

Does Your Teenager use Facebook? (Duh!)

Are you curious about what this phenomenon is all about?

Come to this month's Youth Culture 101 class for parents of teenagers.

The class will meet on Monday, January 18 at 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Looking for more women...

to join our Busy Mom's Bible Study group.

We meet on Friday mornings from 10:30 – noon at church in the conference room. Come and be a part of our fellowship. This winter session will start on Friday, Jan. 29th and we will be exploring Joanna Weaver's *Having a Mary Spirit in a Martha World*. For more information you can contact Ann Rotman at 895-5445.

Presbyterian Pages,

our church bookstore, will be open between services and after the Gathering service on Sunday, January 17th.

Presbyterian Pages is located in the church lounge.

You're invited to stop by and browse the books!

**2010 Per Capita
\$23.08 per member**

This supports:

General Assembly - \$6.15

Synod of the Covenant - \$3.18

Presbytery of Lake Michigan - \$13.75

Our Per Capital assessment is \$27,696

Please, if you are able, pay your per capita for each member, including confirmed teens, in your family.

Checks can be placed in the offering, marked "per capita" or mailed to the church office.

Thank you for supporting First Presbyterian Church.

Angel in the Chancel

The lovely gift of a book from Len on Valentines Day 1978 inspired me to think about angels all year. The book is entitled The Angel Book by Ballantine books. Some of the quotes follow:

"Angels We Have Heard on High."

"Behold, I send an Angel before thee, to show thee the way."

"Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares."

"This world has angels all too few, And heaven is overflowing."

A reproduction of a Perussia Alterpiece detail from France, dated 1480 with the hands in an attitude of prayer particularly pleased me. It became the inspiration for the angel you see ... , first hung in 1978, at Christmas. The wingspan is 10 feet and she is 11 feet high. Natural linens, embossed gold fabric, feathers from pheasants and partridges, and milk weed pods embellish the angel.

Wanda Gringhuis Anderson, artist

Please stay for the congregational meeting to be held immediately following the 10:30 service this morning.

The meeting is being held for the purpose of calling the Rev. Patricia Healy Locke as Associate Minister as recommended by the Pastor Nominating Committee and approved by Session.

Event Calendar

Sunday, January 10, 2010

10:30 AM Breakfast Club

11:30 AM Congregational Meeting

4:00 PM Game Night

7:00 PM ACOA Support Group

7:00 PM IMPACT - Sr. High

Monday, January 11, 2010

9:00 AM Disciple Small Group

12:00 PM PW Circle

3:00 PM Disciple Small Group

6:00 PM Bell Choir

7:00 PM Men's Small Group

7:00 PM Youth Comm.

7:00 PM Stewardship Comm.

7:00 PM Sr. High School Life Group-Girls

7:30 PM A. A.

Tuesday, January 12, 2010

9:30 AM Blind Support Group

5:30 PM Joyful Noise Comm.

5:30 PM Fellowship Comm.

7:00 PM Worship Comm.

7:00 PM Boy Scout Meeting

7:00 PM Sr. High Life Group

7:00 PM The Shack

7:00 PM Boy Scouts

Wednesday, January 13, 2010

6:00 PM Aftershock Leaders' Mtg.

6:00 PM New Member Class

7:00 PM Aftershock

7:00 PM Choir Practice

Thursday, January 14, 2010

7:30 AM Trustees

9:30 AM Women's Small Group

6:30 PM Bingo @ Sanctuary by the Shore

7:00 PM The Gathering Team

Friday, January 15, 2010

10:30 AM Busy Moms Bible Study

Saturday, January 16, 2010

11:00 AM Joyful Noise

Snow Painting

Sunday, January 17, 2010

8:00 AM Presbyterian Pages

10:30 AM Communion 10:30

10:30 AM Breakfast Club

7:00 PM ACOA Support Group

7:00 PM IMPACT - Sr. High

Monday, January 18, 2010

9:00 AM Disciple Small Group

3:00 PM Disciple Small Group

5:00 PM Mission Committee

6:00 PM Bell Choir

6:30 PM Children's Min. Comm.

7:00 PM Men's Small Group

7:00 PM Great Books

7:00 PM Sr. High School Life

Group-Girls

7:00 PM Youth Culture 101

7:30 PM A. A.

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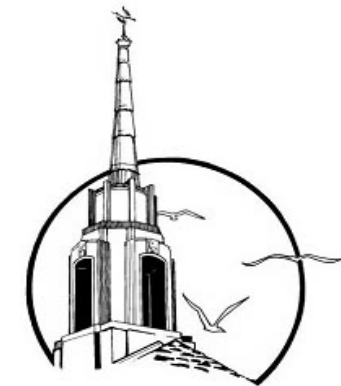
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Our Vision

We are called to celebrate God's grace as a Christ-centered community of acceptance, growing in faith and living as Christ's hands to serve.



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Baptism of the Lord

January 10, 2010

**Meditation to Prepare Our Hearts
and Minds for Worship**

*All I want to say to you is, 'You are Beloved.'
And all I hope is that you can hear these words
as spoken to you with all the tenderness and force
that love can hold. My only desire is to make these
words reverberate in every corner of your being...
'You are Beloved.'*

~Henri Nouwen, *Life of the Beloved*, p. 26

Please silence all cell phones.

