

Fellowship Presbyterian Church

Lord's Day Worship

January 4, 2009

Almighty God, who has poured upon us the new light of Your incarnate Word; grant that the same light enkindled in our hearts may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. ~from the Book of Common Prayer

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Mary Martin

Call to Worship

Lamentations 3:21-25

*This I recall to my mind,
Therefore I have hope.*

*The LORD'S lovingkindnesses indeed never cease,
For His compassions never fail.*

*They are new every morning;
Great is Your faithfulness.*

*"The LORD is my portion," says my soul,
"Therefore I have hope in Him."*

*The LORD is good to those who wait for Him,
To the person who seeks Him.*

§ Hymn

When Morning Gilds the Skies
(stanzas 1-3, 6)

No. 167

§ Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty and most merciful Father; we have erred, and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those who confess their sin. Restore those who are repentant, according to Your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may live increasingly godly, righteous, and sober lives, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hebrews 10:11-14

Every priest stands daily ministering and offering time after time the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins; but He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, SAT DOWN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD, waiting from that time onward UNTIL HIS ENEMIES BE MADE A FOOTSTOOL FOR HIS FEET. For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

§ Hymn

Christ, We Do All Adore Thee

No. 737

*Christ, we do all adore thee, and we do praise thee forever;
Christ, we do all adore thee, and we do praise thee forever;
for on the holy cross hast thou the world from sin redeemed.
Christ, we do all adore thee, and we do praise thee forever.
Christ, we do all adore thee.*

§ Worship Through Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Intercession and Supplication

§ Hymn of Preparation

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

No. 32

Reading of Scripture

Genesis 28:10-22

Pew Bible page 29

¹⁰Then Jacob departed from Beersheba and went toward Haran.

¹¹He came to a certain place and spent the night there, because the sun had set; and he took one of the stones of the place and put it under his head, and lay down in that place.

¹²He had a dream, and behold, a ladder was set on the earth with its top reaching to heaven; and behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.

¹³And behold, the LORD stood above it and said, "I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie, I will give it to you and to your descendants.

¹⁴"Your descendants will also be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and in you and in your descendants shall all the families of the earth be blessed.

¹⁵"Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

¹⁶Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it."

¹⁷He was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

¹⁸So Jacob rose early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up as a pillar and poured oil on its top.

¹⁹He called the name of that place Bethel; however, previously the name of the city had been Luz.

²⁰Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me and will keep me on this journey that I take, and will give me food to eat and garments to wear,

²¹and I return to my father's house in safety, then the LORD will be my God.

²²"This stone, which I have set up as a pillar, will be God's house, and of all that You give me I will surely give a tenth to You."

Proclamation of God's Word

Jacob's Ladder

Pastor Martin

§ Hymn

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Wretched
(Broadman tune; first two lines of all five stanzas)

No. 472

§ Benediction

Pastor Martin

§ Corporate "Amen"



§ The congregation will please stand.

Evening Worship

Call to Worship

Psalm 96:1-6

*Sing to the LORD a new song;
Sing to the LORD, all the earth.
Sing to the LORD, bless His name;
Proclaim good tidings of His salvation from day to day.
Tell of His glory among the nations,
His wonderful deeds among all the peoples.
For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised;
He is to be feared above all gods.
For all the gods of the peoples are idols,
But the LORD made the heavens.
Splendor and majesty are before Him,
Strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.*

§ Hymn

Showers of Blessing

No. 130

§ Prayer of Praise and Invocation

New Testament Reading

Acts 26:19-32

Pew Bible pages 1121-1122

¹⁹"So, King Agrippa, I did not prove disobedient to the heavenly vision,

²⁰but kept declaring both to those of Damascus first, and also at Jerusalem and then throughout all the region of Judea, and even to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, performing deeds appropriate to repentance.

²¹"For this reason some Jews seized me in the temple and tried to put me to death.

²²"So, having obtained help from God, I stand to this day testifying both to small and great, stating nothing but what the Prophets and Moses said was going to take place;

²³that the Christ was to suffer, and that by reason of His resurrection from the dead He would be the first to proclaim light both to the Jewish people and to the Gentiles."

²⁴While Paul was saying this in his defense, Festus said in a loud voice, "Paul, you are out of your mind! Your great learning is driving you mad."

²⁵But Paul said, "I am not out of my mind,

most excellent Festus, but I utter words of sober truth.

²⁶"For the king knows about these matters, and I speak to him also with confidence, since I am persuaded that none of these things escape his notice; for this has not been done in a corner.

²⁷"King Agrippa, do you believe the Prophets? I know that you do."

²⁸Agrippa replied to Paul, "In a short time you will persuade me to become a Christian."

²⁹And Paul said, "I would wish to God, that whether in a short or long time, not only you, but also all who hear me this day, might become such as I am, except for these chains."

³⁰The king stood up and the governor and Bernice, and those who were sitting with them,

³¹and when they had gone aside, they began talking to one another, saying, "This man is not doing anything worthy of death or imprisonment."

³²And Agrippa said to Festus, "This man might have been set free if he had not appealed to Caesar."

§ Hymn

Moment by Moment

No. 623

Prayer of Confession, Petition and Intercession

§ Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

No. 642

Scripture Reading

I Peter 1:17-21

Pew Bible pages 1211-1212

¹⁷If you address as Father the One who impartially judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves in fear during the time of your stay on earth;

¹⁸knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers,

¹⁹but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.

