30 PM	Youth Musical practice	Youth Coffee House

Tuesday, December 1

12:00 Noon PWCT & Staff Luncheon Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, December 2

10:00 AM	PW Crafters	Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM	"Big Picture" Bible Study	Room #206

Thursday, December 3

10:30 AM	Staff Meeting	Conference Room
6:00 PM	Carillon Choir Rehearsal	Room #206
7:00 PM	Budget Meeting	Conference Room
7:30 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Room #303

Friday, December 4

1:00-3:00 PM	Church Women United Holiday Tea	Living Word Church
6:15 PM	Meet at church to attend Madrigal Performance at Tara	

December 6th

8:30 & 11:00 AM Services
Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM	Worship	Chapel
9:15 & 10:30 AM	Coffee Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
9:30 AM	Sunday School K-Adult	
9:30 AM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
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RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

THE OFFERING

Offertory - 8:30 AM	"From Heaven Above to Earth I Come"	F. W. Zachau
11:00 AM	"If It Be Your Will"	Leonard Cohen
	Hayley & Chelsea Rose	
*Response – HYMN #56 v. 6	"The First Nowell"	<i>The First Nowell</i>
*Prayer of Dedication		

*ADVENT HYMN #8 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" *Truro*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE – HYMN #9 refrain *Veni Emmanuel*
"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

*POSTLUDE "O Come, Emmanuel" arr. Jan Bender

*Please stand if you are able. #11:00 AM Service only.

The Sanctuary flowers are in memory of
Diane Kay Woge

IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Harold Ross Sargent
United with FPC: February 26, 1989
Date of Death: November 23, 2009

WELCOME! Today is the first Sunday of Advent. Churches and Christian families now begin to celebrate the birth of Christ, whom God sent to earth for our salvation.

BAPTIZED TODAY is Heath Russell Stevenson Miller, son of Sarah and Bob Miller and grandson of FPC members Jim and Susan Wolf. Big sister is Cassidy and big brother is Brodie.

IN THE NURSERY this morning our caregivers, Brenda Hall, Rosann Sauers & Barbara Clawson will care for our youngest believers. Children 0-4 years old are invited to participate in the nursery program.

TODAY'S MUSIC: The music for our worship services during Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany will be appropriate for the season.

STEWARDSHIP – To date our stewardship response has been:

Operations: 127 pledges for \$149,583

Mission: 52 pledges for \$ 28,997

Our goal is to receive 180 pledges (or 50% of possible pledges). If you have not returned your Pledge Card, please do so ASAP. Additional Pledge Cards are available in the church office.

ADVENT TAIZE WORSHIP and prayer at Villa Maria, Tuesday evening, December 1st. The service begins at 7PM. If there's enough interest, Dr. Hink will drive the church bus over for those who want to attend the service (and maybe stop for dessert at Ruby Tuesdays on the way home). The church bus will leave at 6:15 PM. Contact the church office ASAP if you're interested in the bus ride.

SALVATION ARMY ANGEL TREE – Many tags are still available on the “mission bulletin board.” Please return all unwrapped gifts for children in our community to FPC by December 7.

“THE BIG PICTURE” – Dr. Hink's final lecture in this Old Testament overview series will be this Wednesday, December 2, 6:30-8:00 PM, on “the Writings.”

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY TEA will be Friday, December 4th from 1-3 PM at Living Word Church, 1109 East Street, Hermitage. The program “Angels” will be presented by Alyce Parrish. Please bring your favorite Angel(s) and a story to share. If anyone has sweat suits for “Sisters” or aprons for Guatemala please bring them to the celebration. We will share with those who are in need by supporting Joshua's Haven in Sharon and Unity House in Farrell. There is a wish list available in the church office.

BETHLEHEM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH invites you to attend “Where Are You Christmas,” a special worship service including music and drama on Sunday, December 6 at 2:00 PM. Reception following. Open to the public, free admission.

