

*The First Sunday of Advent
Service of the Lord's Day
November 29, 2009, 10:30 a.m.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE Whiter Than Snow Arr. Parks
CALL TO WORSHIP

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

To you, O Lord, we lift up our souls. In you, we put our trust. For you guide the humble in what is right, and teach the lowly your ways of love.

CHORAL INTROIT "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

O come, o come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lovely exile here until the Son of God appear,
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Today is the first Sunday of Advent. Advent means "coming" and in this season we prepare for the coming of Christ. One of the ways we prepare for his coming is by making an Advent wreath and lighting its candles to remind us of the gifts Christ brings to the world. The Advent wreath includes many symbols to help us think about Christ and his gifts. The wreath itself is in the shape of a circle. A circle has no beginning and no end. This reminds us that there is no beginning and no end to God and that God's love and caring are forever. The light from the candles - which grows stronger each Sunday in Advent, reminds us that Jesus is the light of the world.

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF HOPE Julia Kasch & Pat Petty

(The congregation sings to the tune of "Away In A Manger")

*A Candle is burning, a flame warm and bright,
a candle of hope in December's dark night.
While angels sing blessing from heaven's starry sky,
our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Coming Lord, as we wait and watch and yearn and ache, we look around for signs of your presence. But what we see mostly are indications of our sinfulness. The needy are overlooked. Selfishness has the upper hand. Hatred and violence triumph over peace and reconciliation. Our commitments waver; our resolve weakens; and we find ourselves further away from the path for which you have marked in Christ. We long for a word of forgiveness and direction, and for a sense of purpose and meaning. Come quickly, Lord. With mercy and grace, come quickly Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 33:14–16

God promises the return of the Davidic dynasty to Jerusalem.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

READING OF THE GOSPEL

Luke 21:25–36

Jesus calls for moral vigilance in anticipation of the coming Son of Man.

This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord
Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON

"Getting Ready"

Reverend Georgia N. King

*HYMN

"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Sweet Little Child

Smith

*DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN

"Song of Hope"

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*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

*CLOSING RESPONSE

Pass It On

see insert

*POSTLUDE

Postlude on "Old Hundredth"

Boalt

- Those who are comfortable doing so are invited to stand.

Welcome to all who worship with us this morning. Visitors and members are asked to please sign the Ritual of Friendship pad. Thank you for worshipping with us!

"I have been contacted by an area health-care provider who has asked if we (First Presbyterian Church (members and friends) would be willing to assist with Christmas presents for two families in Borger . One is a single mother who has one 20 month old and is expecting a baby in January. The other is a family group that has six children ranging in age from 14 years to 19 months.

The specific information is available on the Volunteers desk with a signup sheet so that we can know which child has been chosen by which church member. If more than one of you would like to go together to make purchases for a child you are welcome to do so. (We don't have to purchase everything on each list but it would be nice to give them some things that go together.) If you would rather make a donation and have someone else do your shopping that is a possibility as well.

If you feel called to give please take one of the names (or as many as you would like to give to), purchase the items of your choice, and return the wrapped gifts to the Church no later than December 20, 2009. Please be sure to put the child's name on your gifts!!! We will have a printed Christmas greeting on each gift with a message of Christ's love and our caring on each package. We will plan to deliver them to the families that afternoon and anyone who would like is welcome to be part of the delivery group. Thank you and God's blessings."

Flowers have been placed in the sanctuary this morning by Hazel Howard in memory of Raymond and Fred Howard.

Helping Hand contribution for the month of December is dressing mix or canned meat.

Hazel Howard provided the cookies for the congregation.

The Reverend Georgia N. King, Pastor

Organist-Choir Director- Mrs. Pat Petty

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, Nov. 29

9:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class – Parlor
10:10 a.m. Fellowship Time – Southeast Vestibule
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship

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