²⁰For He was foreknown before the foundation of the world, but has appeared in these last times for the sake of you

²¹who through Him are believers in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

Proclamation of God's Word

The Supreme Call to Holiness

Mr. Breno Macedo

§ Hymn

Onward, Christian Soldiers

No. 572

§ Benediction

Pastor Martin

WELCOME!

If you are visiting Fellowship Presbyterian Church for the first time, we welcome you as you worship with us. Please help us get to know one another by signing the Pew Registry as it is passed. We invite you to return to our evening worship at 6:00 PM. A nursery is provided for all services for children from birth through three years of age.

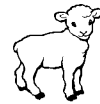
SERVICES AND WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Sunday:

10:00 AM: Sunday School
11:00 AM: Morning Worship
6:00 PM: Evening Worship

Thursday:

7:00 PM: Ladies' Bible Study
(at the Wilder's home)



"Whoever welcomes one of these little children in My name welcomes Me."

We appreciate those assisting in the nursery:

Nursery Workers for Sunday, January 4, 2009:

Sunday School: Barbara Wilder
Morning Worship: Jeff & Paula Sarvis, Dolly Thorn
Evening Worship: Terry & Wendy Richards

Nursery Workers for Sunday, January 11, 2009:

Sunday School: Barbara Wilder
Morning Worship: Kathy & Suzannah Way, Melissa DeJong
Evening Worship: Bill & Barbara Wilder

SERVING IN JANUARY:

Elder of the Month: Ron Hughey (292-0453)
Deacon of the Month: Bill Wilder (848-6434)
Greeters of the Month: The Richards family
Ushers: Troy High & Bill Wilder

Fellowship Presbyterian Church

The Session:

Teaching Elder: Pastor Martin H. Martin

Ruling Elders:

Ron Hughey, Dave Lesley, Lafoye Mooney, Larry Poole & Jeff Wayne, Sr.

The Diaconate:

Deacons: Bill Wilder & Sam Stubbs

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PLEASE CONTINUE TO REMEMBER OUR MISSIONARIES IN PRAYER:


Rev. & Mrs. Jack Campbell: RMI (Clemson) Rev. & Mrs. Guillermo Salinas: Mexico
Rev. & Mrs. Clayton Quarterman: Ukraine Rev. & Mrs. James Buckner: Hong Kong
Dr. & Mrs. Roger Smalling: Visión R.E.A.L. Rev. & Mrs. Will Traub: Germany
Rev. & Mrs. Gary Watanabe: New York City Rev. & Mrs. Emilio Garofalo: Brazil

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS:

Pew Registry: Please help us get to know one another by signing the pew registry (located at the end of each aisle). Thank you!

Ladies' Bible Studies Resume in January:

 *The Ladies' Thursday Evening Bible Study begins, "I Will Be Your God", will begin this Thursday, January 8 (7:00 P.M.), at the home of Barbara Wilder. The study will focus on how God's covenant enriches our lives (Ezekiel 36:26-28). Please contact Barbara Wilder (848-6434 or builder220bellsouth.net) for additional information or to sign-up.*

 *The Ladies' Tuesday Morning Precepts Bible Study (an inductive study of the gospel of John) will begin Tuesday, January 27, from 9:30-11:30 AM at the church; nursery is available. Sign-up sheet is in the narthex; please contact, Wendy Richards (877-3267 or 399-9276) for more information.*

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated (and a special offering Mercy Offering received) on Sunday, January 11th, during evening worship.

DEACON NOMINATIONS:

The Session of Fellowship Presbyterian Church will receive nominations for the office of Deacon (beginning next Sunday, January 11, and closing Sunday, January 25). After a period of training (Wednesdays, 7:30 P.M., February through April) and examination by the Session, candidates will be presented back to the congregation to stand for election. Please prayerfully consider who the Lord would have serve in this office.

~ Nomination forms (and box for completed forms) will be in the narthex.

Reminder: No Wednesday supper, prayer service or catechism this week; Wednesday night activities will resume on January 14, 2009.

Greeters of the Month for 2009:

A ministry opportunity for the whole family!

Each Sunday, prior to morning and evening worship, our Greeters of the Month extend a friendly "hello" (and a bulletin!) to visitors (and members), welcoming them to Fellowship Presbyterian Church. We are in the process of scheduling Greeters for 2009; one family or two individuals are needed each month. If you would be willing serve as a Greeter, please sign the sheet in the narthex. For details, contact Bill Wilder (848-6434 or bwilder220@bellsouth.net).

The January issue of *TABLETALK* is available (free of charge) to all members and visitors; pick up your copy (in the narthex) today!

"Daily Bible Reading Calendars"

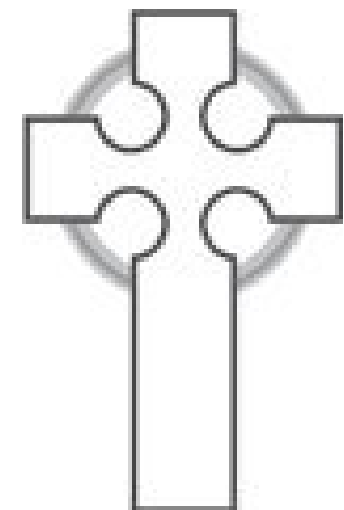
(read through the Bible in one year)

are available in the narthex;
take extra copies to share with your friends and neighbors!

Fellowship Presbyterian Church

Presbyterian Church in America

January 4, 2009



Our purpose is to glorify the Triune God by reconciling the lost to Him through faith in Jesus Christ and equipping the saints to serve Him in every area of life.
II Corinthians 5:18-19; Matthew 28:19-20