

11:00 AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS  
December 27, 2009

**GATHERING BEFORE GOD**

PRELUDE 8:30 "What Child Is This" arr. Janet Linker  
11:00 Tristan Cano, Piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH  
(Please sign the Welcome Pads at the end of each pew)

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT  
#40 v. 1 "Joy to the World!" Antioch  
Joy to the world! the Lord is come: Let earth receive her King; Let every heart  
prepare Him room, And heaven and nature sing.

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 148  
LEADER: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the  
heights!  
PEOPLE: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!  
CHOIR: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!  
LEADER: Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, fire and  
hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!  
PEOPLE: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!  
Young men and women alike, old and young together!  
ALL: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted;  
his glory is above earth and heaven.

\*HYMN #22 "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" Regent Square

\*CONFESSION OF SIN (unison)  
Holy God, with us in Jesus Christ, we confess this first Sunday of Christmas that  
we are quick to move past the wonder of Christmas. We confess that the excitement  
of anticipation has given way to the routine of life as usual. We confess that the  
Christmas lights have dimmed, the Christmas carols silenced, and the Christmas  
decorations put away. We confess that the beauty of Bethlehem is once again  
quickly receding into the background of our lives. (Silent confession)

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God of mercy, forgive us, and help us to ponder the wonder of Christmas a bit  
longer; the light that shines in the darkness, the gentleness of "Silent Night," the  
simple joy of caring for each other. Help us to keep Christmas as the decorations  
are put away. This we pray in the name of the One who shows us salvation and new  
life, Jesus Christ. Amen.

\*CONFESSIOIN RESPONSE  
#44 v.4 "O Little Town of Bethlehem" St. Louis

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*ASSURANCE RESPONSE  
#40 v. 3 "Joy to the World!" Antioch  
No more let sins and sorrows grow, Nor thorns infest the ground; He comes to make  
His blessings flow Far as the curse is found.

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Ed Benedict

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 7:10-17 (p. 603)

ANTHEM Tristan Cano, Piano

THE GOOD NEWS FOR THE YOUNGER DISCIPLES  
(Children 0-4 years return to the nursery, and  
children grades K-5 are dismissed to "Children in Worship.")

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 1:18-25 (p. 1)

THE GOOD NEWS FOR THE OLDER DISCIPLES Dr. Hink  
"His Name is Salvation"

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

\*HYMN #49 "Once in Royal David's City" Irby  
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CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

*Pastoral Prayer/Silent Prayer/Congregational Prayer*

#38 v. 3

**“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”**

*Carol*

OFFERING

Offertory 8:30

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

arr. Charles Callahan

11:00

“Once Upon a Starry Night”

G. Grier & L. Everson

Once upon a starry night the angels sang with great delight. Follow the star that shines so bright, to Bethlehem this evening. Come and adore the newborn king; Come, lift your voice in caroling. Let us go with praise, rejoice and sing with the joy of his glad tidings. Once upon a starry night the shepherds saw a wondrous sight; Shining in the East, a glorious light, and they praised his name with singing. Once upon a starry night the angels and shepherds proclaimed his might; As they traveled on ‘til dawn’s first light, to greet him on his morning.

\*Response #40 v. 2

**“Joy to the World!”**

*Antioch*

**Joy to the world! the Savior reigns: Let men their songs employ; While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains Repeat the sounding joy.**

\*Prayer of Dedication and **The Lord’s Prayer**

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

\*HYMN (insert)

**“God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen”**

*God Rest You Merry*

\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

#40 V. 4

**“Joy to the World!”**

*Antioch*

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

\*POSTLUDE 8:30

“Quittez Pasteurs”

arr. Leon Roques

11:00

Tristan Cano, Piano

*The conclusion of worship, and the beginning of service.*

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

The flowers are in memory of  
**Dr. Robert E. Lartz and the Lartz family**

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

**December 27<sup>TH</sup>**

8:30 & 11:00 AM Services  
First Sunday after Christmas

9:15 & 10:30 AM	Coffee Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
9:30 AM	Sunday School K-Adult	
10:00 AM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Room #303
11:00 AM	Worship	Sanctuary

Thursday, December 31

12:00 Noon Church Office closes

Friday, January 1

HAPPY NEW YEAR!  
11:30 AM New Year's Day Dinner Fellowship Hall

**JANUARY 3<sup>rd</sup>**

8:30 & 11:00 AM Services  
Congregational Meeting

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12:00 Noon	Congregational Meeting	Sanctuary

THERE WILL BE A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING on Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> immediately following the 11 AM service to approve the Terms of the Pastor's Calls.

THE CHURCH OFFICE will close at noon on Thursday, and be closed on Friday, New Year's Day.

2010 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available today in the Fellowship Hall. Please **do not** use them before January 3, 2010.

WELCOME! On this first Sunday after Christmas, may we remain joyous and share that joy with everyone around us.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS EVE THANKS – It has been a wonderful Advent season at FPC. Special thanks to Rev. Maloney, our choir, soloists and musicians, ushers, sound techs, the Worship Team, Advent Candle lighters, and many other FPC members.

- Dr. Hink

IN THE NURSERY this morning our caregivers, Brenda Hall and Kelly McQuiston, will care for our youngest believers.

CHILDREN IN GRADES K-5<sup>th</sup>, under the direction of Debbie Derrenbacher and Olivia Ruth, will be dismissed to the “Children in Worship” program following the “Good News for Children.” Children can be picked up in Room #315 following worship. Children 0-4 years old are invited to participate in the nursery program.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Boar’s Head and Yule Log Festival, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 3:30 PM.

THE YEAR OF THE BIBLE begins on January 1, 2010. It’s not too late to be part of this wonderful experience. So many folks from around the country have ordered the Participant’s book that Presbyterian Distribution Service has run out of enough copies for everyone! We have written permission from the author, Dr. Jim Davison, to copy the material for January so everyone can get started on January 1<sup>st</sup>. You may pick up a copy of the readings **TODAY** from Rev. Maloney at the organ after worship.

NEW YEAR’S DAY DINNER will be held Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup> in the Fellowship Hall. Christian Associates and the Mission Team of FPC are again hosting this event. We will meet at 11:30 and eat dinner at 12:00 noon. Choice of pork or turkey is offered. Please call the church office with your reservation and choice of dinner **no later than December 28<sup>th</sup>**.

OLDER ADULTS are invited to travel to Muscarella’s for dinner immediately following the Boar’s Head Festival on Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup>. Deadline for signing up is Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>. Please call the church office to make your reservation.



May the New Year bring us:  
Enough happiness to keep us sweet;  
Enough trials to keep us strong;  
Enough hope to keep us lively;  
Enough sorrows to keep us dependent upon God;  
Enough failure to keep us humble;  
Enough success to keep us eager;  
Enough friends to give us comfort;  
Enough wealth to meet our needs;  
Enough enthusiasm to keep us looking forward;  
Enough faith to overcome despair;  
And enough determination to use every day  
and situation somehow for good.

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SERMON NOTES