

## CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SUNDAY, JANUARY 8</b><br/><i>Baptism of the Lord Sunday</i></p> <p>8:00am Worship, Chapel<br/>           9:00am APNC Committee, SR<br/>           9:45am Sunday School Classes<br/>                 Children's Choirs, 210<br/>           10:00am Chancel Choir Warm-Up, MR, Loft<br/>                 KLS Choir Rehearsal, 201<br/>           11:00am Worship, SC<br/>                 KLS Worship, Chapel<br/>           11:15am Sunday School (age 3 - grade 5),<br/>                 102, 103, 207, 210<br/>           12:00pm KLS Fellowship, FH<br/>           1:30pm KLS Choir Rehearsal, Chapel</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MONDAY, JANUARY 9</b></p> <p>1:30pm 3-B Lifetime Fitness, MH<br/>           4:30pm Worship Committee, SR<br/>           6:30pm Personnel &amp; Administration<br/>                 Committee, SR</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>TUESDAY, JANUARY 10</b></p> <p>9:10am Day School Children's Chapel, MH<br/>           9:30am Clergy Prayer, Chapel<br/>           10:00am Staff Meeting, 302<br/>           5:30pm Children's Committee, PR</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11</b></p> <p>10:00am Table Talk I, 302<br/>           1:30pm 3-B Lifetime Fitness, MH<br/>           2:30pm Table Talk II, 306<br/>           5:30pm Finance Committee, SR<br/>           6:30pm Dr. Spath's Class, 303<br/>           7:30pm KLS Evening Service, Chapel</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>THURSDAY, JANUARY 12</b></p> <p>5:00pm Evangelism Committee, SDR<br/>           5:30pm Music Committee, PR<br/>           7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, MR</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>FRIDAY, JANUARY 13</b></p> <p>9:00am Newsletter Assembly, SDR<br/>           1:30pm 3-B Lifetime Fitness, MH<br/>           7:30pm <i>The Year of Magical Thinking</i><br/>                 Performance, TH</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SATURDAY, JANUARY 14</b></p> <p>5:00pm <i>Shakespeare's Will</i> Performance, TH<br/>           7:30pm <i>The Year of Magical Thinking</i><br/>                 Performance, TH</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SUNDAY, JANUARY 15</b></p> <p>8:00am Worship, Chapel<br/>           9:45am Sunday School Classes<br/>                 Children's Choirs, 210<br/>                 New Member Orientation Class, 300<br/>           10:00am Chancel Choir Warm-Up, MR, Loft<br/>                 KLS Choir Rehearsal, 201<br/>           11:00am Worship, SC<br/>                 KLS Worship, Chapel<br/>           11:15am Sunday School (age 3 - grade 5),<br/>                 102, 103, 207, 210<br/>           12:00pm KLS Fellowship, FH<br/>           1:30pm KLS Choir Rehearsal, Chapel<br/>           2:00pm <i>Shakespeare's Will</i> Performance, TH</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MONDAY, JANUARY 16</b><br/><i>Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday Observed</i><br/><i>Church Building Closed</i></p> |
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**CL** - Chapel Lounge  
**FH** - Fellowship Hall  
**FO** - Front Office  
**LB** - Library

**MF** - McKay Foyer  
**MH** - McKay Hall  
**MR** - Music Room  
**PR** - Parlor

**SC** - Sanctuary  
**SDR** - Small Dining Room  
**SR** - Session Room  
**TH** - Theater



## First Presbyterian Church

WELCOMING - ACCEPTING - CARING  
IN THE CENTER OF FORT WAYNE

8:00am & 11:00am Services

*Baptism of the Lord*

*January 8, 2012*

† Those who are able please stand

**THE PRELUDE** Two Versets on Morning Has Broken

Richard Proulx

*The beginning of the Prelude is a call to silent, personal preparation for the worship of God.*

**THE SILENT PRAYERS**

**THE TOLLING OF THE HOUR**

† **THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

*(based on Psalm 29)*

One: The powerful voice of God created all worlds. That same voice calls us to worship.

**All: Ascribe to our God glory and strength. Come before God's glorious majesty.**

One: God's strength shakes the wilderness. That same strength is offered to people of faith.

