

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 28, 2010



# *Groans from the Belly of the Beast*

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.



# SERMON NOTES

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## **Groans from the Belly of the Beast** **Jonas 4: 1-11**

**ORGAN PRELUDE**

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS  
MOMENTS OF FRIENDSHIP**

**CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come and See

**LIGHTING of the ADVENT WREATH**

The Eaton Family

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jerry Mann, Liturgist

Liturgist: Our ancestors cried to the Lord in their trouble and God delivered them from their distress.

**People: O Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good. God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Liturgist: For God's steadfast love we give thanks to the Lord, for God's wonderful works to humankind.

**People: For God satisfies the thirsty and the hungry he fills with good things.**

Liturgist: Let us pray.

**PRAYER OF PRAISE**

**\*HYMN No. 2**

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

**\*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 20: 1-15 (Pew Bible, NT page 697; Lg. Print page 1529)

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

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**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

Kyle Peters

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

**\*HYMN No. 8**

Lift up your Heads, Ye mighty gates

**SECOND LESSON: Jonah 1: 1-3** (Pew Bible, OT page 654; Lg. Print page 1436)

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM**

Crown Him Lord of All

**SERMON LESSON: Jonah 4: 1-11** (Pew Bible, OT page 655, Lg. Print page 1438)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

Groans from the Belly of the Beast

Kyle Peters

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostles' Creed (traditional)

(Page 14-in the hymn book)

**OFFERTORY**

Creator of the Stars of Night

**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. 466**

O' for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\* CHORAL BENEDICTION**

Lift up your Heads, Ye mighty gates

**\*POSTLUDE**

Tis the Lord!

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

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL GRADES K-5** Last Sunday the children learned that to be self-righteous is to trust in our own goodness to save us rather than putting our trust in God. Self righteousness poisons our relationship with God. Pride poisons our relationship to our neighbor. Both violate God's law of love. The children learned the meaning of being humble. We discussed ways in which they themselves can be humble throughout their service project. God knows what they are doing and knows their hearts without them being boastful. The children have been working very hard to raise money for their adopted family. We will shop next Sunday, December 5th during the regular Sunday School time. We expect to return to the church around noon or so. If your child is participating in this project, please make sure they are in the large group Sunday School room no later than 9:50 a.m. We will leave promptly at 10. Don't forget the red permission form that was handed out a few weeks ago along with the money they earned. If you have any questions, please call me any evening at 393-3160.

During large group Corinne and Anna prayed for the families in Knox County who have been struck with tragedy these last few weeks. The children prayed for comfort, peaceful hearts and forgiveness.

The **CHRISTMAS EVE PROGRAM PRACTICE** begins today during Sunday School. If your child would like to participate, please bring them to the large Sunday School room at 9:50 a.m. after the first service. They do not have to be a regular Sunday School attendee. For more information you can contact Missy Kaufman at 392-2255

**INFANTS AND TODDLER NEWS.** If you are willing to volunteer to help in childcare on Sunday mornings, please see Carly Haas.

## **WELCOME**

It is no accident you are worshiping 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

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**KNOX COUNTY CANTATA CHOIR** Once again, the Knox County Cantata Choir will present a Christmas music program at Memorial Theater the weekend before Christmas. This Year's program is entitled—"The Voices of Christmas" and is a wonderful way for family and friends to enjoy the true meaning of Christmas. Please see Anne or Bob Meldrum to order tickets for the Friday, (12/17) 7:30 PM or Saturday (12/18), 3 PM program.

**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

**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST** will meet on Saturday, December 4th at 9 am. This will be a joint November-December meeting due to the holidays. All men and their guests are welcome to come and enjoy a hearty breakfast and fellowship. Please call the office with any questions.

**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](http://www.facebook.com). Post comments, photos, videos and more.

**TREE OF SHARING:** It is time for the "Tree of Sharing" which this church supports every year. On the Tree of Sharing you will find names of individuals to be adopted for the holiday season. They are at or near poverty level and have applied to Interchurch for Christmas help with gifts. Take a name from the tree and be sure to sign the master list with the name of the person and the family number from the tag. Also, please put your name and telephone number on the sheet also. All gifts should be wrapped with name and family number (very important) attached to the outside of the wrapped present. All gifts should be brought to church no later than Monday, December 13th. They will be distributed on December 15th. at First Church of the Nazarene. Any questions contact Brenda Schultze at 393-7833.

