

This Week at FPC

Sunday, January 8

- 8:45 a.m. Early Worship*
- 9:00 a.m. Ignite@9*
- 10:00 a.m. CCS - Dee Potts*
- 10:00 a.m. Christian Education*
- 11:00 a.m. Worship*
- 12:00 a.m. Congregational Meeting*
- 3:00 p.m. Children's Musical Rehearsal
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Sunday Night Live!

Monday, January 9

- 12:00 p.m. Stewardship and Finance Ministry
- 5:00 p.m. Missions Ministry
- 5:30 p.m. Personnel Ministry
- 5:45 p.m. Education Ministry
- 6:00 p.m. Stephen Minister Training
- 6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministers
- 6:00 p.m. Ballroom Dance Class

Tuesday, January 10

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Life
- 11:30 a.m. College Student Lunch (Abbey)
- 7:00 p.m. MSNGRbird Rehearsals
- 7:30 p.m. Adult Handbell Choir

Wednesday, January 11

- 4:30 p.m. Logos
- 5:00 p.m. Oasis: Prayer
- 5:30 p.m. Church Family Night Supper
- 6:30 p.m. Service for Healing and Holiness
- 7:35 p.m. Adult Choir

Thursday, January 12

- 7:15 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 9:15 a.m. Coffee Chat
- 5:30 p.m. Coordinating Council Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Faith Discussion Group (Abbey)
- 7:00 p.m. High School Bible Study (Montgomery's)

Friday, January 13

- 11:00 a.m. Intercessory Prayer Group
- 6:00 p.m. Friday's at First

Saturday, January 14

- 9:00 a.m. Confirmation Retreat (FPC Lodge)
- 12:00 p.m. Personal Prayer for World Peace
(Wherever you are when the siren sounds)

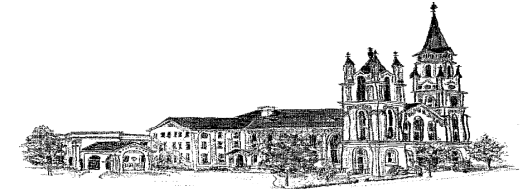
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Let There Be Light

Lord God of the nations, we have seen the star of Your glory rising in splendor. The radiance of Your incarnate Word pierces the night that covers the earth and signals the dawn of justice and peace. May his brightness illumine our lives and beckon all nations to walk as one in Your light. We ask this through Jesus Christ Your Word made flesh, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, in the splendor of eternal light, God forever and ever. Amen.

~Book of Common Worship



All Members, *Ministers*
The Reverend Charles R. Hasty, Jr., *Senior Pastor*
The Reverend Dr. E. Jones Doughton, *Associate Pastor*
Mr. Thomas H. George, Jr., *Organist and Choirmaster*
Ms. Suzanne McCary, *Church Administrator*
Mr. Don Sharitt, *Director of Youth Ministries*
Mrs. Jami Conroy, *Director of Children's Ministries*
The Reverend Jason Micheli, *Campus Pastor, Abbey Fellowship*



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Baptism of the Lord

Liturgical Color: Green

January 8, 2012 † 11 a.m.

† GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME †

PRELUDE *For the Beauty of the Earth* Ferguson

(Prepare for worship in silent prayer.)

CHORAL INTROIT *O Be Joyful in the Lord* Buck

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN 84 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* ELLACOMBE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of glory, You sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal Your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of Your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In Your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with Your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth Your glory shining in Jesus Christ...*(continue in silent personal confession)*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Friends, hear and believe the Good News of the Gospel.

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

*GLORIA PATRI HYMN 546

(Children K-3 grade dismissed to Children's Church)

† PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD †

*HYMN FOR ILLUMINATION 464 *Morning Has Broken* BUNESSAN

*FIRST LESSON Genesis 1:1-5 p.1, OT

ANTHEM *Blessed are They* White

Blessed are the poor who search for God, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see their God. Blessed are the hungry, they shall be filled and those who mourn shall laugh for joy. Blessed are the peacemakers, they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are all the children of God. Blessed are we.

