

**Morning Worship
Second Sunday of Advent**

**December 7, 2008
Children's Service**

Coming Together in Christ

10:55 AM: MEDITATION (Please pause in quiet preparation for worship.)

11:00 AM: CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE *Prelude on "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"* arr. Alec Wyton

Entering God's Presence

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Advent is a time of promise; a time for believing the promise of God that present troubles will not last forever.

People: As Isaiah states: "The desert will rejoice and flowers will bloom in the wilderness. The desert will shout and sing for joy, the blind will see, the deaf will hear, the lame will leap and dance, the dumb will shout for joy."

* HYMN OF PRAISE #9 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* "Veni Emmanuel"

THE PRAYER OF APPROACH

SILENCE

AMEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Boys: You shall know the truth

Girls: AND THE TRUTH SHALL SET YOU FREE.

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ALL: Free from hunger, free from need, free from the stranglehold of greed; free from pressure, free from pain, free from the lust to gain and gain: you shall know the truth.

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KYRIE ELEISON (Congregation & Choir)

#63, Lift Up Your Hearts

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy upon us. (repeat)

THE DECLARATION OF PARDON

* THE RESPONSE IN PRAISE *Santo, Santo* #47, Lift Up Your Hearts

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hearing God's Word

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Leader: Light a candle in the darkness, Light a candle in the night, Let the peace of Jesus light us like a candle in the night. (*Light the first and second Advent candles.*)

People: **He did not come in wealth and grandeur. He did not stand with men of power. He had no status to commend him. He was homeless, he was poor. But he came to heal the wounded and he came to heal the scars of a world that's bruised and broken where the image has been marred.**

* HYMN OF PREPARATION #30 *Born in the Night, Mary's Child* "Mary's Child"

The Message: "Las Posadas" Journeying on the Road with Mary and Joseph

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

GATHERING: A Journey with Mary and Joseph

I Wonder As I Wander

The musical score for "I Wonder As I Wander" is written on four staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 3/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: "I won - der as I wan - der out un - der the sky,". The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics: "How Je - sus, the Sav - ior, did come for to die. For". The third staff continues with the lyrics: "poor, or - nery peo - ple like you and like I - I". The fourth staff concludes the phrase with the lyrics: "won - der as I wan - der, Out un - der the sky.".

FIRST POSADA:
Hymn #1, verse 1

Our Biblical Wanderings
Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

“Stuttgart”

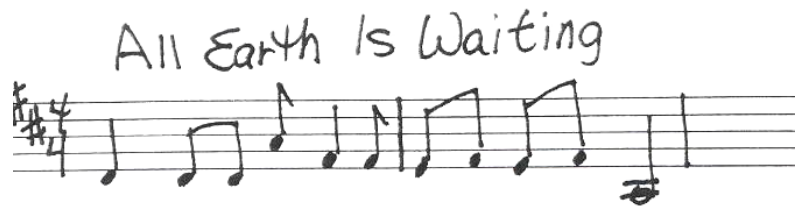
SECOND POSADA:
Hymn #27, verse 1

In a Land of Immigrants
Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

“Tempus adest floridum”

THIRD POSADA:
Hymn, verses 1 an

Refuge from Political Oppression and War
All Earth is Waiting



All earth is wait-ing to see the Prom-ised One,
Moun-tains and val-leys will have to be made plain;



and the o- pen fur- rows, the sow- ing of the Lord. All the
o----- pen new high-ways, new high- ways for the Lord. He is



world, bound and strug-gling, seeks true lib - er - ty; it
now com- ing clo- ser, so come all and see and



cries out for jus- tice and search-es for the truth.
o- pen the door- ways as wide as wide can be.

FOURTH POSADA:
Special Music:

Escape from Slavery and Exile
O Sleep, Dear Holy Baby
The Sanctuary Choir

“A La Ru”

FIFTH POSADA: Hymn #407, verses 1 & 2	Finding Refuge from Disaster and Disease <i>When a Poor One</i>	“El Camino”
SIXTH POSADA: Hymn #25, verse 1	In Search of Basic sustenance and a Better Life <i>Away in a Manger</i>	“Mueller”
SEVENTH POSADA: Hymn #37, verse 1	In Search of Spiritual Belonging and Acceptance <i>Infant Holy, Infant Lowly</i>	“W Zlobie Lezy”

Our Response to God’s Love

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER (read in Spanish) pg. 16 in Hymnal

FINAL POSADA: You are Welcome Here!

Elder 1: We have come to your town, To your shores and nation.
 Many doors are shut tight, Few will now let us in.
 Elder 2: Who will leave Christ outside? Who will turn Christ away?
 Holy Child, be born to us, Welcome and with us stay!
All: Open every door wide! Open up and welcome!
 Holy Family – come in, In this place, you’re now home!

WORSHIPPING THE LORD THROUGH OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY *Little Jesus* Children’s Choir

Little Jesus, born today, Sing ye alleluia, There He sleeps upon the hay, Sing ye alleluia,
 Mary, Joseph, watch and pray, Sing ye alleluia, Cattle low and donkeys bray, Sing ye alleluia.
 Angels singing in the night, Sing ye alleluia, Make the shepherds shake with fright, Sing ye alleluia,
 “Do not fear” they say to them, Sing ye alleluia, Christ is born in Bethlehem, Sing ye alleluia.

* THE DOXOLOGY #116, Lift Up Your Hearts
Shout for joy to God all the earth, Alleluia! Praise the Lord! (repeat)

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

* THE HYMN OF PARTING #40 *Joy to the World* “Antioch”

* SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

Leader: The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

(Please greet one another in the peace of Christ.)

