

Fellowship Presbyterian Church

Lord's Day Worship

December 20, 2009

Almighty God, who has given us Your only begotten Son to take our nature upon Him, and as at this time to be born of a virgin; grant that we being regenerate, and made Your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by Your Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the same Spirit ever, one God, world without end. Amen. ~from the Book of Common Prayer

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Marty Martin

Call to Worship

Luke 2:8-14

In the same region there were some shepherds staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened.

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest,

And on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased."

§ Hymn

Good Christian Men, Rejoice

No. 207

§ Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Old Testament Responsive Reading

Isaiah 9:1-7

Leader: But there will be no more gloom for her who was in anguish; in earlier times He treated the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali with contempt, but later on He shall make it glorious, by the way of the sea, on the other side of Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles.

People: The people who walk in darkness

Will see a great light;

Those who live in a dark land,

The light will shine on them.

Leader: You shall multiply the nation,
You shall increase their gladness;
They will be glad in Your presence
As with the gladness of harvest,
As men rejoice when they divide the spoil.

People: For You shall break the yoke of their burden

And the staff on their shoulders,

The rod of their oppressor, as at the battle of Midian.

Leader: For every boot of the booted warrior in the battle tumult,
And cloak rolled in blood, will be for burning, fuel for the fire.

People: For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us;

And the government will rest on His shoulders;

**And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.**

There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace,

On the throne of David and over his kingdom,

To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness

From then on and forevermore.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this.

§ Hymn

O Little Town of Bethlehem

No. 201

§ Worship Through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Our Lord Emmanuel

The Choir

Prayer of Confession, Intercession and Supplication

§ Hymn of Preparation

All Praise to Thee Eternal Lord

No. 219

Reading of Scripture

Pew Bible pages 10220-1021

Luke 2:1-20

¹Now in those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus, that a census be taken of all the inhabited earth.

²This was the first census taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria.

³And everyone was on his way to register for the census, each to his own city.

⁴Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David,

⁵in order to register along with Mary, who was engaged to him, and was with child.

⁶While they were there, the days were completed for her to give birth.

⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

⁸In the same region there were some shepherds staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night.

⁹And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened.

¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people;

¹¹for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

¹²"This will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

¹³And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest,

And on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased."

¹⁵When the angels had gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds began saying to one another, "Let us go straight to Bethlehem then, and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us."

¹⁶So they came in a hurry and found their way to Mary and Joseph, and the baby as He lay in the manger.

¹⁷When they had seen this, they made known the statement which had been told them about this Child.

¹⁸And all who heard it wondered at the things which were told them by the shepherds.

¹⁹But Mary treasured all these things, pondering them in her heart.

²⁰The shepherds went back, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, just as had been told them.

Proclamation of God's Word

Pastor Martin

Holiday Guest

§ Hymn

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

No. 218

§ Benediction

Pastor Martin

§ Corporate "Amen"

§ *The congregation will please stand.*

Evening Worship

Call to Worship

Isaiah 61:10-11

I will rejoice greatly in the LORD,

My soul will exult in my God;

For He has clothed me with garments of salvation,

He has wrapped me with a robe of righteousness,

As a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,

And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,

And as a garden causes the things sown in it to spring up,

So the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise

To spring up before all the nations.

§ Hymn

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

No. 211

§ Prayer of Praise and Invocation

Old Testament Reading

I Samuel 9:1-14

Pew Bible pages 289-290

¹Now there was a man of Benjamin whose name was Kish the son of Abiel, the son of Zeror, the son of Becorath, the son of Aphiah, the son of a Benjamite, a mighty man of valor.

²He had a son whose name was Saul, a choice and handsome man, and there was not a more handsome person than he among the sons of Israel; from his shoulders and up he was taller than any of the people.

³Now the donkeys of Kish, Saul's father, were lost. So Kish said to his son Saul, "Take now with you one of the servants, and arise, go search for the donkeys."

⁴He passed through the hill country of Ephraim and passed through the land of Shalishah, but they did not find them. Then they passed through the land of Shaalim, but they were not there. Then he passed through the land of the Benjamites, but they did not find them.

⁵When they came to the land of Zuph, Saul said to his servant who was with him, "Come, and let us return, or else my father will cease to be concerned about the donkeys and will become anxious for us."

