

MORNING WORSHIP
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2010
Eight Forty-Five & Eleven O'Clock Worship Services
Eleven O'Clock Broadcast over WLNI 105.9 FM

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude Prelude on *Caswell* R. Lloyd

Westminster Chimes

Call to Worship

Leader: God has done great things for us!

All: God's love is heralded in the promise of Christ.

Leader: Holy is God's name!

All: God's promises are fulfilled in the coming of Christ.

Leader: God's mercy extends from generation to generation.

All: God's salvation is offered in the gift of Christ.

*Hymn #16 The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came Gabriel's Message

*Prayer of Adoration and the Lord's Prayer

The Lighting of the Advent Candle (seated congregational response)

By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit raise us to Thy glorious throne.

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Loving God, even in the midst of this season of goodwill, there is much to confess. In spite of holiday cheer, stress and anxiety rule our lives. We miss the reason for the season; we fail to think about your reordered world. This morning as we hear Mary say "Yes!" to you, help us to remember that you continually call us to be people who will bear the good news to those in need. Forgive us when we forget. Help us adjust our Christmas priorities that we might join with you, O God, in preparing a world that welcomes the one who brings us peace. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Affirmation of Faith – Apostles' Creed Hymnal p. 14

*Gloria Greatorex

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

Concerns of the Church
Children's Moment

WORSHIP WORKSHOP (11:00 A.M.) - for ages 3 & 4 and K & 1st grades
(Gateways to Worship) in the classrooms across from the Nursery.

*Hymn #600 Song of Mary sung to the tune "St. Anne"

Pastoral Prayer

Anthem (11:00) Maria Walks Amid the Thorn traditional

Maria walks amid the thorn

Kyrie eleison

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That seven long years no bloom hath borne.

Jesus and Maria!

What holds she to her maiden breast? What shall this infant's name e'er be?
A little baby there at rest The Christ, He shall be called truly --
Which she protects at God's behest. The name for all eternity.

Who has the world from sin set free?

This child alone, and only He

Has come to set His people free.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Lesson: Deuteronomy 6:4-9 (pew Bible p. 163)

Gospel Lesson: Luke 1:39-55 (pew Bible p. 57)

Sermon "A Lesson from Mary" Meggan M. Farwell

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S SERVICE

Offering
Offertory Savior of the Gentiles, Come M. Reger

*Doxology Old Hundredth
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.

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #27 Gentle Mary Laid Her Child Tempus adest floridum

*Benediction and Choral Response

*Postlude Allegro A. Alain

Today's Worship Leader: Christina Cosby

*Those who are able, please stand

* * * * The ushers will seat worshipers

**WELCOME TO
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

We welcome all who have joined us for worship today. All worshippers are asked to sign the friendship pad as it is passed during the Concerns of the Church. We're glad you're here!

Church Membership: If you are without a church home in Lynchburg, you would be warmly welcomed into our fellowship. The Session meets in the History Room to receive new members immediately following each worship service on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

Infants and Young Children: Children are always welcome in the worship service. If your child needs attention, you are welcome to sit in the Narthex where you can still hear the worship service, or you may want to take your child to the Nursery (Room #8, Ground Floor). An usher will be happy to assist you.

If you are hearing impaired, we have special devices available in the Narthex before the service. Simply ask an usher for help.

THE FLOWERS on the table at the front entrance are given by the Clelands in loving memory of their parents.

