

The Community Church Celebration of Our Lord – February 19, 2012
Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

Bible Memory Verse of the Week: *“When you reap your harvest in the field and leave any behind, do not go back to it. It is for the sojourner, the fatherless, the widow, that the Lord may bless you in all the works of thy hands.”*

~ Deut. 24:19

We Enter to the Household of the Lord

PRELUDE

(Please take this time for quiet reflection and prayer.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GEORGE WARNER

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST AND COLLECTION OF PRAYER REQUESTS

+ GLORY BE TO THE FATHER #813

**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.**

CALL TO WORSHIP:

LEADER: Praise the Lord, all you nations. Praise Him, all you people of the earth.
ALL: For He loves us with unfailing love; the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.
LEADER: Praise the Lord!

PRAYER OF WELCOMING

+ HYMN OF PRAISE #10 MAJESTY

Ministry of the Church

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (SILENT)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND OUR 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.

FIRST SCRIPTURE OF THE DAY: ISAIAH 43:18-19, 21-22

SPECIAL MUSIC THE WONDER OF IT ALL SHAW

TIME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

**BRINGING OUR GIFTS TO GOD
OFFERTORY**

+DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Ministry of the Word

SECOND SCRIPTURE OF THE DAY: 2 CORINTHIANS 1:18-22

+ HYMN OF PREPARATION #87 FAIREST LORD JESUS

GOSPEL LESSON OF THE DAY: MARK 2:1-12
LEADER: The Word of the Lord
ALL: Praise be to God, Amen

MESSAGE IF THE ROOF DOES NOT MOVE, MOVE YOURSELF!

+ HYMN OF RESPONSE #545 MOMENT BY MOMENT

+ WORDS OF BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**A warm and sincere welcome to one and all! It is a privilege
to gather as God’s people to open ourselves to the presence of God and to praise
God with loving hearts.**

VISITORS: We welcome you! If you would like a visit from Pastor Gregory, please fill out the card in the pew or the one in your visitor’s bag and place in the offering plate. Thank you.

If you are in need of pastoral care please call the church office (during office hours) 609-397-0650; 8:30-4pm Tuesday through Friday. Pastor Gregory is usually in the office from 8:30-2pm; Aurie is in the office from 12-4pm. If it is after office hours please phone one of the Elders on call for February: Bob Holland 609-397-2688 or Karen Thatcher 609-397-8430.

About the Sermon: “Home” really does not mean all that much until you are away from it for a long time, then you appreciate it. The greatest single day I ever had in the military was not preaching to the President at Camp David, or getting a medal from the Secretary of the Navy. It was in April 1991 when I came home from the Gulf War and we paraded down the “Canyon of Heroes”, from Battery Park up Broadway to Times Square. 2 million people hanging out windows cheering. Same rout taken by John Glen, Kennedy and Eisenhower. I was born in Pittsburgh, and at the time lived in Chesapeake, Va. But when I walked up NYC, I was “home”.

Jesus came home to Capernaum, after a ministry of teaching and healing. He was a local boy made good, and yes, people wanted what he had to give, the Good News. And when the room was not big enough, they made more room by taking off the roof. So what would you do to get some Good News, some healing? What would you move to get to the Lord?

Pastor Gregory

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TODAY

Greeting Joanne DiBlasi

Grace Hendricks is the **deacon** on stair glide duty

Nursery for church hour is provided for infants and children up to five years old.

1:30 PM Familias De Hoy

7:00 PM Soccer

MONDAY

5:00 PM LBL

7:00 PM Session Meeting

7:30 PM Familias De Hoy

7:30 PM Scouts

TUESDAY

10:00 AM Staff Prayer

5:00 PM LBL

7:30 PM Praise Band

9:00 PM AA

WEDNESDAY

5:00 PM LBL

7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service

7:30 PM FDH Worship

THURSDAY

5:00 PM LBL

6:30 PM Bell Choir

7:30 PM Adult Choir

FRIDAY

5:00 PM Lenten Dinner

5:30 PM AA

6:30 PM Roller Skating

SATURDAY

7:00 AM LBL

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Morning Worship

1:30 PM Familias De Hoy

7:00 PM Soccer

Parents and Grandparents please note there are coloring and activity pages for children located on the church windowsills.

Ash Wednesday Service: This Wednesday, February 22nd we will celebrate the start of Lent by the distribution of ashes and worship at 7pm.

Annual Deacon Training: Training for new and returning Deacons will be held **Monday, February 27th at the Westminster House at 7pm.**

Youth Group Meeting - all youth in grades 5-8 are invited to Youth Meeting on Sunday, March 4th from 1-3pm at Stockton Presbyterian Church for games, pizza and discussion.

Annual Elder Training: Training for new and returning Elders will be held **Monday, March 5th at the Westminster House at 7pm.**

Westminster Garden Day: Our annual day to work in the garden weeding and cleaning out the beds for Spring and the season will be **Saturday, March 24th from 10am-2pm.** Hope to see many out there. Please bring large plastic bags, work gloves and spades to spread mulch.

Service of Prayer and Healing: Our next service of prayer and healing will be in conjunction with the Communion Service on **Palm Sunday, April 1st.**

Welcome Home Sunday: Easter Sunday April 8th. We are called to spread the Good News of Christ's unconditional love and acceptance. Invite your family, friends and neighbors to our Easter Service! They will be blessed.