**THANK OFFERING** Each fall the women of the Presbyterian Church collect a Thank offering to support medical missions throughout the world and also new creative ideas of mission. The Thank offering originated in 1888 when Eliza Clokey of Springfield, Ohio, urged each woman to give one dollar over and above her usual contribution to the Women's General Missionary Society as a "Thank offering to her Lord". In 2009, 31 projects were chosen (16 National and 15 International) received funding from \$870,058 collected in 2009. At least 40% of the Thank offering funds go to health-related projects. One of the 31 recipients was local—The Synod of the Covenant—Central College Presbyterian Church, Westerville, Ohio. They received \$50,000 for DIRT (Disaster Immediate Response Team) to purchase equipment and vehicles for response team, and support deployment operations for five years. Thank offering envelopes are in the church pew racks. If you would like to contribute, put your offering in the envelope and place in offering plate or send to church offices and earmark Thank Offering. Any further questions contact Brenda Schultze (392-7833).

*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

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## THE SCIOTO VALLEY BRASS AND PERCUSSION CO. 10<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL HOLIDAY CONCERT



The brilliance of brass will ring through the Church as the Scioto Valley Brass and Percussion Company celebrates the magic of the holidays. This year's free concert will take place **Saturday, December 4 at 3:00 pm** in the sanctuary of the **First Presbyterian Church** of Mt. Vernon.. Please plan on attending this concert. A good will offering will be taken.

Let the Scioto Valley Brass transform a cold, gray winter afternoon into a heart-warming, joyful event for the entire family to enjoy. The band will celebrate the season with a clever *'Twas the Night Before Christmas*, composed by conductor Director Chris Hoch, a riveting vocal rendition of O Holy Night by band member David Meulenberg and a Stan Kenton arrangement of *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen*. Fantasies of the season will be explored with a unique performance entitled *Santa Claustrophobia*. The band will also perform many seasonal favorites such as *Little Drummer Boy*, *O Holy Night*, and Leroy Anderson's *Sleigh Ride*.

In its 18<sup>th</sup> season, the Scioto Valley Brass and Percussion Company (SVBPCO) is a 35-piece British-style brass band comprised of central Ohio musicians.

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### Hangings of the Greens

December 5<sup>th</sup>



We have small and large jobs for anyone to transform our sanctuary for the Christmas Season. We will begin decorating after lunch. Put your decorating talents to work and join the fun!

A sloppy joe lunch will be served following 11:00 AM Worship. There is a poster to sign up for additional food. We need veggies, chips, dip, buns, brownies, and milk.

# INVITATIONS

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## **New Adult Sunday School Classes**

Fundamentals of the Christian Faith  
**w/ Eric Vanderhoof in the Parlor**

Fulfillment in Christ—Colossians and  
Philemon  
**w/ Bill Shriver in the Knox Room**



Help for those dealing with Grief during the holidays

## **SURVIVING** THE HOLIDAYS

No matter how long it's been since your loved one died, grief can make the holidays a painful time. But there's hope. Join us for an encouraging seminar that will help you survive the holidays and discover new reasons to enjoy them again.

Call the church office (740:393-1326) for more information on this free seminar which will be held on December 9th at 6:30 PM.

# DEACON'S PRAYER AND COMPASSION

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

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## 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,  
Karen Bell's parents*)  
Madeleine Blamer (*kidney- Weil's granddaughter*)  
Darla Brown (*Niece of Sally Conway*)  
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*)  
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*)

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## SERVING TODAY

- Ushers** at the 11:00 AM Worship Hour include: Jan Watson, Dann Goodson, Carol Payne, Ben Stultz, Joan Mann, Betty Phillippi.
- At the **Sound Booth** is Tom Van Voorhis.
- Welcoming you at the **Fellowship Table** (8:30 AM) Monica Eutsey  
(11:00 AM) Betty and Joe Hirsch
- Closing** is Joe Hirsch **Kitchen Help** Ben Stultz
- Prayer Partners** include Carole and Chuck Waugh, Charlie Reitsma and Deb Curran.
- Sacramental Host** is John Denzer.
- 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, November 28

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, November 29

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

## Tuesday, November 30

- 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 Divorce Care-Office Conference Room
- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts

## Wednesday, December 1

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

## Thursday, December 2

- 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 Alpha
- 6:00 PM Jr. High Fellowship

Saturday 4th-Men’s Fellowship Breakfast at 9 AM and Holiday Concert at 3. Please see announcements and invitation pages for information.

# GETTING TO KNOW US...

## First Presbyterian Church

106 North Gay Street  
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

### Church Office Hours:

Monday through Friday, 9 – 3 PM

**Phone:** (740) 393-1326

**Fax:** (740) 393-1321

**Website:** [www.mtvpres.org](http://www.mtvpres.org)

### Email addresses:

Holly Bredefeld - [office@mtvpres.org](mailto:office@mtvpres.org)

Rev. Jonathan Fettig - [pastor@mtvpres.org](mailto:pastor@mtvpres.org)

Kyle Peters - [youth@mtvpres.org](mailto: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 Stetler

*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.