**All: The flames of God penetrate our cold hearts. May God bless all people with true peace.**

One: Come together to remember your baptism. Gather to celebrate the Spirit's gifts.

**All: The heavens open to us at the Word of God. Surely God forgives and makes whole.**

† **THE PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION**

One: Let us pray.

**All: In the beginning, O God, You fashioned a universe. Each star and planet had its beginning in You. Out of the void, You brought light and life. Through eons of creativity, You have acted, and today we are here, inheritors of an amazing process, tiny specks in the limitless reaches of time and space. And You are here, waiting to greet us. As You acted in our baptism, You are acting still to make all things new within us and among us. Let your light awaken us and your Spirit empower us for faithful living. Amen.**

† **THE HYMN** No. 469 Morning Has Broken

BUNESSAN

**THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

One: John the Baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. We, who have received the gift of baptism, recognize the need to confess our sins to remind ourselves of our finitude and of God's amazing grace.

**THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: Let us pray.

**All: Creator God, You have created us, but we have chosen to go our own way. You have reclaimed us, but we have, by our arrogant attitudes and actions, rejected the claim. You have sent your Holy Spirit to break into our controlled and unimaginative routines, and we have not appreciated that burst of creative energy. We are ready now, ready to admit that our ways are full of dangerous byways. Our mistakes and failures have often come because, in our false pride, we have not listened to You. Save us again by your forgiving love. Amen.**

**THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: A voice from heaven said to Jesus: “You are my own Child, the Beloved; with you I am well-pleased.” Jesus Christ passed on that gift to those who dared to follow. We, too, are beloved children of God, loved, forgiven, and sent on a mission. All who are truly sorry for their sin are relieved of its burden and are recreated in God’s image. Celebrate God’s strength and glory!

†**THE GLORIA PATRI** No. 579 Glory Be to the Father Henry W. Greatorex

**All: 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.**

†**THE PEACE**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Let us greet each other in the peace of Christ.

*(The people exchange signs of peace and reconciliation with one another.)*

**INVITING THE CHILDREN 11:00am**

*(Children are invited to come to the Chancel steps for the story while the congregation sings. Worshipers may be seated as the music begins.)*

**Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so...** JESUS LOVES ME

**THE WORD WITH THE CHILDREN 11:00am**

*(After The Word with the Children, children will meet their teachers at the back of the Sanctuary and go with them to Sunday School.)*

**THE CHORAL PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION 11:00am** Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence PICARDY

**THE OLD TESTAMENT READING**

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Genesis 1:1-5, pg. 1  
11:00am Mary Cree

**THE GOSPEL READING**

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Mark 1:1-11, pg. 34-35

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**How wonderful it is, the gift to gather and exalt God’s Holy Name!** It is a blessing to us all to have staff members who are also members of our worshipping community. As members, we recognize how important it is for our Monday through Friday work to be performed accurately. We also realize that oral communication with us, especially on Sunday mornings, can be forgotten by Monday. Therefore, please follow up any Sunday morning conversations with staff with a phone or e-mail reminder, or leave a written note in the church office to be placed in the staff member’s mailbox. All of our contact information is provided above. Thank you for making it possible for us to both work and worship together to serve our risen Lord.

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**THE SERMON**

†**THE HYMN** At the Font We Start Our Journey

1. At the font we start our jour - ney, in the Eas - ter  
 2. At the pul - pit we are fash - ioned by the Eas - ter  
 3. At the al - tar we are nour - ished with the Eas - ter  
 4. At the door we are com - mis - sioned, now the Eas - ter

faith bap - tized; doubts and fears no long - er blind us,  
 tale re - told in - to wit - nes - ses and proph - ets,  
 gift of bread; in our break - ing it to piec - es  
 vic - tory's won, to re - store a world di - vid - ed

by the light of Christ sur - prised. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 by the power of Christ made bold. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 see the love of Christ out - spread. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 to the peace of Christ as one. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Hope held out and re - al - ized.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Faith pro - claimed, yet still un - told.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Life em - braced, yet free - ly shed.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Eas - ter's work must still be done.

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 MUSIC: John Goss  
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**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES, JANUARY 8**

†**THE RENEWAL OF OUR BAPTISM**

†**THE BAPTISMAL QUESTIONS**

One: Do you renounce evil, and its power in the world, which defy God’s justice and love?

