

The Community Church Celebration of Our Lord – January 22, 2012
3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Bible Memory Verse of the Week: “I consider the suffering of this life not worth comparing with the glory that is revealed to us.”

~ Romans 8:18

We Enter to the Household of the Lord

PRELUDE

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BOB HOLLAND

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.**

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP: HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

PRAISE BAND

PRAYER OF WELCOMING

+ SONGS OF PRAISE

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Lord, I lift your name on high
Lord, I love to sing your praises
I'm so glad you're in my life
I'm so glad you came to save us

You came from heaven to earth, to show the way
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay
From the cross to the grave
From the grave to the sky
Lord, I lift your name on high

Psalm 139

Where can I go from Your Spirit?
Where can I flee from Your presence?
If I go up to the heavens You are there
If I make my bed in the depths, You are there.
If I rise on the wings of the dawn
If I settle on the far side of the sea –
Even there Your hand will guide me,
Your right hand will hold me fast.

Shout to the Lord

My Jesus, My Savior, Lord there is none like You
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love
My comfort, my shelter, Tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath, and all that I am never cease to worship You

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing
Power and majesty, praise to the King
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of Your name
I sing for joy at the works of Your hands
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You

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: JONAH 3:1-5

SPECIAL MUSIC

WHO AM I?

PRAISE BAND

TIME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

BRINGING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY
+DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Ministry of the Word

SECOND SCRIPTURE OF THE DAY: 1 CORINTHIANS 7:32-35

+ HYMN OF PREPARATION #413 BREAK THOU THE BREAD OF LIFE

SCRIPTURE OF THE DAY: MARK 1:14-20
LEADER: The Word of the Lord
ALL: Praise be to God, Amen

MESSAGE RUNNING ON EMPTY

+ HYMN OF RESPONSE #527 I KNOW WHOM I HAVE BELIEVED

+ 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; 10am-2pm Tuesday through Friday. If it is after office hours please phone one of the Elders on call for January: George Warner 215-794-0160 or Pat Buchanan 609-397-3065.

About the Sermon: *They say America is the land of "second chances". We are very quick as a society and culture to give someone a new start or fresh look, we seemingly are quick to forgive the transgressions or failings of others. This is especially true in the world of professional sports where a Kobe Bryant, Ben Roethlisberger, and now maybe a Joe Paterno gets a revaluation in the public mind, even after some very bad episodes of personal behaviors. Does God give us second chances, even after we fail Him time and time again? Well look at our friend Jonah in Chapter 3 today. God called him again to Nineveh, even after he tried to run away, but the only thing he learned is that every time he runs, we was actually running on empty. ~ Pastor Gregory*

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TODAY

Greeting Pat Buchanan
Grace Reading 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
7:30 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 Women's Bible Study
7:30 PM FDH Worship

THURSDAY

5:00 PM LBL
6:30 PM Bell Choir
7:30 PM Adult Choir

FRIDAY

5:30 PM AA
6:30 PM Roller Skating

SATURDAY

7:00 AM LBL
11:00 AM Soup Sale

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.

Annual Congregational Meeting: Notice is given that the annual meeting of the congregation and corporation of First Presbyterian Church will be held directly after worship on **Sunday, January 29th**. Business to be transacted will be limited to the hearing of annual reports, election of church officers and approval of the annual terms of call.

Ordination and Installation Sunday: All church officers will be ordained and installed **Sunday, February 5th**.

Annual Elder Training: Training for new and returning Elders will be held **Monday, February 6th at the Westminster House at 7pm.**

Ash Wednesday Service: On **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.**

Remember the Food Pantry- This is an ongoing project of the Deacons. It is an easy way to help those who are in need. Simply bring your non-perishable food to church and place on the shelves in the downstairs hallway, and one of the Deacons will take the food to the food pantry located at St. John's.

PRAYER CHAIN If you have any prayer needs during the week that you want the church family to pray for, please call, or e-mail the church office.

PRAYER CONCERNS our senior saints; our military at home and abroad; Harry Hartpence, health issues; Herbie and Barbara Hendricks, health concerns; Rayanna Marrero, at home.

HOME BOUND: Theresa Castle, Hunterdon Care Center, Flemington; Edgar Warne, 25 S. Main St Apt 4D, Flemington.

SCHEDULED FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Jan 29, 2011

Elder: Pat Buchanan

Greeter: Joe Feraco

Deacon scheduled for stairglide: Grace Reading

HYMN TYME

"I Know Whom I Have Believed"
Daniel W. Whittle (1840-1901)

Daniel joined the 72nd Illinois Infantry at the age of 21. During the Civil War he rose to the rank of Major. It was during the Battle of Vicksburg that Daniel lost his right arm and was taken to a prisoner of war camp. While recovering from his wounds in the hospital, he looked for something to read and found a New Testament. Shortly after, a hospital orderly woke Daniel and told him a dying prisoner wanted someone to pray with him. Daniel told the orderly that he wasn't a Christian. The orderly responded, "But I thought you were a Christian, I have seen you reading your Bible." Daniel agreed to go the dying youth's bed side. He later wrote down what took place:

"I dropped on my knees and held the boy's hand in mine. In a few broken words, I confessed my sins and asked Christ to forgive me. I then prayed earnestly for the boy. He became quiet and pressed my hand as I prayed and pleaded God's promises. When I arose from my knees, the boy was dead. A look of peace had come over his troubled face, and I cannot but believe that God who used him to bring me to the Savior, used me to lead him to trust Christ's precious blood and find pardon. I hope to meet him in Heaven."

After the war, Daniel became one of the leading evangelists of his day. He wrote over 200 hymns, including the one we'll sing today.

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