*SECOND LESSON Mark 1:4-11 p. 34, NT

SERMON **Let There Be Light** Rev. Jason Micheli

† RESPONDING TO THE WORD †

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed (*The Hymnbook*, page 12 – "He descended into hell")

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*"Oh how I love Jesus, Oh how I love Jesus because He first loved me."
Do you have Jesus enough to give Him first of your time, talents and treasure?*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *O Sing Unto The Lord* Purcell

O sing unto the Lord, sing unto the Lord a new song! Hallelujah! Sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth! Hallelujah!

*DOXOLOGY HYMN 544

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

COMMUNION HYMN 447 *Let Us Break Bread Together* COMMUNION SPIRITUAL

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

Breaking of Bread

Communion of the People

Passing the Peace

† SENDING †

*HYMN 46 *O Splendor of God's Glory Bright* PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE *Go in Peace* Withrow

*POSTLUDE *I Will Praise Thee, O Lord* Marcello

**Worshippers are invited to stand.*

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Following the 11 a.m. service, a Stephen Minister will be available in the Sanctuary for prayer and in the Museum for private prayer.

Hearing devices are available by request in the Sanctuary. Please ask any usher for assistance.

Youth & Children's Ministries
Family Ministries

LOGOS-a-GoGo 2011 - 2012

Bible Verse :

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want; he makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Psalm 23: 1-3

Logos Themes

Jan. 11 Epiphany
Jan. 18 Backwards Night
Jan. 25 Grandparent's Night

Child and Youth Protection Policy Training Class

In accordance with the Child and Youth Protection Policy, volunteers who work with children and youth at First Presbyterian Church are required to attend one child safety training class annually (1 hour).

Sunday, January 22 12:15 p.m.
(lunch will be provided)

Please make a reservation through Kimberly Moseley at 706.322.4523 or at kmoseley@columbusfpc.org to attend the class and let us know if you will need child care for children ages 6 weeks – 5th grade.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping to create a safe environment for our children!

**Youth Calendar
(6th - 12th grades)**

- Jan. 8 SNL! (Sack Lunch Packing) and Youth Choir resume.
- Jan. 11 Logos and Yada Yada resume.
- Jan. 12 High School Bible Study at the Montgomery's 7 - 8:30 p.m.
- Jan. 14 Confirmation Retreat at FPC. 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. in the Lodge.
- Jan. 15 Confirmation Class Begins NO SNL!
- Jan. 22 SNL! (Bible Study)
- Jan. 27-29 High School Quest
- Jan. 29 No SNL!

YOUTH CHOIR WILL meet again this Sunday, January 8. All youth grades 6 – 12 are invited to join us! We will meet in the Choir Room (2nd floor – Sanctuary building) at 5:00.

Children's Musical rehearsals will begin THIS Sunday, January 8. Rehearsals will run from 3:00 – 5:00. All children in grades 3 – 5 are invited to be a part of this year's musical production. We hope to cast parts at this first rehearsal!

Check out First Presbyterian Church's NEW website at www.columbusfpc.org &



Congregational Joys & Concerns

Health Concerns

Members: Terrell Adams, William Gibbs, Faye Johnson, Scott Jones, Hugh Kennedy, Ty Kingery, Betty Lawrence, Elaine McMillen, Bill Miley, Daniel Moseley, Dave Moss, Laurene Moye, Bill Mullin, Fran Paepcke.

Family: Virginia Bartow, *mother of Pam B. Moye*; Steve Enfinger, *cousin of Faye Johnson*; Catherine Handjis, *aunt of Chris Smith*; Florence Henry, *mother of Larry Henry*; Shara Johnson, *daughter-in-law of Will and Faye Johnson*; the Merriken Family, *friends of Jarrett and Leah Cudd*; Ed and Mary Ann Neal, *father and mother of Warner Neal*; Virginia Rhoades, *mother of Sharon Webb*; Theda Rudd, *friend of Amanda Illges Van Cleve*; Jane Shirah, *sister of Paul Dobbs*; Susan Thomas, *sister-in-law of Inga Paris*, Cathy Smith Wilkerson, *niece of Biddy Hammett*.