**All: We renounce them.**

One: Do you renounce the ways of sin that separate you from the love of God and neighbor?

**All: We renounce them.**

One: Do you turn to Jesus Christ your Lord and Savior?

**All: We do.**

One: Will you be Christ’s faithful disciples, showing His love and following His way, until your life’s end?

**All: We will.**

† **THE PROFESSION OF FAITH**

(1 Corinthians 15)

**All: This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.**

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

**THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISM**

One: May the water of your baptism bring you life. May the faith of your baptism give you strength. May the community of the baptized support you. And may Christ who was baptized, keep you in God’s love, this day and every day. Amen!

**THE CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE**

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**All: 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.**

| <b>CLASS</b>                     | <b>LOCATION</b>    | <b>AGES</b>          | <b>LEADER(S)</b>                                | <b>CURRICULUM</b>  |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|---|--|
| Nursery<br>9:00am –12:15pm       | Rooms<br>102 & 103 | 0-4 years            | Lisa Kisor &<br>Rotating Volunteers             | Faith Weaver,<br>Mark 1:4-11<br><i>John Baptizes Jesus</i> |
| Children’s Choir<br>9:45-10:45am | Room 210           | 3 years –<br>Grade 5 | Jessica Dodson,<br>Children’s Choir<br>Director | Singing and<br>musical fun                                 |
| Sunday School<br>11:15am-12:15pm | Room 102           | 3 & 4 years          | Rotating Volunteers                             | Faith Weaver,<br>Mark 1:4-11<br><i>John Baptizes Jesus</i> |
| Sunday School<br>11:15am-12:15pm | Room 207           | PreK-grade 2         | Jennifer Shaw &<br>Rotating Volunteers          | Faith Weaver,<br>Mark 1:4-11<br><i>John Baptizes Jesus</i> |
| Sunday School<br>11:15am-12:15pm | Room 210           | Grades 3-5           | Jennifer Shaw &<br>Rotating Volunteers          | Faith Weaver<br>Mark 1:4-11<br><i>John Baptizes Jesus</i>  |
| Sunday School<br>9:45-10:45am    | Rooms<br>302 & 304 | Grades 6-12          | Christa Cook<br>Luci Foltz<br>Lynn Rebman       | Faith Weaver<br>Mark 1:4-11<br><i>John Baptizes Jesus</i>  |
| Sunday School<br>9:45-10:45am    | Room 306           | Adult Bible<br>Study | Andrea Amstutz                                  | The Present Word   |
| Sunday School<br>9:45-10:45am    | Room 303           | Adult Bible<br>Study | Dr. Michael Spath                               | Discussion   |
| Java & Faith<br>9:45-10:45am     | Parlor             | Adult Bible<br>Study | James Steensma                                  | Faith Weaver<br>Mark 1:4-11<br><i>John Baptizes Jesus</i>  |

**Nominees for Distinguished Christian Service Award:** Each year we award the Church and Society Distinguished Service Award in memory of Elaine I. Wareham, who showed all of us that the witness of a Christian should extend beyond the local church and be a compelling force in daily life. We are seeking nominations, submitted in confidence, to the committee. Nomination forms, with an explanation of the award, and a list of previous recipients are in the church office and copies will be mailed with the January newsletter. There is a box in the church office to place your nomination form or you may email it to [dgonzalez@firstpres-fw.org](mailto:dgonzalez@firstpres-fw.org). The deadline to turn in your nomination is January 22.

**Coming in two weeks....**First Presbyterian Church will again be privileged to host **four concerts** as part of the **IMEA (Indiana Music Educator's Assoc.) state convention**. On Friday, January 20, The Millikin University Choir and The Butler University Chorale will perform in our sanctuary free of charge. On Saturday, January 21, Melody Makers of Indiana and The Heritage Christian School Colla Voce' from Indianapolis will present concerts, also free of charge. For more information about the choirs and for performance times, check our web site or the January newsletter.

**Thank you to Marj Sapp** for all her work on the Christmas Pageant which was presented on December 18. This is a much anticipated event for our Children and Youth; the partnership with the Day School on this special day is most delightful!

