

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**New Member:** We welcome Pam Denny who joined our church by profession of faith.

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service:** At 7:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve, our church sanctuary will be festively decorated and brilliantly illuminated with candles as we open our doors to the community for the Annual Christmas Eve Service. We will enjoy a traditional service of Lessons and Carols, including music by our choir and soloists. Bring your family and friends for this wonderful service of worship and celebration.

**Reminder:** We need cookies for the reception after the service. If you would like to donate cookies, please bring them to the church by 4:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

**The church office will be closed on Friday, December 25 and Monday, December 28 in observance of Christmas.**

**Pastor on Vacation:** Dr. Cheetham will be on vacation from December 27 to January 2.

**Breakfast Honoring Nick:** On Sunday, December 27th at 9:45 a.m., there will be no Sunday School. We will have a breakfast to honor and say goodbye to Nick Reed.

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

**Congregational Meeting:** (Please note this change of date.) The Congregational meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 6 at 6:30 p.m. to elect new officers, receive the 2010 budget, dissolve the relationship with the Associate Pastor and vote on changes for the Pastor's terms of call.

The Nominating Committee will present the following slate of officers:

Session Class of 2012:

Jeff Campbell, David Howell,  
Joy Shaw, and Roy Wauford

Deacon Class of 2012:

Lisa Burruss, Rachel Farley,  
Stuart Miller, and Robin Orewiler

**Thank You** for the gifts of fruit, cards, candy and money. Your donations helped provide a joyful Christmas for 20 women and children at The Brooks House and 79 men at The Cedarcroft Home.

**A special thanks** goes out to Sue Abernathy, Judy Denney, Dr. Cheetham, and Kristy Stevens for helping with the fruit and delivering of the baskets.

***Last Sunday's Record***

Contemporary Service	58
Sunday School	34
Traditional Service	76



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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**

8:45 a.m. Contemporary Service  
9:45 a.m. Church School  
11:00 a.m. Traditional Service

**MONDAY**

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

**TUESDAY**

3:30 p.m. Knitting Group

**WEDNESDAY**

5:15 p.m. Bell Choir Practice  
7:15 p.m. Choir Practice

**THURSDAY**

**FRIDAY** Office Closed

Sunday Morning  
December 20, 2009  
8:45 a.m. Service

### Come, Celebrate Jesus!

**Singing Together** *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

**Welcome**

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**  
Stuart & Sarah Miller

**Prayer**

**Singing Together** *The First Nowell*

**Greeting One Another**

**Singing Together** *What Child Is This?*  
*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

**Prayer**

**Offertory** *Mary, Did You Know*  
(Please place your offerings into the basket on your table)

**Children's Sermon**

**Scripture Reading** Luke 1: 39-45  
Richard Hartwell

**Sermon** **Something Greater Than You and I**  
Dr. Cheetham

**Prayer**

**Singing Together**  
*Angels We Have Heard On High*

**Benediction**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent  
December 20, 2009  
11:00 a.m. Service**

**The Gathering**

Silent Meditation

Prelude *Polish Lullaby Carol* Kraft

Words of Welcome

Introit *Angels We Have Heard on High*

Lighting of the Advent Candle  
Rachel Farley & Brandon Martin

\*Call to Worship

Leader: From Bethlehem there is to come the one who is to rule in Israel,

**People: Whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.**

Leader: And we shall live secure, for his name shall be great to the ends of the earth:

**All: and he shall be the one of peace.**

\*Hymn 41 *ADESTE FIDELES*  
*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

\*Prayer of Confession

God of all hope, we rejoice in your sure promise to send us a Ruler and Shepherd. He lifts up the lowly and fills the hungry; yet we strive to promote ourselves and guarantee our own welfare. We have denied his power, and disbelieved your promise. In mercy, do not send us away empty. Teach us to embrace your way, your will for us, and your Spirit in us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

\*Silent Confession

\*Declaration of Pardon

\*Gloria Patri Hymn 579

\*The Peace

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Reception of a New Member

**The Word of God**

First Lesson Micah 5: 2-5a

Second Lesson Hebrews 10: 5-10  
Lay Reader: Rachel Farley

One: The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Anthem Hopson  
*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

Children's Message

Gospel Lesson Luke 1: 39-55

One: The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon Dr. Cheetham  
**"Something Greater Than You and I"**

**Response of the People**

\* A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. We trust in God, whom Jesus called, Abba Father.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

\*Hymn 43 FOREST GREEN  
*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Offertory Prayer

Offertory Manz  
*Go Tell It on the Mountain*

\*Doxology Hymn 592

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

**Sending Forth**

\*Hymn 40 ANTIOCH  
*Joy to the World*

\*Charge and Benediction

Choral Response

Postlude Ludwig  
*Unto Us Is Born a Son*

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**

*This morning's symbol is the stable with the manger and the infant Jesus. Today, we light the fourth candle on the Advent wreath, and remember the great gift God sent to us on the first Christmas Day.*

**Scripture Reading** Luke 2: 16  
*And they went with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.*

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**PRAY FOR EACH OTHER...**

We have an extensive prayer list of friends, family, and military that can be easily accessed on our website, [www.fpclebanon.org](http://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

THE PAVILION Kenneth Harrison

QUALITY CARE: Helen Payne

LEBANON REHAB: Faye Brown

CALIFORNIA: Ken Poley

**Memorial Flowers:** The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of Mary Helen Bass by her family.