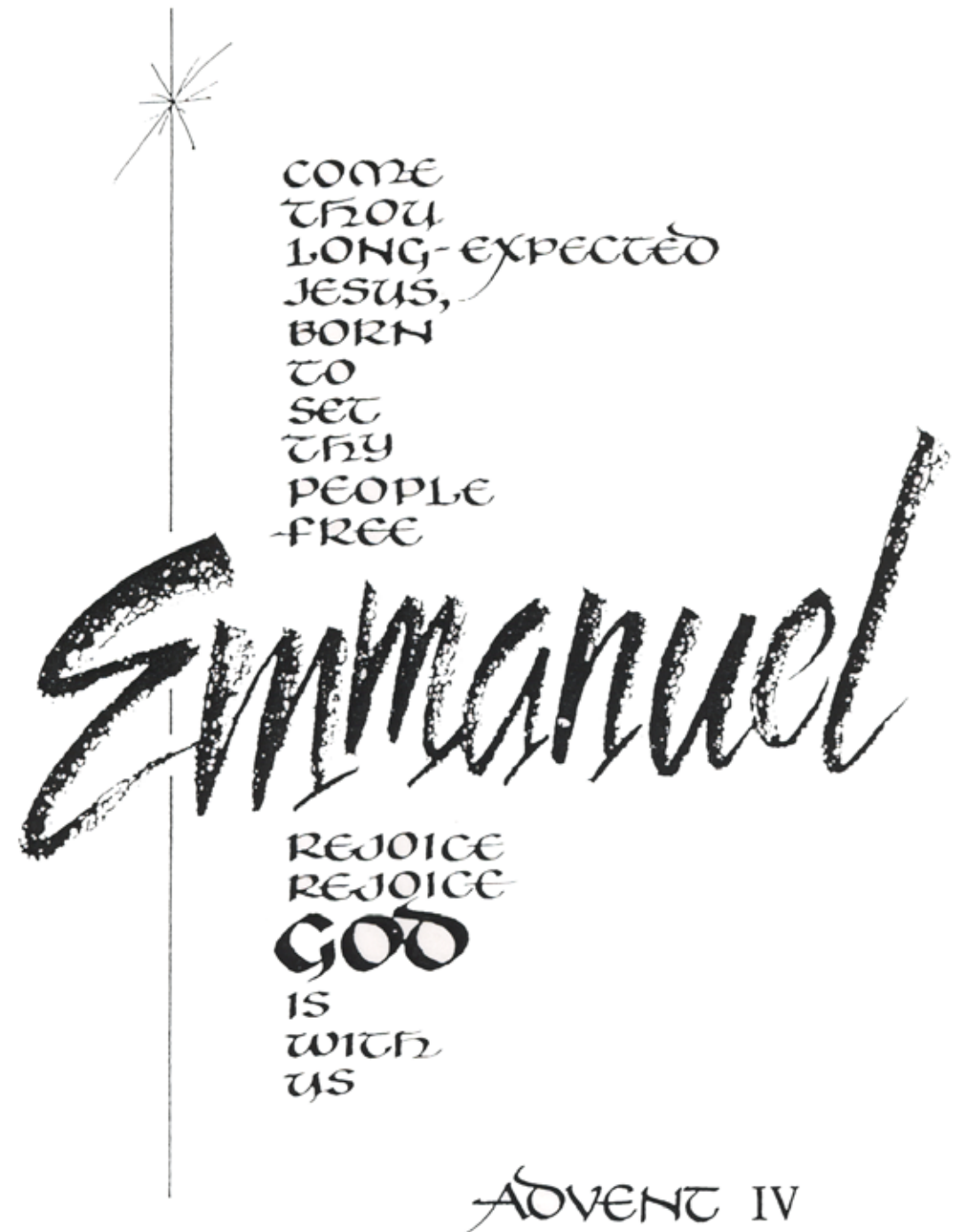
YOUTH – High School Christmas Party! Come celebrate Christmas and bring a wrapped gift with a \$10 value that is suitable for a guy or girl. Bring \$3 for dinner.

MEMBERS HELPING MEMBERS (DECEMBER): Peggy & Jensie Teague (384-8106) and Ferrell Nexsen (384-5271).

THE CANCELLATION OF FPC worship services and programs due to bad weather will be reported to WSLs (Channel 10), WSET (Channel 13), and our web site www.fpcl.org.

Christmas Season 2010

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| December 24 – 5:00 P.M. | Christmas Eve – Family Service |
| December 24 – 11:00 P.M. | Christmas Eve – Communion Service |
| December 26 – 11:00 A.M. | Worship – one service only [no Sunday School] |
| January 2 – 8:45 A.M. | Worship |
| 10:00 A.M. | Sunday School |
| 11:00 A.M. | Worship |



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John Scholer, *Pastor*
Meggan Farwell, *Associate Pastor for C.E./Youth*
Richard Harbison, *Pastor Emeritus*

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