Remember our deployed soldiers: Charles Carmen, Derek DiBello, Ben Durham, Wade Greenley, Zachary Labas, Allie Vacalis, their families, and military families around the world.

Congratulations to Ed and Jessica Adams on the birth of their son, Thomas Edwin Adams, IV, born on December 28. Proud grandparents are Tommy and Terrell Adams, proud great-grandparents are Ed and Kathryn Adams and proud aunt is Julie Adams.

Thank You! Please thank our friends from First Presbyterian for all the prayers, calls, cards and visits during the recent loss of Stacy's mother, Mildred Barnes. We especially want to thank our Midland Neighborhood friends for the providing a delicious meal following the service.

Stacy and Lynn Barnes

Please pray for **Reverend Hasty** on his trip to visit with and preach in our sister church, Good News, in Moscow, Russia. He will be preaching while there as this is their Christmas season. He will also meet with Pastor Misha and the representatives that will be with us this summer. Pray for safe travels and blessed fellowship. Rev. Hasty will return January 11.

Notes for Sunday, January 8, 2012

8:45 AM Usher Team

Leonard Buce, Gary Singley.

11:00 AM Usher Team

Heath Schondelmayer – Captain, Fitz Bickerstaff, Jonathan Brand, Rob Brand, Beth Bridges, Hamilton Hilsman, William Middleton, Libbie Stone.

Vestibule Team

Ben Williams - Captain, Jim Ballengee, Steve Gunby, A. Illges, Frank Lumpkin, III, Barbara Page, Dudley Wells.

Greeters and First Friends

Larry Henry, John and Weesie Laney, Tena McQueen, Terry Whitaker.

TV Team

Kyle Moye, Ed Adams, III.

Soundboard

Harry Rice.

Pastor-on-Call

Rev. Dr. E. Jones Doughton

Sermons Online

Go to www.columbusfpc.org, click on Worship and then Sermon Archives.

Stewardship update: It appears that the church has ended the year 2011 in good financial position. While the numbers are not yet final, it seems that our total income has exceeded our total expenses for the year. This is very good news! We are still collecting pledges for the year 2012. If you have not yet submitted your pledge, please complete a pledge card and deliver it to the church office. You can also call or email the church at 706.322.4523 (Diane Harris) or dharris@columbusfpc.org. Thank you for your prayers and support at this critical time.

Congregational Meeting Sunday, January 8, 2012, following the 11 a.m. worship service. For the purpose of renewing our line of credit at Sun-Trust Bank.

The Upper Room and Our Daily Bread devotional books are located on a table outside the Fellowship Hall.

Ministry Opportunities

As North Korea's economy continues to deteriorate exacerbating already chronic food shortages Christians in the country, aided by partners such as the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) are assisting the most vulnerable North Koreans, the elderly and children. **The Bong Su Noodle Factory and Bakery**, operated by the Korean Christian Federation, the government-sanctioned church and PC(USA) partner turns one metric ton of flour daily into much-needed noodles and bread for distribution to orphanages and homes for the elderly. The flour, which must be imported from neighboring China, costs a little over one dollar a pound to purchase and ship here. These are difficult days for Christians in this troubled country. Please pray for this church during government transition.

FEELING DOWN? STEPHEN MINISTRY can help. Stephen Ministers are not just there for the "big" crises they are also available for the little ones, because many times the little things add up. Consider Stephen Ministry if the little things are taking their toll. Contact Rev. Doughton for more information.

Stephen Ministers Available. If you would like to pray with a Stephen Minister immediately following the 11 a.m. worship service, Ulla Booth will be in the Museum, Alice Bryan will be in the Sanctuary, and Debbie Allen will be on call during the week at 706.653.2422. All contacts with Stephen Ministers are held in confidence.

Save the Date and Fasten Your Seatbelts: The Eighth Annual Global Mission Conference will begin on Wednesday, February 8, and continue to Wednesday, February 15.

Sanctuary Flowers

If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary in memory or honor of a loved one in 2012, please contact Kimberly Moseley in the church office.

