

This Week at First Presbyterian

Music in This Morning's Worship Service

*I will sing with the spirit and I will sing with the understanding also.
(1 Corinthians 14:15)*

This Morning's Hymns:

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You? was inspired by Matthew 21:1-9, a gospel lesson traditionally read during the Advent season. The lesson presents the story of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

The hymn shares an important literary device with many of the Psalms. Although written from the perspective of first person singular, the poet speaks on behalf of the community; and the focus of the text is God.

As the hymn begins, we ponder how best to welcome the coming of Christ. In stanza 2 we confess God's salvific motivation in acting on our behalf. The hymn's conclusion describes our right response to the redemptive work of God:

My heart shall bloom forever
for you with praises new,
and from Your name shall never
withhold the honor due.

In keeping with the hymn's original scriptural allusion, it shares a tune with the Palm Sunday hymn, *All Glory, Laud and Honor*.

Jesus Comes With Clouds Descending was written by the great Methodist hymn writer Charles Wesley. Wesley's in an apocalyptic text and borrows richly symbolic language from the scriptures. The poetic vision drawn mostly from Revelation, the hymn also quotes directly from this morning's gospel lesson.

Then they will see the Son of Man coming
in a cloud with power and great glory.

Luke 21:27

People, Look East (Carol of Advent) was written by Eleanor Farjeon - a native of London. The carol expresses the hope and excited expectation of Christ's coming. Jesus is referred to as *Love, Guest, Rose, Star and Lord* - all titles drawn from messianic prophecies. Farjeon was a devout Roman Catholic who described her faith life as "a progression toward which her spiritual life moved, rather than a specific conversion experience." She achieved great acclaim as an author of children's nursery rhymes and singing games. Farjeon is best known in the church as the author of the hymn *Morning Has Broken*.

This Morning's Anthem:

And the Glory of the Lord

Text: Isaiah 40:6

Music: G.F. Handel

And the glory of the Lord
shall be revealed;
and all flesh shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

Today

8:00 a.m. Neighborhood Breakfast
9:00 a.m. Child Care
9:30 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. 3rd Grade Bible Education
10:45 a.m. Youth Education

Monday, November 30

8:30 a.m. Devotional Staff Meeting
9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study-Carriage Town

Tuesday, December 1

7:00 a.m. Renovare
5:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Council Meeting
5:00 p.m. PEO Christmas Dinner-Outside Event

Wednesday, December 2

8:00 a.m. Renovare
10:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
11:30 a.m. Narcotics Anonymous
1:00 p.m. Support Staff ACS Training
1:00 p.m. Brenda Portman Organ Demo
4:45 p.m. Cantus Choir Rehearsal
4:45 p.m. Carol Choir Rehearsal
4:45 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal

10:45 a.m. Bible Buck Party
11:00 a.m. Adult Education Classes
5:30 p.m. Genesee Valley Youth Chorale Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Sunday Night Pipe

11:30 a.m. Narcotics Anonymous
7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

6:15 p.m. Sr. High Pipe Praise Band Practice
6:30 p.m. Carolyn Mawby Chorale Rehearsal

5:30 p.m. Jr. High Pipe Praise Band Practice
5:45 p.m. Dinner
6:00 p.m. Contemplative Singers Rehearsal
6:15 p.m. Bee Helpful Service Squad K-6
6:30 p.m. Contemplative Service
6:30 p.m. Jr. High Girls Bible Study
7:30 p.m. Make-up Rehearsal for Chancel Choir

WEDNESDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP AND WORSHIP

A light supper will be served in the Parish Hall beginning at 5:45pm. The suggested donation is \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children, maximum of \$20.00 per family. All are welcome to gather in the Chapel at 6:30pm for a Contemplative service. The theme will be praise and adoration with additional instruments leading us. Children's classes will begin at 6:15pm for those not attending service.

Thursday, December 3

9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study
9:45 a.m. Women's Bible Study
11:30 a.m. Downtown Kiwanis Club of Flint
12:00 p.m. Sarah Circle at Norma Havrilla's Home
1:00 p.m. Kitchen Task Force Team Meeting
2:00 p.m. Christmas Tea Luncheon For Shut-ins
6:00 p.m. Bagpipe Band Practice
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, December 4

11:30 a.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday, December 5

8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Women's Christmas Luncheon
2:00 p.m. Carolyn Mawby Chorale Rehearsal