**I thank Jessica Dodson** for her efforts with the Children's Choir this past semester. She works hard to make the songs fun for our young singers, and even sent home practice CD's for us to enjoy while driving in the car! I urge you to come an hour early (I know, easier said than done with little ones), let your children celebrate their God through song, while you take a breath and bond with parents during *Java and Faith*.  
Jennifer Shaw

## THE PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS & TITHES

**Offertory 8:00am** Dearest Jesus, We Are Here

setting by David Cherwien

**Offertory Anthem 11:00am** This Is My Beloved Son

Dan Uhl

When John baptized the Christ, our Lord, the heavens opened wide.  
The Spirit from on high came down, descending like a dove.  
Assuring those on Jordan's banks a voice proclaimed these words:  
This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased.

Come Holy Spirit heav'nly dove. Come now in visitation.  
Renew in us baptismal grace throughout each day, in ev'ry place.  
You are the way, the truth, the light. Lead us to our salvation.

When John baptized the Christ, our Lord, the heavens opened wide.  
The Spirit from on high came down descending like a dove.  
Assuring those on Jordan's banks a voice proclaimed these words:  
This is my beloved Son. This is my Son. This, my beloved Son.  
This is my Son.

†**THE DOXOLOGY** No. 592 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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†**THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**All: Mighty God, You have given us everything we have. You have granted us life. You have poured out abiding love on our behalf. You have made us rich. We share out of this awareness, and because we care about people who do not know You, people who have not shared your abundance, people who have defied your commandments, people who need your love. Bless our gifts to do the work You intend. Amen.**

†**THE HYMN** No. 358 Help Us Accept Each Other

BARONITA

†**THE CHARGE AND BLESSING**

†**THE CHORAL BENEDICTION 11:00am** Sevenfold Amen

Peter C. Lutkin

† **THE POSTLUDE** Toccata in G

Théodore Dubois

**Scripture readings for Today:** Genesis 1:1-5 and Mark 1:1-11

**Lectionary readings for Today:** Gen. 1:1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11

**Lectionary readings for Next Sunday:** 1 Samuel 3:1-20; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18;  
1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51

### ASSISTING IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING

#### Greeters:

8:00am Josué Njock Libii & Louise Magoon

11:00am Virginia Bokern

#### Ushers:

8:00am Josué Njock Libii & Louise Magoon

11:00am Wendell Cree, Chair; Dave Beer, Dick Block, Justin Etchison,  
Paul Sheets, Deb Ward

#### Chancel Choir: 11:00am

(Soprano) Christa Cook, Mary Cree, Natalie Drummond, Jenniffer Etchison, Maggie Gu,  
Patricia Hatfield, Arianne Lehn, Mary Jo Meyer, Michelle Miller, Marianne Platt, Grace Rumage,  
Christine Russell, P. Joan Swinney, Mary Winters;

(Alto) Nancy Archer, Jane Beer, Kathie Bishop, Virginia Coats, Pat Doerr, Kathy Miller,  
Mary Jane Ormerod, Fran Page, Pam Pfrang, Marj Sapp, Jill Therrien;

(Tenor) George Johnson, Robin Memmer, Bryan Stavitzke;

(Bass) Otto Behrens, Robert Doerr, Irwin Krueger, Gene Laughlin, Scott McMeen, Jim Mergenthal,  
Dan Michnay, Kip Ormerod

#### Liturgist:

8:00am Josué Njock Libii & Louise Magoon

11:00am Dick Florea

**Annual Meeting:** Sunday, February 5, in McKay Hall. Breakfast at 8:00am, meeting at 8:45am and Joint ELS/KLS Service of Worship at 10:00am. See related information in the January newsletter.

**Donate Children's Books:** The Deacons are collecting new or slightly-used children's books for Charis House. The collection box will remain in the women's lounge for the next three months.

**Home Hosted Dinners:** Treat your self and your friends to a fabulous evening of fun and food and help support First Presbyterian Theater. Seats are \$50 each. See the complete list of dinners in the January newsletter. Sign up in the church office or call Jill Therrien, 424-7054, or Luci Foltz at 426-7421 or 483-7805.