Holiday Giving at First Presbyterian Church

Thornwell Offering: \$1,500.00

Mission Auction: \$9,676.00

Christmas Giving Market: \$5,250.00

Joy Gift Offering: \$1,895.00

Good News Church Offering: \$2,147.20

The **Mildred Frazer Kinnett Award**, named for one of the saints of Global Mission at FPC, will be presented at the Global Mission Conference to an individual or group who has made significant contributions to Global Mission or Local Mission at this church. The Mission Ministry Team is now soliciting nominations from the congregation at large. If you have someone in mind please write out the nominee's name and brief description of qualifications, place it in a sealed envelope and give it to Rev. Doughton. Your input is appreciated.

January Bus Trip: We will travel to and from the play "In the Book of.....(Ruth)" in Montgomery at the Alabama Shakespeare Festival on Saturday, January 21 at 2 p.m. The bus will depart at 1 p.m. here. You may bring a snack. Coffee and water will be provided. A final count for a group rate at \$33.00 per person is needed by Friday, January 13. Come and enjoy the fellowship.

Thank you to Lisa Powers and other members who contributed to the Muscogee County Jail Ministry Christmas Goody Bags for the jail staff who worked on Christmas Day.

ADULT HANDBELL CHOIR WILL meet on Tuesday, January 10, beginning at 7:30.

Fellowship & Christian Education Opportunities

Men's Prayer Breakfast
will meet on Thursday, January 12, 2012
at 7:15 a.m. in the Parlor.

Men's Life
will resume on January 10, 2012
in the Lodge at 6:30 a.m.
Dr. Grant Scarborough will speak.

At Home Communion Sunday, January 8: Teams of Deacons and Elders will take communion to members of the church who are unable to attend on that day. If you know a member who would like to receive communion at home, in assisted living, in a nursing home, or in the hospital, please contact the church office.

College and Career Sunday Morning Conversations

Join us 20-somethings on Sundays at 10 a.m. in room 108 to discuss the intersection of our faith and events in the news. For more information, please visit <http://www.columbusfpc.org/adult-sunday-school> or contact Rev. Jason Micheli.

Oasis : Prayer: Join us in the chapel on Wednesdays from 5 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. for a time of quiet reflection and prayer. (Feel free to arrive late.) We close with a communal prayer at 5:30 p.m. For more information, please contact Rev. Micheli.

Wanted: Volunteers to run the soundboard during church services. No experience necessary. We will teach you. Younger adults welcome. It's fun and challenging and an excellent way to serve your church with your talents. Contact Harry Rice at 706.315.5978.

2012 Pledge Envelopes: If you ordered 2012 pledge envelopes they are on the table in the seating area off the reception hall.

We resume our **Church Family Suppers** on Wednesday, January 11 at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The **Iona Service with special prayers for healing** will take place at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

January 18 : Dr. Grant Scarborough and the new clinic for indigent health care, Mercy Med.

January 25: Neil Richardson and the Muscogee County Prison Ministry

February 1: Valley Interfaith Promise and Columbus Habitat for Humanity

Volunteers are needed to run the TV equipment during church services. No experience is necessary, training is available. It's fun and challenging and an excellent way to serve your church with your talents. Contact Kyle Moyer at 706.322.4523 or kmoye@columbusfpc.org.

The Center for Christian Studies Term 4 begins on Sunday, January 8 and will continue through Sunday, February 26. Dee Potts will teach from the book of Ecclesiastes January 8, 15, and 22. Bob Potts will present insights from I Corinthians on January 29, February 5, 19, and 26. February 12 will be dedicated to our Global Mission Conference speaker.

Circle #3 will meet on Tuesday, January 10 at 10:00 a.m. at the home of Margie Bickerstaff, 2722 Hilton Ave.

Circle #4 will meet on Monday, January 9 at 10:15 a.m. at Spring Harbor in the private dining room with Eleanor Pease.

Circle #5 will meet on Tuesday, January 10 at 10:15 a.m. at the home of Betty May Ballengee, 7146 Leighton Road.