PRELUDE — *Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne and Thy Heavenly Home* Walter W. Schurr
Once He Came in Blessing Paul Manz

A TIME OF GREETING

**A gracious welcome to all members and guests!
In order for you to be aware of members and guests seated around you, please take a moment to sign the Act of Friendship pad and pass it to your neighbor.**

Note to those wearing hearing aids with T-coil option:
The main sanctuary seating area is equipped with an induction loop system.

INTROIT—*Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning*
Jeffrey Blersch

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalms 105, The Message*)

Minister: Hallelujah! Thank God! Pray to him by name! Tell everyone you meet what he has done!

People: Sing him songs, bellow out hymns, translate his wonders into music!

Minister: Honor his holy name with hallelujahs, you who seek God. Live a happy life!

People: Keep your eyes open for God, watch for his works; be alert for signs of his presence.

Minister: Remember the world of wonders he has made, his miracles, and the verdicts he's rendered.

People: He's God, our God, in charge of the whole earth.

Minister: Let us worship him.

*HYMN #371— *Lift High the Cross*

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION—(*followed by silent confessions*)

Holy and uncontainable God, you create us in love, and you long to be in relationship with us. Forgive us for placing limits on you, and for trying to reduce you to something we can comprehend. In your graciousness, you have woven us together into a single family that blankets the globe. We humbly confess we have torn the fabric of your design. God, forgive us for the grief we have caused you and others. With the aid of your Spirit, help us to be all you created us to be...

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE—Kyrie

**Lord have mercy upon us;
Christ have mercy upon us;
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

*PROCLAMATION OF FORGIVENESS (*II Thessalonians 2:13-15*)

Leader: Friends, hear the Good News of the Gospel. God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth.

People: For this purpose he called you to proclaim of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Leader: So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter. The Gospel declares that we are forgiven. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

**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.**

MESSAGE TO THE CHILDREN The Rev. Rick Campbell
Children 5 years & K-5th grade excused for class at this time

PROCLAIMING

ANTHEM—*Jesus Take Us to the Mountain* Carl Schalk

FIRST LESSON—*Isaiah 43:1-7* page 718 pew Bible

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON—*Acts 8:14-17* page 1086 pew Bible

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: **Living Out Your Baptism** Patricia Locke

RESPONDING

RESPONDING HYMN #343—*Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM—*From Distant Lands the Wisemen Come*
Traditional French Carol, arr. by Carl Schalk

*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PASTORAL PRAYER The Rev. Tom Cook

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

*CONCLUDING HYMN #358—*Help Us Accept Each Other*

*CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

Minister: As we faithfully live our lives in this coming week, what are we called to do?

People: We are called to celebrate God's grace as a Christ-centered community of acceptance, growing in faith and living as Christ's hands to serve.

*BENEDICTION and CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Let There Be Peace on Earth

POSTLUDE—*Fantasy on "Joy to the World"* Michael Helman

* For those who are able, please stand

WORSHIP CONCLUDES — SERVICE BEGINS!

*The flowers in the chancel are given
by Bill and Chris Bussell
in memory of loved ones*

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Participants: Joanne Jansen, Guest Organist
Members of the Carillon Ringers
Geneva Choir
Maryanne Beery, Dir. of Music

Greeters:

Clinton Street: 9:00 Ken & Betty Johnson
10:30 Tony & Julie DeVecht

Franklin Street: 9:00 David & Carol Folkert
10:30 Kathy Clark

Gathering Area: 9:00 Barb Casemier
10:30 Devon & Amy Draper

Liturgists: 9:00 Staci LeFurge
10:30 Dan Qualls

Usher Teams: Tim Bullerdick & Jeff Terrill

Nursery: Lauren Benes

Sound: Curtis Benaway

Thank you cookie bakers: Catherine Bouwman, Kristin Bultman, Marcy Engelsman, Heather Force, Kim Fuller, Les McClellan, Muriel Mersereau, Paula Parker, Jim & Jean Ryan, Becky Sanchez, Verna Schoonveld, Sally Segers and Deb Sorensen

CONCERNING OUR CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS . . .

Congratulations! to great-grandparents Phyllis and Darell Moreland, grandparents Ron and Nancy Purcell, and parents Bryon and Casey Ayers, on the birth of baby Jacob Ronald Ayers, born December 29, 2009.

Prayer Concerns: Nancy Braak, Mary Hendon, Sandie Knes and Catherine Stephenson

Continuing Prayers for: Cathleen Pranger, Bill Roper and Mary Vivian

ANNOUNCEMENTS . . .

New member classes will begin this week. If you would like to become a member of FPC, please plan on attending the Wednesday evening classes on Jan 13, 20 & 27 from 6-8 pm. A light dinner will be served. Contact Karen Nienhouse in the church office to sign up.

Flower dedications - We have an opening available on January 31 if you would like to sponsor altar flowers on that day. Please call Joyce Whisenant at 846-2216 or 231-788-7226 if you are interested.

WELCOME to our guests!

Please join us for coffee fellowship in the lounge and meet Pat Locke. On your way through the Gathering Area, please stop by the Welcome Desk to pick up a gift bag. We're glad you're here!