

MORNING WORSHIP
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2011
Eleven O’Clock Worship Service
Eleven O’Clock Broadcast over WLNI 105.9 FM

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

Prelude Come to Bethlehem P. Warlock
Lindsay Riordan, violin

Westminster Chimes

Call to Worship

Leader: Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

All: Unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

Leader: You will find the babe, wrapped in swaddling cloths, and lying in a manger.

All: Praise God in heaven! Peace on earth to everyone who pleases God!

*Hymn #56 The First Nowell The First Nowell

*Prayer of Adoration and the Lord’s Prayer

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

We offer you our praise and thanks, heavenly Father, for the great blessings we have received from you. While we were yet sinners, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to live among us. He was handed over to die for us, that we might have eternal life. Cleanse us, so that as forgiven people we may live the rest of our lives to advance your glory, and to serve toward the building of your kingdom. Amen. [John Calvin, 1509-1564]

Assurance of Pardon

*Affirmation of Faith – The 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 - for ages 3 & 4 and K & 1st grades. Children are to be picked up after the service from Room 9, Ground Floor.

*Hymn #25 Away in a Manger Mueller

Pastoral Prayer (concluding with silent prayer)

Anthem All Is Well M. W. Smith
All is well, all is well. Angels and men rejoice.
For tonight darkness fell into the dawn of Love’s light.
Sing alle, sing alleluia.

All is well, all is well. Let there be peace on earth. All is well, all is well. Lift up your voice and sing,
Christ is come, go and tell, that he is in the manger. Born is now Emanuel. Born is our Lord and Savior.

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 1:18-25 (pew Bible p. 1)
Epistle Lesson: Romans 7:18-20 (pew Bible p. 157)

*Hymn #47 Still, Still, Still Still, Still, Still

Meditation “Grace Abounds at Christmas” John M. Scholer

WE GO OUT IN GOD’S SERVICE

Call to Offering

Anthem Come to Bethlehem P. Warlock
Come to Bethlehem and see the new-born king; Lord of all creation ere our race began
Come and lay your heart before him while you sing. Loves to be and call himself “the Son of Man.”
He, the God of earth and heaven, Lord of all, Holy Mary, virgin mother, gave him birth;
Lies within the manger of an ox’s stall. See her meekly kneel before him on the earth.
Born of God the Father in the bliss above, Let us kneel with her and lovingly adore
Born a baby in a stable for our love. Christ her son, our God and King for evermore.

*Doxology Lasst uns erfreuen
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #41 O Come, All Ye Faithful Adeste Fideles

*Benediction and Choral Response

*Postlude Voluntary in D Major J. Alcock

*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 SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER will be celebrated January 1, 2012. **TWO CENTS A MEAL offering** will also be received.

CHURCH OFFICES closed tomorrow, December 26, and also January 2.

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

MEMBERS HELPING MEMBERS (January): Dorothy Niles (384-1680) and Andrea Kittrell (384-6713). Thanks to Gail Kowalski and Ferrell Nexsen for serving in December.

WORSHIP CART – Parents don't forget that there is a cart in the narthex with items for your children to use while they are in worship. Clipboards, crayons, paper, Christian books and magazines, etc. A new addition will appeal to our younger children. There are now two cloth books about Moses and two cloth arks with Noah and animals to entertain our youngest worshippers. Please keep these new additions in the plastic bags provided and make sure you collect all the pieces before returning it to the cart. Enjoy!

GET YOUR 2012 off to a good start. Join us for worship at 11:00 A.M. (one service only) on January 1, 2012.

First Presbyterian Church

**Virginia Episcopal School Road
Lynchburg, Virginia
December 25, 2011**



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