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ANNOUNCEMENTS . . .

New member classes will begin in January. 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.

The Shack, the small group study class led by Rev. Tom Cook will begin on Tuesday, January 5 at 7 pm. The classes will be held in the lounge and will run through February 9 (no class on Jan. 19). If you haven't signed up and would like to, please contact Becky Yonan in the church office.

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.

THANK YOU RICH SADDLER!

We've seen a lot of changes in our setup, equipment, and worship team, but having you back at the sound desk has been a great blessing.

We truly appreciate your dedication, willingness, and talent over the years.

Thank you!

**NOTICE OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2010 at 11:30 A.M.**

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 03, 2010

10:30 AM Breakfast Club
7:00 PM ACOA Support Group
7:00 PM IMPACT - Sr. High

Monday, January 04, 2010

8:00 AM The Gathering Team
9:00 AM Disciple Small Group
1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry
3:00 PM Disciple Small Group
6:00 PM Bell Choir
7:00 PM Men's Small Group
7:00 PM Session
7:00 PM Sr. High School Life Group-Girls
7:30 PM A. A.

Tuesday, January 05, 2010

7:00 PM The Shack
7:00 PM Boy Scouts
7:00 PM PW Circle
7:00 PM Sr. High Life Group-Guys

Wednesday, January 06, 2010

6:00 PM Aftershock Leaders' Mtg.
7:00 PM Aftershock
7:00 PM Choir Practice

Thursday, January 07, 2010

9:30 AM PW Circle
9:30 AM PW Circle
1:00 PM PW Circle
7:00 PM PW Circle
7:00 PM The Gathering Team

Friday, January 08, 2010

10:30 AM Busy Moms Bible Study
10:30 AM D.C. Gathering

Saturday, January 09, 2010

6:30-8:30 PM Meet Pat Locke

Sunday, January 10, 2010

10:00 AM Congregational Meeting
10:30 AM Breakfast Club
4:00 PM Game Night
7:00 PM ACOA Support Group
7:00 PM IMPACT - Sr. High

Monday, January 11, 2010

9:00 AM PW Circle
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 Sr. High School Life Group-Girls
7:00 PM Stewardship Comm.
7:00 PM Youth Comm.
7:30 PM A. A.

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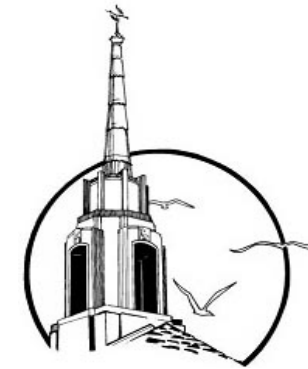
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Our Vision

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.



First Presbyterian Church

Grand Haven, Michigan

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2nd Sunday after Christmas

Meditation to Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship

*Lord God of the nations,
we have seen the star of your glory
rising in splendor.
The radiance of your incarnate Word
pierces the night that covers the earth
and signals the dawn of justice and peace.
May his brightness illumine our lives
and beckon all nations to walk as one in your light.
We ask this through Jesus Christ your Word made flesh,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
in the splendor of eternal light,
God forever and ever.*

(The Book of Common Worship, PCUSA)

Please silence all cell phones.

PRELUDE—*The Old Year Now Hath Passed Away*

Johann Sebastian Bach

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—*Bethlehem Night*

Terry D. Taylor

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP — *Isaiah 60:1,3*

Minister: Arise, shine; for your light has come,

People: And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Minister: Nations shall come to your light

People: And rulers to the brightness of your rising.

* HYMN #67—*Brightest and Best of the Stars of Morning*

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (followed by silent confessions)

Minister: Let us examine ourselves, humbly confessing our sins before God
and seeking his forgiveness; If we have wasted much of our time this
past year on things of little value, failing to do those things that were
important,

People: Forgive us Lord.

Minister: If we have failed to use our talents in your service, thereby hindering
the growth of your kingdom,

People: Forgive us Lord.

Minister: If we have been selfish with our material gain, forgetting to share it
with those in need,

People: Forgive us Lord.

Minister: If we have yielded to those numerous temptations, failing to be
steadfast in our faith,

People: Forgive us Lord.

Minister: If we have kept hatreds within our hearts, stressing grievances rather
than seeking reconciliation,

People: Forgive us Lord.

Minister: If we have been hasty in our condemnation of others lacking our
desire to bring about their redemption.

People: Forgive us Lord.

Minister: If we have kept busy with an endless run of activities, forgetting to
take time to pray,

People: Forgive us Lord.

Minister: If we have followed the desires of our own hearts, failing to do that
which was your will,

**People: Forgive us Lord, and have mercy upon us, according to your
loving kindness. Blot out our shortcomings. Wash us of our
uncleanness. Make us more than a some-time people. Create in
us clean hearts, Lord, and renew a right spirit within us.**

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE — Kyrie

Lord have mercy upon us;

Christ have mercy upon us:

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*PROCLAMATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Hear this good news! The Lord, who calls us to communion,
pours the Holy Spirit into our hearts to reconcile us in mercy and
renew us in love.

**People: In the assurance of God's forgiveness in Christ, we celebrate
God's grace with thankful praise and joy.**

Leader: Friends: Believe the good news of the gospel!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*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

PROCLAIMING

FIRST LESSON—*Deuteronomy 6:10-15*

page 178 pew bible

SECOND LESSON—*I Corinthians 11:23-26*

page 1136 pew bible

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

When Memories Fade

God Doesn't Forget

PRAYER

RESPONDING

RESPONSIVE HYMN #63—*As With Gladness Men of Old*

OFFERTORY—*Is a Murmuring Dove Nearby?*

K. Lee Scott

*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.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the
Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was
crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose
again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right
hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge
the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the
communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the
body; and the life everlasting. Amen**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give thanks and praise.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND CUP

CONCLUDING PRAYER AND THE 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 #66—*We Three Kings of Orient Are (vss. 1,2,5)*

*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 — *How Brightly Shines the Morning Star*

Johann Christoph Bach

* For those who are able, please stand.

WORSHIP CONCLUDES - SERVICE BEGINS

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associate pastor.