

Sunday after Christmas
December 30, 2012
8:30 & 11:00

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

‡ GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE AND GREETING

* CALL TO WORSHIP

All glory to you, great God, for the gift of your Son, whom you sent to save us. With singing angels, let us praise your name, and tell the earth his story, that all may believe, rejoice, and bow down, acknowledging your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

* HYMN #28 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Glory be to you, great God, for sending your Word to become flesh and live among us. Forgive us for treating this gift lightly when we spend so little time watching, looking, and learning from His life.

Glory be to you, great God, for your sure promise that all who believe in you will receive power to become the children of God. Forgive us for dedicating our best energies for lesser goals than becoming the children of God you can use and delight in.

Glory be to you, great God who so loved the world that you gave your only Son. Forgive us for the smallness of our love for you and our neighbor that shrinks when sacrifice is required.

Glory be to you, living Christ, who paid for our sins on the cross, and cleansed the stain of our souls by your sacrifice.

Now hear our silent confessions, and give us faith to believe in your steadfast love that washes us clean so we can have a new beginning...

SILENT PRAYER

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* GLORIA PATRI

Hymn #579

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 1, selections

ANTHEM Sarah Wallace, solo

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

ORGAN INTERLUDE (11:00)

Children ages four through first grade depart for children's worship

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 2:1-7

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON "The Presence of God" Mark Banasiak

*"And the Word became flesh and lived among us,
and we have seen his glory,
the glory as of a father's only son,
full of grace and truth."*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN #23 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

* APOSTLES CREED Hymnal, pg. 14

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The Offertory "Mary's Boy Child" Sarah Wallace

"Man shall live forevermore because of Christmas Day!"

* The Doxology, Hymn #592

* Prayer of Dedication

* HYMN #29

"Go Tell It On the Mountain"

* CHARGE

* BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE

* POSTLUDE

WORSHIP NOTES

We welcome Mark Banasiak to our pulpit today. Mark is an ordained elder in the Presbyterian Church (USA), and has been on staff for 8 years as our Senior High Youth Director. He and his wife, Rhonda, have one child, Allister. Rhonda Banasiak is today's liturgist.

Hank Livingstone is the Elder of the Day.

Next Sunday is Epiphany (the 12th Day of Christmas). The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be served by intinction, with the congregation coming forward. Pastor Dave will be preaching on "How We Experience the Trinity" from Isaiah 9:6 and Matthew 2:1-12.

Sermons from December 16, "A Christmas Card from Mary" and December 23, "The Innkeeper's Story" are available in print on the table in the narthex and outside the office.

‡ Please sign and pass the Friendship Pad found at the end of your pew. Write prayer concerns and/or notes to the church office on the cards found in your pew and place in the offering plate.

* If you are able, please stand.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

Sunday, December 30

4-6:00 pm Middle School and Senior High Youth groups meet. Middle School youth should bring money for a fast-food restaurant meal.

Tuesday, January 1

Church office closed.

Wednesday, January 2

10:00 am Bible Study meets in the church library.

6:30 pm Senior Highs meet at Chick-Fil-A on Madison St. Bring money for supper.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We will undecorate the church, on January 6 immediately following 11:00 worship. Volunteers are needed to help!

Pastor Dave is available for individual meetings with members of the congregation Monday-Friday, 9:00 am – 6:00 pm, or on Saturdays when circumstances require it. Email him at david.stull.handley@gmail.com.

Pastor Dave is the featured speaker at the Martin Luther King Unity Service to be held on Monday, January 21, 6:00 pm at the Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church, 709 Franklin Street. This expression of unity among all the churches is a fulfillment of Jesus' prayer in Gethsemane, "...that they may all be one so the world may believe." (John 17:21). Come join us!

Committee Chairpersons Orientation will be held on Tuesday, January 8, 5:30-6:15 pm. Basic essentials in leading a church committee will be discussed.

Planning Day will be on Saturday, January 26, beginning at 9:00 am in the fellowship hall. This is a time for members and visitors to our church to get involved with the various committees of the church. We meet at 9:00 am for announcements and then split up into committees and go to individual meeting rooms to plan programs and events for 2013. At 11:30 everyone returns to the fellowship hall for lunch which will be prepared by the Fellowship Committee. See the back of the bulletin for committee descriptions.

The Presbyterian Women Luncheon will be Monday, January 28, at 12:30 pm in the fellowship hall. The program will be on the "Habitat Mission" and will be given by Shelby Logsdon. We will be awarding PW Honorary Life Memberships to some lovely ladies. They don't know who they are, so come join the surprise and fun.

We will begin collecting items for SafeHouse: winter hats, gloves and scarves, gently-used purses filled with travel size toiletries, and canned foods. The meal is catered (\$10) and the menu is BBQ pork sandwich, baked beans, cole slaw, fruit cobbler, iced tea, lemonade, and coffee. Reservations are required for your meal and/or child care so please sign up on the bulletin board.

The church office has re-chargeable gift cards from Kroger that support our youth programs with a 4% return to our church on all your Kroger purchases (food, prescriptions, gas, etc). To date we have received \$7,096.85.

COMMITTEE DESCRIPTIONS

Christian Education provides opportunities for members of the congregation to grow in their spiritual lives. Volunteer

activities include: Teach Sunday School (all ages), Teach VBS in July, Chaperone/help with youth groups, Provide transportation to NaCoMe camps, Help in the church Nursery, mentoring youth and children.

Communication seeks to strengthen the lines of communication among church staff & committees, the congregation, and the community. Work centers on the website, newsletter, bulletin, technological improvements, and the gathering and dissemination of general info. Volunteer activities include assisting with the church website, operating the sound system and recording worship services for the web site and distribution to the public.

Fellowship promotes congregational luncheons and/or dinners in the fellowship hall along with church picnics. Volunteer activities include planning/organizing events and helping set up and take down of events.

Historic Preservation maintains the historical documents, relics, and artifacts which represent our heritage.

Congregational Care/Visitors & New Members follows up on pew cards, sends notes to people who are ill, delivers food baskets, visits shut-ins, contacts prospective church members, networks with new members, represents the mission committee, & maintains community relationships.

Mission and Outreach oversees action, advocacy and financial activities for our congregation's mission. Maintains contacts with local, national, international, and denominational entities. Educates and involves the congregation in a variety of opportunities, including a possible congregational mission trip.

Professional Staff is responsible for recommending to the Session employees for the church, excluding the ordained staff. It prepares job descriptions, recommends salaries and salary changes, evaluates performance, and sets the personnel policy.

Property seeks to maintain and repair the church physical facility. Volunteer activities include: minor repairs around the church, help with some yard maintenance.

Service provides tangible assistance to people needing financial help with utilities, groceries, etc. Committee members serve on a rotating team to interview clients, evaluate needs, and make appropriate responses.

Finance & Stewardship oversees the total financial program of the church, reviews monthly financial statements for the Session, and conducts the stewardship campaign.

Worship oversees everything related to worship working closely with the minister and director of music. Volunteer activities include: ushering, serving as a greeter, preparing communion elements, helping with the acolytes, operating the sound system, assisting with the children's music programs, and singing in the choir.



First Presbyterian Church

*With Christ as our Savior and Guide,
We seek to know God's love and share it
With each other, our community, and the world.
We invite you to join us in this journey
of discipleship!*

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