

MORNING WORSHIP
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2010
Eleven O’Clock Worship Service
Eleven O’Clock Broadcast over WLNI 105.9 FM

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

Prelude From Heaven Above to Earth I Come J. S. Bach
Westminster Chimes

Call to Worship

Leader: Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens!

All: Praise the Lord throughout the earth!

Leader: Glory to you, O God, for you sent your only Son, that we might have abundant life.

All: Glory to you, O Christ, for you dwelt among us that we might be your people.

Leader: Glory to you, O Holy Spirit, for you guide our hearts and direct our lives.

All: Glory to our God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – now and forever more!

Leader: In joy and thanksgiving for God’s eternal presence, let us worship God in spirit and truth!

Sermon “Singing Our Faith – Hymn Stories” Meggan M. Farwell

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

*Prayer of Adoration and the Lord’s Prayer

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Gracious and loving God, in Jesus Christ you came among us as eternal light shining in constant darkness. We confess that we have not always welcomed the light in our lives or trusted your good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to your glory in our midst; expecting little and hoping for even less. As the visible reminders of this joyful season begin to fade, we allow the promise of your Christmas miracle to be forgotten. Our “hallelujah’s” and “glory to God’s” are replaced by half-hearted efforts to celebrate your love.

Merciful and forgiving God, free us from our doubts and renew our hope, so that we may discover with each new day the fullness of your eternal grace. Help us to live in the truth of Christ the Lord, born to save us from our sins, a truth that extends beyond the boundaries of a holiday season. Give us strength to seek your love, your grace, and your mercy every day of our lives, confident in the lasting hope of Jesus Christ. 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 #60 Silent Night, Holy Night Stille Nacht

Pastoral Prayer

Anthem To Us Is Born M. Praetorius

To us is born a little child
Of Mary maiden mother mild.
Whom angels laud with service sweet,
Let us His own poor servants greet.
He hath but manger for His bed,
And straw whereon to lay His head.
The Father’s sole begotten Son,
Lighting the ages as they run.
And therefore Father, Son adored,
With Holy Ghost for evermore.

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

New Testament Lesson: Colossians 3:12-17 (pew Bible p. 201)

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 150 (pew Bible p. 583)

*Hymn #22 Angels, from the Realms of Glory Regent Square

WE GO OUT IN GOD’S SERVICE

Offering
Offertory In Dulci Jubilo J. S. Bach

*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 #438 Blest Be the Tie That Binds Dennis

*Benediction and Choral Response

*Postlude Lord Jesus Hath a Garden F. Peeters

*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 Sunday, January 2, 2011. **TWO CENTS A MEAL offering** will also be received.

THE SESSION has called a congregational meeting for today immediately following the worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to approve a change to the terms of Meggan Farwell's call regarding her housing allowance for 2011.

MEMBERS HELPING MEMBERS (January): Clois Weaver (384-1299) and Dorothy Niles (384-1680). Thanks to Peggy & Jensie Teague and Ferrell Nexsen for serving in December.

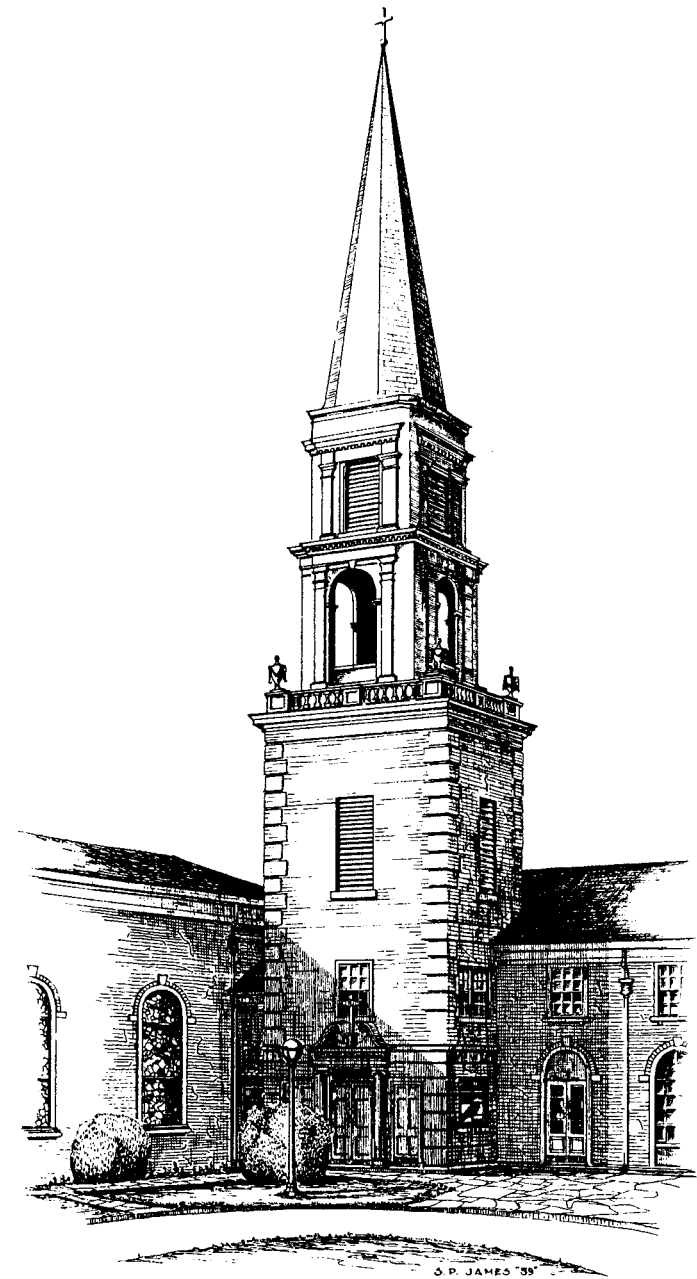
THE CANCELLATION OF FPC worship services and programs due to bad weather will be reported to WSLS (Channel 10), WSET (Channel 13), and our web site www.fpclly.org.

Christmas Season 2010

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

First Presbyterian Church

**Virginia Episcopal School Road
Lynchburg, Virginia
December 26, 2010**



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

Raymond Weidner, *Organist/Choir Director*
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