

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 19, 2010



Great Expectations?

Our mission is: To grow in the knowledge and love of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to make Him known in our community and the world.

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

8:30 AM

*A nursery is available during the service. We will be happy to assist you in finding your way.
Large print Bibles and hymnals are available in the rear of the room.*

Gathering around the Word of God

Songs of Praise

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Franks Family

Encountering the Word

First Reading

Matthew 1: 18-25

Sermon Reading

Luke 1: 26-38

Sermon

Great Expectations?

Responding to the Word

Offering

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Song of Response

Charge and Benediction

SERMON NOTES

Great Expectations? Luke 1: 26-38

ORGAN PRELUDE

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

HANDBELL PRELUDE

As Lately We Watched, Brightly Shone the Star

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
MOMENTS OF FRIENDSHIP**

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Come and Know Christ Born For You

LIGHTING of the ADVENT WREATH

The Wiley Family

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Brittany Eaton, Liturgist

***HYMN No. 31**

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

***CONFESSION OF SIN** (*In Unison*)

God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world.

(Let each worshipper pray silently)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***GLORIA PATRI** (The Hymnal, No. 579)

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.

FIRST LESSON: Matthew 1: 18-25 (Pew Bible, NT page 681; Lg. Print page 1495)

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Kyle Peters

(Children in grades K-3 will be dismissed to Our Chapel-Children's Church)

ANTHEM

He is Born

SECOND LESSON: Luke 1: 5-20 (Pew Bible, NT page 723; Lg. Print page 1587)

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

***HYMN No. 16** The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came

SERMON LESSON: Luke 1: 26-38 (Pew Bible, NT page 723, Lg. Print page 1588)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Great Expectations?

Rev. Jonathan Fettig

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostles Creed (traditional)

(Page 14-in the hymn book)

OFFERTORY

Angels We Have Heard on High

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

***PRESENTATION, The Doxology** (The Hymnal, No. 592)

**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 THANKSGIVING

***HYMN No. 22**

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*** CHORAL BENEDICTION**

Christmas Babe so Tender

***POSTLUDE**

Noel

***Those who are able, please stand**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL GRADES K-5 INFANTS AND TODDLER NEWS. If you are willing to volunteer to help in childcare on Sunday mornings, please see Carly Haas.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL GRADES K-5

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Today there will be practice for the children who will be participating in the Christmas Eve Program during Sunday School - 9:55-10:55. Please meet in the large group Sunday School room. There will also be practice on Tuesday, December 21st from 7-8 p.m.. Please meet in the large group Sunday School room. We will then go to the sanctuary for a dress rehearsal. The last practice for the Christmas Eve program will be Christmas Eve at 5:30 in the large group Sunday School room. Thank you for giving your children the opportunity to participate in such an important program.

There will be no Sunday School for children in grades K-5 on December 26th. Class will resume Sunday, January 2nd. Have a wonderful and safe Christmas with your families and God Bless all of you!

In Christ,
Michelle Shillito

WELCOME

It is no accident you are worshipping here today. God's Spirit has led you to this place at this time to meet and be met by God, and you have responded. First Presbyterian Church is a fellowship of faith, a spiritual community of people who put their trust in Jesus Christ as Savior and desire to serve Him as Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHUT IN If you are a shut in, or know of a shut in who would enjoy having communion, please contact the church office with your name, address and the best time of day for a visit. There are friends who are willing and anxious to come to you to share the sacraments

FACEBOOK The First Presbyterian Facebook page is an online resource that helps the church and its members and friends to interact and stay informed about events and news. Join more than 80 people who "Like" First Presbyterian Church of Mount Vernon, Ohio at www.facebook.com. Post comments, photos, videos and more.

TREASURER As many of you know, Bob Meldrum, our church treasurer will be wintering in Florida and his last day in the office is Monday, December 27th. If you need to conduct church year end financial business, please keep this date in mind. While Bob is away, Holly will be in the office and will be able to help you with any questions that you may have.

ALTER FLOWERS Did you ever wonder who is responsible for keeping our sanctuary beautified with lovely alter flowers week after week? We are blessed to have two florist who are members and they take yearly turns providing us with this gift. This year our thanks go to Dan Nagy of the Flower Basket. He has made sure we had alter flowers all year long and arranged the Easter and Christmas flowers for us. Starting in January, it will be Jackie Craigo of Paul's Flowers and she will do the same. Our heartfelt thanks goes out to both of them for the amazing job that they do for us.

A nursery is available during the service. An usher will be happy to assist you in finding your way. Hearing devices and large print Bibles and hymnals are available in the rear of the Sanctuary.

