

*The Community Church Celebration of Our Lord – January 29, 2012*  
*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany*

**Bible Memory Verse of the Week: “In that day I will raise up the House of David, repair its breaches and raise up its people as in the days of old. That they may be blessed as in Edom.”**

**~ Amos 9:11**

**We Enter to the Household of the Lord**

**PRELUDE**

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

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

PAT BUCHANAN

**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:** Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

**ALL:** **Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.**

**LEADER:** Declare His glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

**ALL:** **For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods.**

**LEADER:** For all the gods of the nations are idols; but the LORD made the heavens.

**ALL:** **Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and glory are in his sanctuary.**

**PRAYER OF WELCOMING**

**+ HYMN OF PRAISE #215 WHEN MORNING GILDS THE SKIES**

**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: DEUT. 18:15-20**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**HERE IS LOVE**  
ADULT CHOIR

LOWRY/SHACKLEY

**TIME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE**

**BRINGING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**OFFERTORY**

**THE GIFT**  
HANDBELL ENSEMBLE

PATRICK HAWES

**+DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Ministry of the Word**

**SECOND SCRIPTURE OF THE DAY: PSALM 111**

**+ HYMN OF PREPARATION #512 JESUS IS ALL THE WORLD TO ME**

**SCRIPTURE OF THE DAY:**

**MARK 1:21-28**  
LEADER: The Word of the Lord  
ALL: **Praise be to God, Amen**

**MESSAGE**

**GETTING AN ED-U-CA-TION**

**+ HYMN OF RESPONSE #568 MAY THE MIND OF CHRIST, MY SAVIOR**

**+ WORDS OF BLESSING AND BENEDICTION**

**Notice is given that the annual meeting of the congregation and corporation of First Presbyterian Church will be held directly after worship on TODAY. 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**

## 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:** *It is indeed a cruel word we live in. A person with only a High School degree will earn over 1.5 million dollars less over a lifetime than those who are college graduates. Those with at least a Masters in their chosen field will earn over 1 million over a working career than those with only a Bachelors. But it seems time and time again, Jesus, or His Father for that matter, never really put much emphasis or value in human professional degrees or formal education. In the message today the Lord went into the Temple, the place of learned men for their day and confounds the "educated" and "wise" with his message. So what do we take away from as to what type of wisdom and knowledge that the Lord values?*

Pastor Gregory

## OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### TODAY

**Greeting** Joe Feraco

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

7:00 PM Deacon 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 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

### 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.**

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

**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 22<sup>nd</sup>** 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, Lambertville.

**SCHEDULED FOR NEXT SUNDAY: February 5, 2011**

**Communion:** Carol Griffiths, Karen Armano

**Greeter:** Russ & Joyce Topping

**Deacon scheduled for stairglide:** Grace Reading

## **HYMN TYME**

"Jesus is All the World to Me"

Will Thompson (1847-1919)

The author and composer of this hymn, Will Thompson, was known as the "Bard of Ohio" for his respected musical talents. He wrote many successful secular and sacred songs and he edited and published numerous collections. But it is said of him that his greatest joy was writing and performing simple gospel songs about his Lord. He has provided Christian hymnody with two such enduring songs that have been mightily used by God: A testimony song for Christians, "Jesus is All the World to Me", and an invitation song that has been influential in directing non-believers to the Savior, "Softly and Tenderly".

The words of today's hymn were written and published by Will in his hymnal collection of 1904. It is since been used by believers to express devotion to Christ and dependency upon Him for all of life's needs.

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