

First Sunday After Christmas Day 30 December, 2007

* Congregation stands

The Gathering

Silent Meditation

Prelude *In Dulci Jubilo* J. M. Bach

Words of Welcome Hugo Sandoval

Introit

* Call to Worship *(Psalm 80: 1-4, 7, 17-19 RSV)*

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

**People: Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his host!**

Leader: Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!

**People: Young men and women alike,
old and young together!**

Leader: Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for his name alone is exalted;
his glory is above earth and heaven.

**People: He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful,
for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the LORD!**

* Hymn 28

Good Christian, Friends JUBILO

* Prayer of Confession Nick Reed

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted the good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the 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.

The Word of God

First Lesson Isaiah 63: 7-9

Second Lesson Hebrews 2: 10-18

One: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

Anthem *Masters in This Hall* Smith

Children's Message

Nick Reed

* Gospel Lesson

Matthew 2: 13-23

One: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

“Hope Amongst Sorrow”

Nick Reed

Response of the People

* Affirmation of Faith

from the Westminster Confession

Of God, and of the Holy Trinity

There is but one only living and true God, who is infinite in being and perfection, a most pure spirit, invisible, without body, parts, or passions, immutable, immense, eternal, incomprehensible, almighty; most wise, most holy, most free, most absolute, working all things according to the counsel of his own immutable and most righteous will, for his own glory; most loving, gracious, merciful, long-suffering, abundant in goodness and truth, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin; the rewarder of them that diligently seek him; and withal most just and

terrible in his judgments; hating all sin, and who will by no means clear the guilty.

In the unity of the Godhead there be three Persons of one substance, power, and eternity: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. The Father is of none, neither begotten nor proceeding; the Son is eternally begotten of the Father; the Holy Ghost eternally proceeding from the Father and the Son.

* Hymn 44

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

* Offertory Prayer

Offertory

Infant Holy

Callahan

* Doxology

Hymn 592

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Sending Forth

* Hymn 25

Away in a Manger

MUELLER

* Charge and Benediction

* Choral Response

Postlude

Sleepers Awake

Krebs

Lay Reader:

Justin Taylor

The 4 Cents a Meal offering will be collected today.

This Week at First Presbyterian Church

Today 8:45 am Contemporary Service
 9:45 am Church School
 11:00 am Worship Service
Monday 9:30 am Morning Sewing Group
Tuesday **Office Closed**
Thursday 6:30 pm Contemporary Practice

Last Sunday's Record

Contemporary Service	50	Offering	\$ 12,195.50
Sunday School	35	Weekly Need	5,185.00
Sanctuary Service	130	Through Nov	215,135.68

Pastor on vacation: Dr. Cheetham will be on vacation December 27th – January 3rd.

The Church Session

Pat Climer, Clerk of Session

2008

Charles Bradshaw
Pat Climer
Ken Hawkins
Gwynn Lanius

2009

Richard Hartwell
Richard Pellerin
Phillip Barnes
Roy Wauford

2010

Pat Bone
Lesley Jacobson
Dot Jenkins
Mark Sanders

The Board of Deacons

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The Church Staff

Dr. John T. Cheetham, Pastor
Nicholas Reed, Associate Pastor
Gary Scott, Organist
Kristy Stevens, Administrative Assistant
Branson Clark, Music Director
Betsy White, Nursery Attendant
Tracey Hay, Treasurer
Lee Anne Warren, Preschool Director

Prayer Concerns

Alba Telez	Jane Martin	Keri Fitts
Jerry Gray	Archie McKinnes	Debbie McClure
Maclynn Crawford	Elizah Patterson	Johnny Keel
Al Johnson	Carey Mathis	Sara Thompson
Ronnie Walsworth	Ricky Lambert	Irene Campbell
Debbie Sharp	Claudine Prowell	Linda Wills
Debbie York	Deborah Sindorf	Sherry Arnold
Ruth Reeves	David Freeman	Kathy Eckler
Peggy Williams	Susan Bowman	Mary H. Averitt
Racheal Dugger	Deborah Dugger	Hazel Williams
Peggy Marion	Marcia Williams	Brenda Barnes (NC)
Marjorie Nabbe	Billie Marks	Earl Campbell

Eddie Watters	Phillip Robertson	Bob Taylor
Mechelle Bass	Nancy Gamble	Judy French
Thayer & Alice Smith	David Grandstaff	Nita Taylor
Mac McVicker	Joanne McCandles	Nancy Cook
Taylor Holweger	Kendall Higgins	Margaret Rigsby
Francis Lanus	Joe Boren	Barbara Greenamyre
Gloria Goodhouse	Arthur Wagner	Rodney Haskin

Military

Chris Bowhannan	Jason Nolley	Lee Smith
Jaymon Bell	David Midgett	Brian Reeve
Kevin Alseys	Noah Evans	Jason Redmon
Luke Baker	Matthew Humes	Randy Sandlin
Matthew Ash	Kyle Flanagan	Mike Matthys
Michael O'Neil	Scott Bass	Kyle Kaker
Stewart Beaumont		

Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinners will resume on January 9th. We continue to need volunteers to help set-up tables, serve, and collect money. If you are interested in helping, please contact the church office.

Poinsettias: If you have purchased a poinsettia and would like to take it home, please feel free to do so after the service today.

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