INVITATIONS

Congregational & Corporate Annual Meeting 10:30am – January 23, 2011 In the Fellowship Hall

The Session of First Presbyterian Church has scheduled a Congregational & Corporate Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 23, 2011 at 10:30am, for the purpose of receiving the Annual Report, updating and revising the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws/Regulations and to transact any other appropriate business. The meeting will be held during the Fellowship Breakfast that is also scheduled for that morning.

Annual Report: All ministries of First Presbyterian Church, including committees, teams and special functions are invited to submit a written report to the Church office for inclusion in the Annual Report to the Congregation. In order to provide sufficient time for publication, reports that are hand written must be submitted not later than January 10. If the report is word processed (please use Microsoft Word), please email to the church office not later than January 14. When using word processing, please do not use any imbedded commands. Imbedded commands make it very difficult for the Administrative Assistant to properly format the report. If you have questions, please contact Holly in the Church office. Reports should include information that demonstrates how this Church is fulfilling our Mission “To grow in the knowledge and love of our Lord Jesus Christ and make Him known in our community and the world.”

Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws/Regulations Revision: The Session has done a thorough review of the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws/Regulations of The First Presbyterian Church of Mount Vernon, Ohio USA, Ohio Corporation #268584, and determined it is time to do a revision. The revision will bring the business practices of the Church into compliance with the Book of Order, Presbyterian Church of the USA and with actual practice and traditions of this Church. The complete text of the proposed revision will be mailed to all active members of First Presbyterian Church prior to the meeting on January 23.

If you wish to suggest additional items for the agenda at the Annual Meeting January 23, please submit them to Clerk of Session William Shriver not later than January 7 so the active Elders can take action at their regularly scheduled Session meeting.

INVITATIONS

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SERVICES

Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 19

8:30 am Contemporary and 11:00 am Traditional

Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24

7:00 pm Family Service including Children's Pageant

(babysitting is available for 7 pm service)



11:00 pm Candlelight Service This service will be preceded by a mini concert of Christmas music by the Hand Bells. Plan to come early for this special ministry of seasonal music.

Sunday, December 26

8:30 am Contemporary and 11:00 am Traditional



CHILDREN'S

CHRISTMAS EVE PROGRAM SCHEDULE

We will have our dress rehearsal on Tuesday, Dec 21 from 7-8 p.m. Please meet in the large Sunday School room to dress into costume and then we'll go down to the sanctuary. On Christmas Eve, please plan to have your child in the large group Sunday School room by 5:30 p.m. to get dressed and rehearse again before the 7pm service.

DEACON'S PRAYER AND COMPASSION

“... pray for each other so that you may be healed ...” James 5:16

Members & Friends Of Our Church Family

At the Ohio Eastern Star Home

Linda Fox Katherine Garzieri
Maxine Peters Martha Warden
Edith Whitney (*Sally Martin's grandmother*)

Autumn Health Care

Helen and Everett Chrisman

Country Court Nursing Center

Jean Fribley

The Living Center

Myra Philpott

At Home

Rebecca and Ruth Grove
Treva Haltermon
Ellen Proper
Dorothy White

In the Military

Jacob and Curtis Hahn-USMC-Afghanistan –
(Moreland's nephews)
Brian Short- USMC-Afghanistan
Matt Patterson-USN (*son of Polly Patterson*)

Members & Friends Of Our Church Family

Special Prayer Concerns

Jerry and Mary Ellen Baugher (*Jerry-cancer*)
Madeleine Blamer (kidney- Weil's granddaughter)
Darla Brown (*Niece of Sally Conway*)
Anna Beall Carson (*friend of B. Phillippi*)
Keith Burley (*friend of B. Phillippi*)
Glen DeBoard (*Liver Cancer*)
John Ewalt
Tom Hall (*cancer-friend of the Stone family*)
Marilee Harrison (*Surgery*)
Jennifer Hatton (*Tyson's granddaughter*)
Kathy Lapp *surgery*
Jackie Lehr
Reverend and Mrs. Markle (*friends of Toby Lord*)
Beth Middlemus (*Jo Richardson's sister*)
Matt Palmer (*Lung Cancer-friend of Sally Martin*)
Lowell Rollins (*heart surgery*)
Barbara Reitsma
Robert Kidder (*Polly Patterson's Father*)
Harriet Sells (*T. Lord's family*)
Red Shaw (*cancer*)
Lindsay Smith (*Crohns disease*)
Jason Southern (*malig.tumor-V. Donnelly cousin*)
Kirk Swartz (*cancer- Ketner's nephew*)
Marilyn Weil (recovering from surgery)
Misty Whitmann (*Lupus-Family of Shillito's*)
Bertha Wright (*heart attack-Kevin Wright's mom*)