**The Annual Stratford Theater Tour** will take place June 8-10 this summer. The shows are *42nd Street*, *The Pirates of Penzance*, *The Matchmaker*, and *Much Ado About Nothing*. Make your reservation today.

**Another Reason to Schedule Your Meetings:** In order to conserve energy (and money) heat will be turned down in the evenings, and on weekends, to any rooms where no events are scheduled, so please be sure your meeting is on the calendar. Remember, previously scheduled meetings do not automatically carry over from year to year. You may go on line to schedule a meeting or series of meetings or you may use a form available in the Church Office. To schedule on line go to our web site at [www.firstpres-fw.org](http://www.firstpres-fw.org). Click on the *About Us* tab, click on *Facilities* on the drop down list, and on the *Facilities* list click on *Schedule an Event/Room Request* (the last item on the list). Fill out the form and hit SEND. Thanks for your help!

**The Children of the church will be collecting for Erin's House for Grieving Children.** We will collect on January 22 and 29. Donations can be made in the 'house' donation box in the Narthex. Items needed are: cash donations, postage stamps, gift cards from Walmart, Meijer, Target, Scott's, My Menu or Kroger, gift cards for gas. More information about Erin's House is available on the bulletin board in the Small Dining Room.

**Fetishes and Hair Receivers** are being exhibited in the antique cabinet in McKay Foyer during January. Fetishes are carvings created by Native Americans of the Southwest and believed to have special powers; hair receivers graced the dressing tables of women in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The exhibitor is Cynthia French.

**Rescue Mission Meal:** The January meal will be served on January 15. A Mission favorite, Calico Beans, corn bread and bar cookies are needed. If you are able to participate please sign up early in the Church Office. Thank you for your caring contributions.

**Interfaith Hospitality Network:** Sunday, January 15 begins our week to provide dinners for the clients of Interfaith Hospitality Network. We will be responsible for feeding our friends from Sunday through Saturday of that week. Your help is needed!! There is a sign-up sheet on the Interfaith Hospitality Network bulletin board in the Small Dining Room. You may sign up for the main course, a side dish, or dessert - or, of course, you may decide to provide the entire meal. There is also an instruction sheet that you may take with you. If you have any questions please feel free to call Joan Coslow 424-2430 or Taff Silliman 672-8340.

### UPCOMING AND ONGOING

**Don't miss the exciting offerings down in the theater this January.** *The Year of Magical Thinking* starring Adrienne Baach, and *Shakespeare's Will* starring Nancy Kartholl are beautiful parables about love and loss. They rotate performances each weekend. You can see them both on Saturday (5:00pm and 7:30pm performances every Saturday). Box Office hours are noon-5:00pm on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

**Presby Day:** Thursday, January 19, 2012, 10:00am to 2:00pm, in McKay Hall. Come to the White Elephant Gift Exchange. To make your reservation call 426-7421 x55. All Presbyterians over 50 and their friends are invited.

**Parent's Night Out / Kids Night In,** January 19. Time for a parent playdate! Drop your children off in The Parlor between 5:30 and 5:45pm for a dinner of subs, chips, and fruit, then some game time in the Youth Lounge with church care providers. Adults will walk over to J K O'Donnell's for dinner and fellowship at 6:00pm. We will be back at church by 7:45pm to pick up our children. Please RSVP by January 16 to Jennifer Shaw at 459-6850 or [jenshaw15@yahoo.com](mailto:jenshaw15@yahoo.com).

**Teens Report on Reuniting the Children of Abraham Retreat:** Thursday, January 19, 2012, 6:30-8:00pm, Plymouth Congregational Church, 501 W. Berry. The Jewish, Christian and Muslim teens from the *Reuniting the Children of Abraham Retreats* share what they have learned about each other, each other's religions and about themselves. The discussion will be led by Amani el Hefni.

## WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH JANUARY 8, 2012

**To Our Guests:** We are glad you are worshiping with us today. Please complete the "Visitors Card" in the red sign-in pad and join us for fellowship in the Narthex after the service. If this is your first visit with us, we have a special gift for you at the Welcome Table.

First Presbyterian Church of Fort Wayne welcomes you to its worship and to its work. Founded in 1831, we are the oldest continuously worshipping congregation in the city. Both our theology and the practice of our faith have always been progressive. Our traditions help us live joyfully in the present and toward the future.