Ministers,

Members of First Presbyterian Church

Senior Pastor,

John L. Musgrave

Associate Pastor,

Paul Ytterrock

Commissioned Lay Pastor,

Steve Baillie

Director of Business Administration,

James B. Hugan

Director of Children's Ministry,

Jaime Powell

Director of Gerholz Counseling Center,

Andy Armstrong

Director of Music and Fine Arts,

Mark Riddles

Director of Women's Ministry,

Kim Skaff

Director of Youth Ministry,

Jim Pope

Building/Kitchen Manager,

Greg Kelly

Community Ministry,

Lisa Horne

Congregational Care Specialist,

Lee Doll

Gerholz Staff Counselor,

Jerry Walden

Organist,

Brenda Portman

Parish Nurse,

Frankie Bonner

First Presbyterian Church of Flint

*Engaged by Christ's love to invite,
worship, nurture and serve.*



*Hope deferred makes the heart sick,
but a desire fulfilled is a tree of life.
~ Proverbs 13:12*

*And now, O Lord, what do I wait for?
My hope is in you.*

~ Psalm 39:7

1st Sunday of Advent
Sunday, November 29, 2009 9:30 a.m.

The Worship of Our Lord Jesus Christ

The Gathering of the People of God

We gather, knowing God is with us.

We bring the Bible, Chalice, and Water as visible evidence of God's self-giving.

Worship Carilloneurs

Call to Meditation and Preparation

John Musgrave

*Prelude

Wondrous Love
Jessica Price, flute; Brenda Portman, piano

Jeffrey Cadwell

Acolyte: Rylee Thayer, 4th Grade

Silently prepare your hearts for worship at the first note of the prelude.

Announcements

Presentation of the Advent Candle

Cantor: *Savior of the nations come*

People: *O come, O come Emmanuel*

Cantor: *Virgin's Song make here your home.*

People: *And ransom captive Israel*

Cantor: *Marvel now, O heaven and earth,*

People: *That mourns in lonely exile here,*

Cantor: *That the Lord chose such a birth*

People: *Until the Son of God appear.*

*Processional Hymn 11 O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

Call to Confession and Corporate Prayer of Confession

Steve Baillie

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)

Congregation sings:

O holy Child of Bethlehem!

Descend to us, we pray;

Cast out our sin and enter in;

Be born in us today.

Assurance of God's Grace:

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Assurance of Pardon

Gloria in Excelsis Deo!

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†Late arrivals may be seated

The Service of the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Vi Maynard

Old Testament Reading Jeremiah 33:14-16 (Pew Bibles pg. 694 O.T.)

Psalm 25:1-10



Lord, in your mer-cy hear my prayer; your good-ness nev-er fails.

Epistle Reading 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 (Pew Bibles pg. 192 N.T.)

Congregational Response:



Al - le - u - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia.

(The children may come forward)

Children's Message

*Hymn 6

Jesus Comes with Clouds Descending

HELMSLEY

(The children may return to their seats)

Gospel Reading Luke 21:25-36 (Pew Bibles pg. 81 N.T.)

Anthem

And the Glory of the Lord

G.F. Handel

Sermon

Paul Ytterrock

*Affirmation of Faith: The 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.

*Passing of the Peace of God

(You may extend the hand of peace or cross your chest as a sign of blessing.)

*Offertory Sentence

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow,

Praise Him, all creatures here below,

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

*Offertory Prayer

Offertory

How Firm a Foundation

Jeffrey Cadwell

Prayers of the People, Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

To the family of Thomas Fair (husband of Virginia Fair) deceased on November 23, 2009.

Those hospitalized this past week were: Ralph Austin, Kathryn Dent, and

Richard Eastman. Hospice: Harriet Mestrezat and Bill McRorie.

Those in the military, world and national leaders, the church, and those distressed by natural and human disasters.

The Sending

*Closing Hymn 12

People, Look East

BESANÇON

Benediction and Response

Postlude

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Jeffrey Cadwell

PERSONAL PRAYER

Personal prayer is available in the Prayer Room on the first floor after the service of worship. An elder will assist after the service.

The Flowers Are Given To The Glory Of God

Donations to the Flower Memorial Fund are used to maintain fresh arrangements for the urns in the Sanctuary and for the fresh-cut arrangements used on the Fellowship Tables in the Narthex. The fresh-cut arrangements are delivered each week by the Deacons to shut-ins and church members celebrating their birthday.

We Welcome All Who Are Visiting First Presbyterian Today!

We invite you to join us in the ministries of worship, nurture, and service. Please do not leave today without greeting the members of the congregation and the pastor. Please sign one of the guest forms located in each pew with your address and telephone number and stop by the Welcome Desk to receive a gift.

~ * Indicates where those who are able may stand.

~ Child care for infants through preschool is available on the second floor.

~ Hearing aids are available, please see an usher.

You may place an order for a CD of the whole service at the Welcome Desk for \$3.00 Or Visit our website to hear the radio sermon podcast.