⁶He said to him, "Behold now, there is a man of God in this city, and the man is held in honor; all that he says surely comes true. Now let us go there, perhaps he can tell us about our journey on which we have set out."

⁷Then Saul said to his servant, "But behold, if we go, what shall we bring the man? For the bread is gone from our sack and there is no present to bring to the man of God. What do we have?"

⁸The servant answered Saul again and said, "Behold, I have in my hand a fourth of a shekel of silver; I will give it to the man of God and he will tell us our way."

⁹(Formerly in Israel, when a man went to inquire of God, he used to say, "Come, and let us go to the seer"; for he who is called a prophet now was formerly called a seer.)

¹⁰Then Saul said to his servant, "Well said; come, let us go." So they went to the city where the man of God was.

¹¹As they went up the slope to the city, they found young women going out to draw water and said to them, "Is the seer here?"

¹²They answered them and said, "He is; see, he is ahead of you. Hurry now, for he has come into the city today, for the people have a sacrifice on the high place today.

¹³"As soon as you enter the city you will find him before he goes up to the high place to eat, for the people will not eat until he comes, because he must bless the sacrifice; afterward those who are invited will eat. Now therefore, go up for you will find him at once."

¹⁴So they went up to the city. As they came into the city, behold, Samuel was coming out toward them to go up to the high place.

§ Hymn

Silent Night! Holy Night!

No. 210

Prayer of Confession, Petition and Intercession

§ Hymn

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

No. 193

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:21-38

Pew Bible page 1021

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Proclamation of God's Word

Pastor Martin

Best Day Ever!

§ Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful

No. 208

§ 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



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

We appreciate those assisting in the nursery:

Nursery Workers for Sunday, December 20, 2009:

Sunday School: *Barbara Wilder*
Morning Worship: *Paulo & Eudalia Brasil Sousa, Jan Robbins*
Evening Worship: *Carrie Dueck & Carolyn Root*

Nursery Workers for Sunday, December 27, 2009:

Sunday School: *Barbara Wilder*
Morning Worship: *Melissa DeJong, Pamela Farmer, Brenda Whitaker*
Evening Worship: *Bill & Barbara Wilder*

SERVING IN DECEMBER:

Elder of the Month: *Lafoye Mooney*. (877-8585)
Deacon of the Month: *Troy High* (877-5959)
Greeters of the Month: *Gibb & Leanna Dyer*
Ushers: *Troy High, Ron Reinink & Bill Wilder*
Nursery Coordinator: *Melissa DeJong* (236-5615)

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The Session:

Teaching Elder: *Pastor Martin H. Martin*

Ruling Elders:

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

The Diaconate:

Deacons: *Troy High, Sam Stubbs & Bill Wilder*

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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!

The PEA Christmas Offering, which is used “to assist PEA retired and disabled pastors, missionaries, church lay workers, their widows and dependent children who may have financial need,” will be received on 12/20 & 12/27.

Remember to mark your checks or envelopes “PEA Christmas Offering”.

Reminder: No Wednesday supper, prayer service or catechism this week; Wednesday night activities will resume on January 13, 2010.

Greeters of the Month for 2010:

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 2010; 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. Contact *Bill Wilder* (848-6434 or bwilder220@bellsouth.net) for more information.

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

Bible Reading Calendars (extras available in the library):

“Daily Bible Reading Calendar”

(read through the Bible in one year)

“Calendar of Advent Reading for December”

Take extra copies to share with your friends and neighbors!

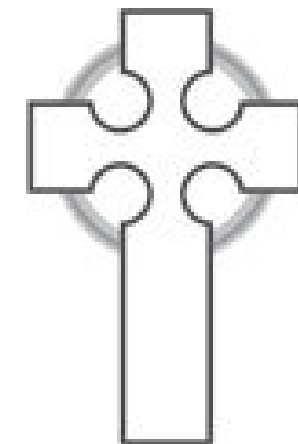
The office will be closed **December 21-28; December 31-January 1** for Christmas & New Years holidays.

The Ladies’ Tuesday Morning Precepts Bible Study (an inductive study of the gospel of John) will resume Tuesday, January 26, from 9:30-11:30 AM, at the church; nursery is available. Please contact *Wendy Richards* (877-3267 or 399-9276) for more information.

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Presbyterian Church in America

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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