



FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

JANUARY 1, 2012

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

CHIMES

GREETING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

PRELUDE

Echo Noel

D'Aquin

†HYMN 63 As With Gladness Men of Old

†PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of Glory,
you sent your son Jesus among us
as the light of the world,
to reveal your love for all people.**

**We confess that our sin and pride
hide the brightness of your light.**

**We turn away from the poor;
we ignore cries for justice;
we do not strive for peace.**

**In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin
and baptize us once again with your Spirit,
that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth
your glory shining in the face of Christ.**

(Silent prayer)

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer**

†DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

†RESPONSE

Hymn 579

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

LESSON

Isaiah 60:1-6

p. 602 O.T.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 148 (please join in the refrain as directed)



Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the Lord!

*Let the whole creation cry, Glory to the Lord on high.
Heav'n and earth, awake and sing. God is our eternal King.*

*Men and women, young and old, Raise the anthem manifold;
Join with children's songs of praise, Worship God through length of days.*

*Praise God, all you hosts above, Ever shining forth in love;
Sun and moon, uplift your voice; Night and stars, in God rejoice!*

*From the north to southern pole Let the mighty chorus roll:
Holy, holy, holy One, Glory be to God alone!*

CONVERSATION WITH CHILDREN

ANTHEM Gloria in Excelsis Deo Vivaldi
from *Gloria*

LESSON Matthew 2:1-12 p. 783 N.T

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON The Place Where Jesus Was Rob Lohmeyer
Silence and Stillness

†HYMN 53 What Child is This

OFFERING

OFFERTORY We Three Kings Hopkins

†RESPONSE

So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; Come, one and all to own Him. The
King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let lov - ing hearts en - throne Him.
This, this is Christ the King, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Ma - ry!

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE LORD'S PRAYER - I

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts,**

as we forgive our debtors;

**and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom and the
power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER - II *(please echo the cantor)*

THE BREAKING OF BREAD AND THE SHARING OF GOD'S GIFTS

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord God of all nations,

We have seen the star of your glory
rising in splendor!

**With the fullness and power
of your holy spirit,
let your gospel shine in every place.**

**Draw the whole creation
to yourself that your salvation
might be known in all the earth.**

†HYMN 411 Arise, Your Light Is Come!

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†POSTLUDE Christmas Fanfare

Roberts

Worship Notes

Large print bulletins and hearing aid devices are available from an usher.

†Please stand if able. **Bold** type indicates unison response.

An audio recording of each week's sermon and the Sunday bulletin are available on our website (www.fpckerville.org/sermons.htm). If you would like a CD copy or a written copy of a sermon, please contact the church office.

Communion is served today by passing trays in the pews. You may eat the bread and drink the juice as you receive them.

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Let Us Pray...

...for those in the hospital this week: Barbara Joplin, Jeanine Merkel, Delores Finch

...for our troops including Patrick Hamilton, Wade Harp and David J. Heckendorn.

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van

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CARE VOLUNTEERS

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Sunday School Resumes January 8

Friendship Bible Study. Join us as we study the writings of St. Paul; his theology, philosophy, discipline, and practical advice. We will continue our study of his epistle to the Roman Church, starting with Chapter 12, on Jan. 8, 2012, followed by II Corinthians later in the year. This is the *Friendship Class*, where we strive to know each other as we strive to learn more about the *Word of God*. Our format is lecture, discussion and sharing. We will continue to meet in room 208, starting at 9:45 a.m. This class will be led by LeRoy Schlechte in room 208.

Finishing the Race – Finding Grace in Life's Final Journey. Imprisoned in Rome and approaching the end of his life, the apostle Paul wrote to his disciple Timothy, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." As Christians, we too hope to travel the path at the end of life with faith, courage, and grace. This class will look at some of the challenges of the last years, including having a serious illness, being a caregiver, preparing financially and legally for the long haul, finding end-of-life resources, and bereavement following the death of a loved one. Experts from the community will speak on some of these topics, but the heart of the class will be personal sharing by several church members who have traveled this road as persons with illness or as caregivers. We will invite discussion about the spiritual challenges and growth that come out of this journey. This class will be facilitated by Howard Hovde, Walter Workman, and Barbara Noblin in FLC room 500.

The Reformation in Ten Not-So-Easy Steps. We are who we are as Presbyterians largely because of a complicated, violent, and creative period in the 16th Century history of Europe. During this period, western society was more or less unified by the Pope's symbolic leadership and by possession of a common Latin culture; deep disagreements about how human beings should exercise the power of God in the world tore this unity apart. Out of this political, economic, and religious (ecclesial) chaos there emerged different ways of being the church; changes in worship, governance, role in society dramatically marked a new Europe, and by extension shaped much of North America. This course will survey the main lines of Reformation history and culture of which we are the heirs. This class will be taught by Fane Downs in room 207.

The Gospel of John: Gateway to the New Testament. This class will be in the lecture/discussion format. Each lesson will stand on its own, and you cannot get behind by missing a Sunday. There are no prerequisites, and the only book will be your own Bible. Please call the church office at 257-3310 if you are interested in becoming a part of this new class. This class will go from January 8 - March 18 and will be taught by Tom Huser in room 206.



Welcome to Worship



We are grateful that you have chosen to worship with us this Sunday. If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to join our church family. After worship, elders present will gather near the baptismal font to meet with those who have an interest in uniting with us. Welcome brochures are in the pews and on the table in the narthex, where you will also find a walking-tour guide describing the art of this church.

FPC Community Briefs

January 1 - 8

PW Bible Leaders Bible Study on January 4 at 10:00 a.m. in room 208. Coordinating team will meet on January 5, at 10:00 a.m. in room 208.

PW Circles are scheduled to meet January 12, 9:30 a.m. at the following locations.

Circle	Hostess	Location
1	TBD	TBD
2	Moore	room 206
3	Thurmond	206 Spring Mill Dr
4	Korman	280 Bluebird Circle
5	Pickett	MSS
6	Gourney	Ryan
7	Doan/Garlitz	Library
8	Evening Circle	Ryan Hall, 7:00 pm

Please, if you are not already enjoying the fellowship of being in a circle, call Salli Grissom 896-2119 or Judy Vaught 367-7091.

If you would like to place **flowers in the sanctuary** for Sunday services, sign up in the narthex or call the church office.

If you requested **offering envelopes** they can be picked up outside the church office in the lobby.

The **Beth Moore Bible Study of James - Mercy Triumphs** will meet from Tuesday, January 10 - March 6 at 10:00 a.m. in room 208. The cost of the workbook is \$15.00. To preregister for this class, please call the church at 257-3310. You can also register on the first day of class. This study will be done as a tribute to our sister in Christ, Puddin' Lohmeyer, who lived her life by serving Him through serving many. Come and discover the same joy that Puddin' found in meeting God on the pages of scripture.

The **Matthew Bible Study** resumes January 11 at 10:00 a.m. in room 208.

Sunday, January 1
10:00 Worship

Monday, January 2
CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED
CCP In-Service Day

Tuesday, January 3
6:45 Riverhill Bible Study
9:15 Staff
5:30 Fellowship Committee, Library

Wednesday, January 4
YES Center starts up
9:45 CCP chapel
5:30 Diaconate; 208
7:00 Choir practice

Thursday, January 5
10:00 PW Women's Council
5:15 Children's Ministries, library

Friday, January 6
10:30 Plaza on the River

Saturday, January 7
11:00 HOPES Kitchen

Sunday, January 8
8:30/11:00 Worship
9:45 Sunday School
3:30 Jr. Highs The Well; FLC
6:30 Sr. Highs The Well