

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Concert with Roseman Music Group Sunday, December 6 at 7:00 p.m.

You are invited to join Glen and Joyce Roseman, owners of RMG school of music in Lebanon, for an afternoon of delightful Christmas music on Sunday, December 6 at 7:00 p.m. The students of RMG will present a Christmas narrative featuring piano, voice, and guitar selections. The performance will be held in the sanctuary and is free of charge; the public is invited. Refreshments will be served in Fellowship Hall following the performance.

Angel Tree reminder: Completed Angel Tree gifts should be brought to the church office by next Sunday, December 6.

Morning Circle Luncheon: The Morning Circle will meet at the Chop House at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 1st for their Christmas luncheon. Guests are always welcome to join the group. If you plan to attend, please contact Betty Clay or Katherine Burris.

Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner December 2, 6:00 p.m.

Shaved Rib-eye Steak Sandwiches, Loaded Potato Soup with Toppings, Salad, Dessert

The program will be given by Nick Reed.

Adults \$6.50 Children under 10 years \$3.00
Children under 5 years "free"

To make a reservation, mark the attendance card in the bulletin, visit the website, or call the church office. Reservations must be made **no later than noon on Tuesday.** Standing reservations may also be made at this time. If you cannot make a scheduled meal, please call the church office to cancel your reservation, otherwise you will be expected to pay for your meal.

Pastor on Study Leave: Dr. Cheetham will be on study leave November 29-December 5.

Nominating Committee: There will be a Nominating Committee Meeting today immediately following the service.

Secrets Workshop Sunday, December 13 at 4:00 p.m.

The workshop is for children K - fifth grade. Cost is \$8 per child.
To make a reservation, call the church office at 444-1360 or use the slip below.
Reservation deadline is **Sunday, December 6.**

Name: _____ Grade: _____



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Welcome to Our Church

We extend a warm welcome to all who worship with us this morning. If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to speak to one of the pastors.
All are welcome here.

This Week at First Presbyterian Church

TODAY

9:00 a.m. Church School
10:00 a.m. Combined Service
11:00 a.m. Nominating Committee

MONDAY

9:00 a.m. Sewing Circle
6:00 p.m. Disciples Class

TUESDAY

9:00 a.m. Preschool
9:45 a.m. Morning Circle
3:30 p.m. Knitting Group

WEDNESDAY

5:15 p.m. Bell Choir
6:00 p.m. Fellowship Dinner
7:15 p.m. Choir

THURSDAY

9:00 a.m. Preschool
6:30 p.m. Contemporary Practice

FRIDAY

First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2009
Combined 10:00 a.m. Service

The Gathering

Silent Meditation

Prelude *In Cheerful Spirit* Obrecht

Words of Welcome

Introit *O Christmas Tree*

*Call to Worship

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord of hosts, for the Lord is good.

People: For God's steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: God leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble God's way.

People: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness.

*Hymn 6 HELMSLEY
Jesus Comes with Clouds Descending

*Prayer of Confession

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. In Christ name we pray, Amen.

*Declaration of Pardon

*Gloria Patri Hymn 579

*The Peace
Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.

Scripture Reading
Revelation 22:13, 16-17, 20

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

Advent Meaning
What is the meaning of Advent?

Singing Together Days of Elijah

Scripture Reading Jeremiah 33: 14-16
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

Advent Meaning
Why do we ring bells during Advent?

*Hymn 1 STUTTGART
Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Scripture Reading Isaiah 40: 1-11
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

Children Message
What is the meaning of the Advent Wreath?

Lighting of the Advent Wreath
The Campbell Family

This morning's symbol is the Branch of Jesse. Today we light the first Advent candle, remembering how God spoke through the prophets the promise of one who would come to deliver all people from sin and darkness. Today we once again claim that promise in our lives, and look forward to the coming of our Deliverer in this holy season.

Scripture Reading Isaiah 11:1
"And there shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots."

Anthem Comfort Ye Sleeth

Scripture Reading Luke 21: 25-36
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

Advent Meaning
Why do we have special lights during Advent?

Singing Together Ancient of Days

Scripture Reading Luke 1: 26-38
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

Advent Meaning
Why do we light candles during Advent?

Anthem Hopson
Angel Gabriel from Heaven

Homily

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Offering Soon and Very Soon

Doxology

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

*Hymn 9 VENI EMMANUEL
O Come, O Come Emmanuel

***Charge**

***Benediction**
May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia! Amen

Postlude J.S. Bach
O Thou, of God the Father

Prayer Concerns

PRAY FOR EACH OTHER...

- **The Pavilion- Kenneth Harrison**

We have an extensive prayer list of friends, family, and military that can be easily accessed on our website, www.fpclebanon.org or you can pick up a copy on the card table in fellowship hall or in the windows of the sanctuary. Please notify the office for any changes to the prayer list.

ELM CROFT: Elmer Marler
Sara Thompson
Bernie Bass

QUALITY CARE: Helen Payne

Last Sunday's Record

Contemporary Service 41
Sanctuary Service 97
Sunday School 42

Dr. John Cheetham, Pastor
Rev. Nick Reed, Associate Pastor
Kristy Stevens, Administrative Assistant
Branson Clark, Music Director
Gary Scott, Organist
Betsy White, Nursery Attendant
Lee Anne Warren, Preschool Director