SERVING TODAY

- Ushers** at the 11:00 AM Worship Hour include: Carole Conway, Clayton McDougall, Jo Richardson, Diane and Jerry Harper.
- At the **Sound Booth** is Tom Van Voorhis.
- Welcoming you at the **Fellowship Table** (8:30 AM) Michelle and Pete Shillito
(11:00 AM) Louise and Perry Trinkner
- Closing** is Charlie Reitsma **Kitchen Help** Trinkner's
- Prayer Partners** include Carole Waugh, Deb Curran, Deb Paxton and Georgene Risko.
- Sacramental Host** is Chuck Waugh.
- Serving Communion** Communion is served on the first Sunday of the month in the 11 a.m. service and communion by intinction is served every Sunday in the 8:30 a.m. service.

CALENDAR

Sunday, December 19

Please join us for Fellowship Time in Fellowship Hall. Times for fellowship are 8:15 to 8:30, 9:30 to 9:45 , 10:45 to 11 and at 12 noon.

- 7:30 AM Worship Team Practice – *Fellowship Hall*
- 8:30 AM Child Care—Available until Noon *Room 102 Christian Education Building*
- 8:30 AM Contemporary Worship—*Fellowship Hall*
- 9:55 AM Church School-*For Adults*
- 9:45 AM Chancel Choir Practice
- 11:00 AM Worship Hour – *Sanctuary*
- 6:00 PM Sr. High Fellowship

Monday, December 20

- 5:30 PM Hot Meals
- 7:00 PM Cub Scouts

Tuesday, December 21

- 12:00 PM Men’s Brown Bag Bible Study – *Church Kitchen*
- 6:00 PM Prayer Meeting- *Prayer Room*
- 7:00 PM Committee Meetings
- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts

Wednesday, December 22

- 6:00 PM Hand Bell Practice
- 7:00 PM Worship Team Practice & Chancel Choir

Thursday, December 23

- 9:30 AM Women’s Bible Study– *Parlor*
- 11:00 AM Bridge—*Fellowship Hall*
- 12:00 PM AA Group Meeting– *Room 103*
- 6:00 PM Jr. High Fellowship

Friday-Office closed for the Christmas holiday.

Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24

7:00 pm Family Service including Children’s Pageant (babysitting is available for 7 pm service)

11:00 pm Candlelight Service This service will be preceded by a mini concert of Christmas music by the Hand Bells. Plan to come early for this special ministry of seasonal music.

GETTING TO KNOW US...

First Presbyterian Church

106 North Gay Street
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Church Office Hours:

Monday through Friday, 9 – 3 PM

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Rev. Jonathan Fettig - pastor@mtvpres.org

Kyle Peters - youth@mtvpres.org

Sunday service times are as follows:

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship

9:45 a.m. Christian Education

(Sunday school) for all ages

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

Church Staff

Administrative Assistant.....Holly Bredefeld

Childcare Attendant..... Carly Haas

Childcare Attendant..... Jordan Buchanan

Church Treasurer Bob Meldrum

Custodian..... Kevin Jones

Choir Director Virginia Cameron

Contemporary Worship Leader..... Eric Stetter

Dir. of Youth & Family Ministries..... Kyle Peters

Ministers..... The Congregation

Interim Organist Margaret Van Sickle

Pastor Rev. Jonathan P. Fettig

SESSION: The Session consists of the Pastor and Active elders and is responsible for the ministry, mission, and government of the church. *Moderator:* Rev. Jonathan Fettig *Clerk of Session:* Bill Shriver

Class of 2011 include Mary Crumm, Deborah Curran, John Denzer, Georgene Risko.

Class of 2012 include Laura Abell, Charlie Reitsma, Bill Shriver, Brett Wiley.

Class of 2013 include Amy Camillo, George Stone, David Paxton, Eric Vanderhoof.

DEACONS: The ministry of a deacon is one of sympathy, witness, and service, after the example of Jesus Christ. Deacons minister to those in need: to the sick, the friendless, and anyone who may be in distress. Deb Curran is the Elder Shepherd for Deacon Ministry.

Visitation: John Bibart, Joan and Jerry Mann, Carole Conway

Griefshare: Anne Meldrum

Prayer Partners: Deb Paxton

Hospitality: Penny Sajkowsky

Hot Meals: Jan Watson

BHS Deacon: Polly Patterson

Youth Ministry: Monica Eutsey and Kim Reitsma **Newsletter:** Ellen Eastman

Members: A faithful member accepts Christ's call to be involved responsibly in Christ's Church. Such involvement includes: worship, joining in fellowship, growing in discipleship, evangelism/mission and ministry.