SPECIAL THANKS TO: Rev. Maloney for organizing the pipers, drummer and dancer to participate in our St. Andrew's service last Sunday; and to conductor Ed Groves and the Shenango Valley Chorale for a wonderful presentation of Handel's “Messiah” last Sunday afternoon.
--Dr. Hink

PAIRS & SPARES: Come celebrate the Holidays on Friday, December 18th at 6:00 PM at Laura Ackley's home (384 E State St Sharon). Bring an appetizer to share. Park in the Buhl Mansion parking lot (just not in the reserved spots, please) and walk behind the mansion to the house. RSVP to the church office.

CASTING CALL: The Boar's Head Festival committee is looking for some young actors, ages 8-18, who would like to be part of the cast of Waits. Also needed are people interested in being shepherds to be part of the procession. We have costumes ready for you – so this is your chance to shine and have a great time being part of this festival event. If you would like to be part of the cast, please call the church office or let Paula Haehnel, costume chairman, know. Thanks.

BEAUTIFUL MUSIC EVENTS:

Friday, December 4 – 7:00 PM – Slippery Rock University Concert Choir at Hickory High School

Sunday, December 6 – 4:00 PM – 2009 Thiel College Christmas Festival at William A. Passavant Memorial Center

Saturday, December 12 – 7:30 PM – Shenango Valley Chorale Concert at FPC

Sunday, December 13 – 7:00 PM – Westminster College Christmas Vesper Service at Orr Auditorium

YOUTH CHRISTMAS MUSICAL & DINNER: On Sunday, December 13th @ FPC, the youth will host a dinner at 6:00 PM and put on our youth Christmas musical, “A King is Coming to Town,” at 7:00 PM. All are welcome and invited to come and share in this festive event, which is sure to put you in the true Christmas spirit.



ADVENT and CHRISTMAS @FIRST

November 29th – We will have our annual Chrismon service at both 8:30 and 11:00 during which the congregation decorates a tree with Chrismons.

December 6th – We will welcome the Westminster College Brass Ensemble to our 11:00 service. The ensemble will play Christmas music for the Prelude, Offertory, and Postlude, and will accompany the choir, directed by Ed Groves, on Glenn Rudolph's stirring anthem, "The Dream Isaiah Saw" which was written in the aftermath of the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

December 13th – Our Children's Choir will sing during the 11:00 AM service. At 6:00 PM there will be a dinner, followed by a Christmas musical presented by our youth groups and directed by Michalee Christy.

December 20th – There will be just one service at 11:00 AM and it will be a "Celebration of the Arts" service, featuring music, art, poetry, and dance celebrating the Christmas season.

December 24th – We will have a family service at 7:00 PM, which will include a Christmas pageant involving our children. At 11:00 PM we will have a quiet, reflective service, which will include Communion.

You are invited to all of these worship services, and we encourage you to bring your friends and neighbors to celebrate Advent and Christmas @First.

POINSETTIAS



Please complete the following Order Form if you wish to order poinsettia plants to be used in the Sanctuary on December 20th for \$7.50 per plant. Please make checks payable to “First Presbyterian Church” with the notation “Christmas Flowers” marked in the lower left hand corner. It will be most helpful if your check accompanies your order. Deadline for ordering is **December 6th** . Thank you.

I (We) wish to furnish _____ poinsettias.

IN MEMORY OF _____
Or

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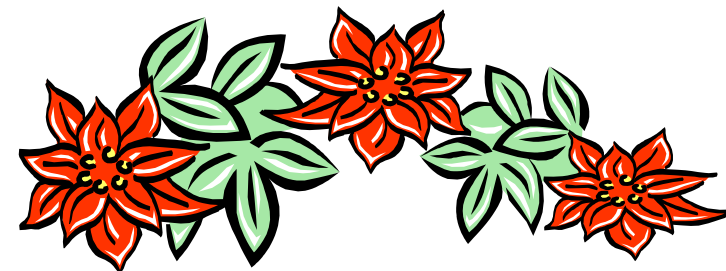
Please plan to take your plant home after the December 20th service. Plants left will be delivered by the Deacons at their convenience to nursing homes. If you are able to deliver your flowers, please do so in order to assist everyone this busy holiday season.

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(Circle one)

Yes _____ No _____

Signed: _____
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