

MORNING WORSHIP
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2009
Eight Forty-Five & Eleven O'Clock Worship Services
Eleven O'Clock Broadcast over WLNI 105.9 FM

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude Divinum Mysterium R. Weidner

Westminster Chimes

Call to Worship

Leader: How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good tidings.

All: Who publishes peace. Who brings glad tidings of great joy.

Leader: Who publishes salvation. Who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

All: We sing to the Lord a new song. We praise him to the ends of the earth.

*Hymn #59 While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night Christmas

*Prayer of Adoration and the Lord's Prayer

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Holy God, your eternal Son our Savior came in love for us sinners, to be born of a Virgin, and to humble himself unto death, even death on a cross. Deepen within us a due sense of your infinite righteousness, that we might readily confess our sins, and receive your cleansing. Deepen within us a due sense of your infinite love, that adoring and believing, we might trust Christ's infinite merits, imitate his holy example, obey his commands, and enjoy his promises. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

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

*Gloria (p. 579) 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 #30 Born in the Night, Mary's Child Mary's Child

Pastoral Prayer

Anthem (11:00) Now Greet the Swiftly Changing Year A. Fedak

Now greet the swiftly changing year
With joy and penitence sincere.
*Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace
Another year of grace.*

This Jesus came to end sin's war;
This name of names for us He bore.

His love abundant far exceeds
The volume of a whole year's needs.

With Him as Lord to lead our way
In want and in prosperity
What need we fear in earth or space
In this new year of grace!

"All glory be to God on high,
And peace on earth!" the angels cry.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 84 (pew Bible p. 543)

New Testament Lesson: Acts 14:19-28 (pew Bible p. 134)

Sermon **Acts 14: "There's No Place Like Home"** John M. Scholer

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S SERVICE

Offering

Offertory In Dulci Jubilo H. Schroeder

*Doxology (p. 591) 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 #31 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing Mendelssohn

*Benediction and Choral Response

*Postlude

*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: 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 next Sunday, January 3, 2010. **TWO CENTS A MEAL offering** will also be received.

2010 OFFERING ENVELOPES are here! If you requested offering envelopes on your pledge card, they are available on the table in the hallway leading to the chapel. If you did not sign up for envelopes and wish to use them, list your name on the request form located on the same table. Envelopes will be put out by the next Sunday.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH – No Youth Group, tonight. Enjoy your Christmas Holiday!!

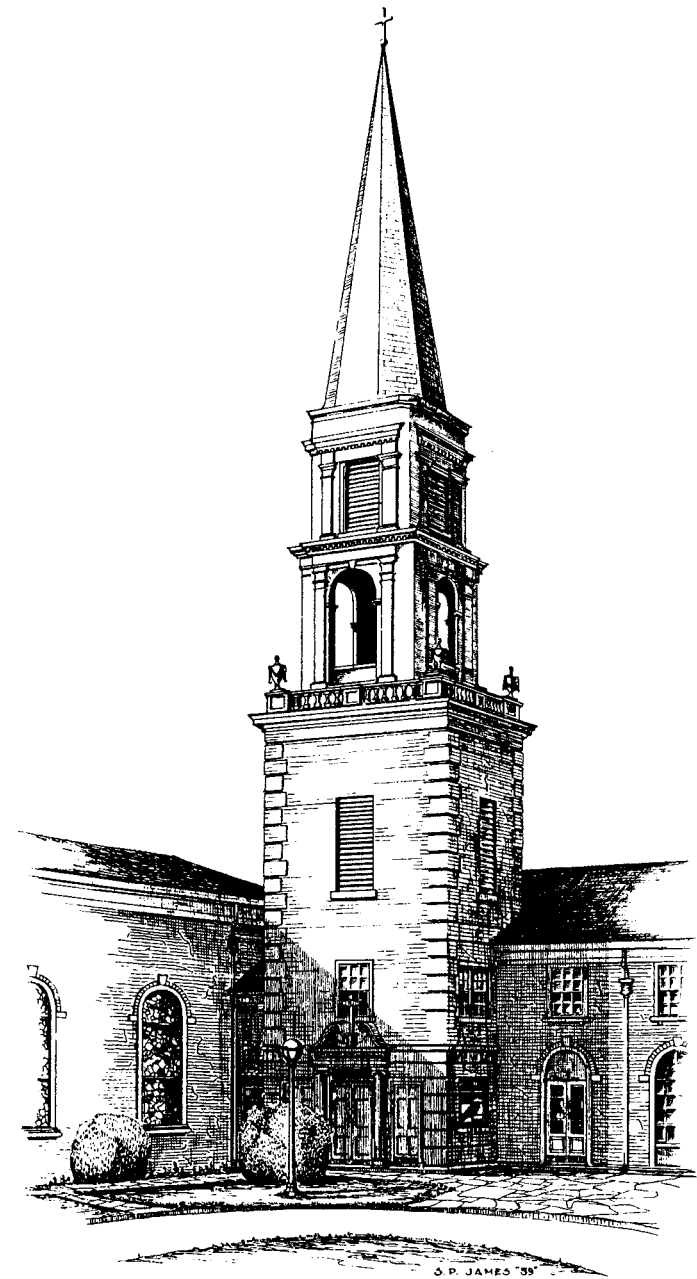
YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL offerings for the month of January will go to Habitat for Humanity.

MEMBERS HELPING MEMBERS (January): Nancy Brockman (384-2606) and Clois Weaver (384-1299). Thanks to Peggy & Jensie Teague and Dorothy Niles for serving in December.

MALAWI: The Mission to Malawi Team is looking for a couple of young people (ages 20 and up) to make the May 23, 2010 mission trip to Malawi. Call the church office (384-6231) for details.

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