* SUNG BENEDICTION

Rejoice! Rejoice!

(Please join hands as we sing the Benediction)

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel. (repeat)

Going Forth in God's Love

* THE POSTLUDE

Antioch

* Those who wish to do so are invited to stand

* * This morning's program is based on materials from 2006 Local Church Ministries, Worship and Education Ministry Team, Cleveland, OH and "The Beginners Bible Treasury of Stories" by Don and Chris Wise.

*"Reason
for the
Season"*



REASON FOR THE SEASON

Christmas is all about a Child, and children. The Global and Local Mission Committees encourage you to give a unique gift which reflects the true significance of Christ's birth, and provides more resources for the projects this church supports. Consider giving a gift toward:

- ◆ **LESOTHO CHILD COUNSELING UNIT**—Help the newly constructed shelter provide for the basic needs of orphaned and abused children in one of the poorest countries, as witnessed by Kati Ruark this past summer.
- ◆ **RESTORATION OF THE HEART**—Cumberland. Provides individuals in crisis with educational, spiritual, vocational and life skills instruction in a residential setting to prepare them for re-entry into society. Founded in 2004 by Frances Jones.
- ◆ **GUATEMALA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**—Help us to continue the 14 scholarships we provide for students in the Kaqchikel Presbytery and to expand it to include other children. An elementary school is \$125; a high school scholarship is \$150. Full or partial funding is welcome.
- ◆ **UNION RESCUE MISSION**—Cumberland. Rev. Dan Taylor cares for the physical and spiritual needs of homeless and transient people in this area as Jesus would do, but it costs money.
- ◆ **OTHER**—Give to a favorite mission that FPC supports; Special Ministries, Food Pantry; Project VIDA, El Paso; Kikuyu Hospital, Kenya; Mulanje Hospital, Malawi; Kyungju Hospital, Korea; Uraba Presbytery, Colombia, SA; Brett McMichael, Croatia; Pakistan schools, Nepal orphanage, This Child Here, Ukraine; or Juna Amagara, Uganda.
- ◆ You may request explanations of the groups and projects to give to your recipient. Look for displays throughout the church.

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REASON FOR THE SEASON ORDER FORM

Name : _____

Phone: _____

Please pay with cash or one check for the total amount made payable to "First Presbyterian Church", earmarked "Reason for the Season". Your gift will appear on your church financial statement.

Lesotho Child Counseling Unit	\$ _____
Restoration of the Heart	\$ _____
Guatemala Scholarship Program	\$ _____
Union Rescue Mission	\$ _____
OTHER _____	\$ _____
Total	\$ _____

_____ Yes, I would like one or more gift cards and mission explanations.

Christmas Poinsettias 2008



If you wish to dedicate a Christmas poinsettia in the Sanctuary in honor or memory of a loved one, please complete the tear-sheet below and place it in the offering plate, or return it to the church office.

Poinsettias will be placed in the sanctuary for Christmas worship services beginning December 21. If you have indicated you wish to pick up your poinsettia to take home, you may do so any time after worship at the Candlelight Christmas Eve service. If you do not wish to keep your poinsettia, please indicate this on the tear sheet and they will be taken to our members who are confined to their homes. Donations may also be made toward the Christmas flowers.

Please print names exactly as you wish them to appear in the bulletin and attach a check for \$6.00 for each 6" poinsettia, marked "CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA" or stop by the church office during the week to pay for them.

Due date is Monday, December 15.

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Christmas Poinsettias 2008



Number of 6" poinsettias: _____ at \$6.00 each, total \$ _____

Other contribution: _____

To the Glory of God in Memory or Honor of: (Please circle one)

By: _____

Phone: _____

I wish to pick up my poinsettia:

I do not wish to pick up my poinsettia:

What's Happening This Week:



	SUNDAY, DECEMBER (7)
9:00 AM	Children's Choir Rehearsal
9:30 AM	Sunday School for All Ages Adult Sunday School Class in Chapel
10:15 AM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
10:30 AM	Coffee Hour in the Library
11:00 AM	Worship Service, Second Sunday of Advent, Children's Pageant, Cents-Ability Banks Collected, On the Air WCBC
4:30 PM	GAFOSAC Youth Meeting
	MONDAY, DECEMBER (8)
9:00 AM	Church Office Open
9:00 AM	Learning Tree Nursery School
10:00 AM	Pastor's Book Study
4:30 PM	Finance & Administration Meeting
	TUESDAY, DECEMBER (9)
9:00 AM	Church Office Open
9:00 AM	Learning Tree Nursery School
5:30 PM	Pee Wee Basketball Practice at Baltimore St. YMCA
7:00 PM	Global Mission Committee Meeting
	WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER (10)
9:00 AM	Church Office Open
9:00 AM	Learning Tree Nursery School
6:00 PM	Middler Team Basketball Practice at Cresaptown School
6:15 PM	JoyBells Rehearsal
7:00 PM	Sr. High Boy's Team II Basketball Practice at Cresaptown School
7:30 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
8:00 PM	Sr. High Boy's Team I Basketball Practice at Cresaptown School
	THURSDAY, DECEMBER (11)
9:00 AM	Church Office Open
9:00 AM	Learning Tree Nursery School
12: 00 PM	Pastoral Care/IRT Meeting at Mark's Daily Grind
7:00 PM	Session Meeting
	FRIDAY, DECEMBER (12)
9:00 AM	Church Office Open
9:00 AM	Learning Tree Nursery School
	SATURDAY, DECEMBER (13)
10:00 AM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
3:00 PM	Pat McBride Memorial Service