We have been blessed by our forebears with a beautiful building, but we know that it is the spirit of the church family within that building that makes us part of Jesus Christ's Church. We are a family of faith, a community seeking God's will. Our ministry and mission are diverse, providing avenues of service for all kinds of people, regardless of race, sex, age, or worldly condition. The whole city is our parish. Our mission is worldwide.

We invite you to help us be a better church, and we would like to be for you a "family of faith," a "home" in Fort Wayne. If you are curious about our ministry and mission, or if you are feeling a nudge by God's Spirit to explore the possibility of finding a home with us, please speak with a pastor or member this morning, or call Rev. Jeff Lehn, Rev. Ann Pitman or Rev. Youngsoo An at 426-7421.

### THIS MORNING

**Please wear your name tag.** This is a real help to our new pastor as he gets to know us and a welcoming gesture to visitors.

**Coffee, juice and rolls** are served in the Small Dining Room beginning at 8:30am.

**Fellowship Time:** Please join us in the Narthex immediately after the 11:00am Worship Service for a time of refreshments and fellowship.

**Child Care for Infants & Toddlers** is available in Room 103 from 9:00am-12:15pm.

**Children's Activity Packets,** for ages 3-6 and 7-12, may be picked up as you enter the Sanctuary.

**Chancel Flowers** are given in memory of Al and Dorothy Bartholomew and their parents.

**11:15am Sunday School Classes** for age three through grade five will meet in Rooms 103, 207 and 210. Students, please meet your teachers at the back of the Sanctuary after the *Word with the Children*. Parents, please pick up your children from their classrooms immediately following the 11:00am service. Thank you.

**Prayer Chain Requests:** If you have a prayer request, please complete a card from the pew rack and put it in the collection plate, or call Joan Jackson, 486-4828.

**Printed Copies of Today's Sermon** will be available upon request later this week in the Church Office and at [www.firstpres-fw.org](http://www.firstpres-fw.org) under "Media & Resources." Copies of past sermons are also available. You may request that a copy of a recent sermon be mailed to you by calling 426-7421.

**Please Sign Your Name** in the red folder at the end of your pew. Please provide your **e-mail address** if you have one. Thank you.

**Immediately After Each Sunday Morning Worship Service** one of the Elders of the Month will remain at the front of the worship space to offer individual prayers with any members wanting someone to pray with them about their concerns or joys. The Elders of the Month for January are Taff Silliman, 672-8340 and Mary Jo Meyer, 755-9105.

**Hospital Visitation and Clergy on Call Schedule:** Rev. Lehn is on call on Mondays, Rev. An is on call on Tuesdays and Fridays and Rev. Pitman is on call Wednesdays and Thursdays, and on Saturdays and Sundays when Deacons will assist with hospital visitations.

**First Presbyterian Church is now on Facebook and Twitter.** Social media is one more way for us to stay connected and to share our message with neighbors and friends. Like us on Facebook at [facebook.com/fpcfortwayne](http://facebook.com/fpcfortwayne) and follow us on Twitter @fpcfortwayne.

**The 2012 Per Capita amount is \$32.78 per confirmed First Presbyterian Church member.** A per capita envelope is included in your 2012 offering envelope box. If you do not have offering envelopes, you may use a pew envelope and mark "2012 per capita" on it, or just include "2012 per capita" in the memo section of your check. Thank you!

## TODAY

**Time once again to sign up for Sunday School Teaching Blocks** for our age 3 - Grade 5 classes. Please sign up for your final block of the year TODAY. Sign up sheets are in the office reservation book. I have greatly enjoyed the opportunity to sit through a few sermons with Kent. Thank you for stepping up and helping our children learn! I welcome all church members to sign up for a teaching block. Spread some knowledge, and let the children get to know you. I'm sure they will teach you a thing or two as well. Jennifer Shaw

**Your 2012 Offering Envelopes** are available today in the Small Dining Room. Please remember to pick up your box.

**Faith Friends from the 46825 and 46845 zip code areas** will be meeting for food and fellowship following the 11:00am Worship Service, at Ziano's, 702 Dupont Road. No reservations necessary. Please call Cindy Cooper, 338-2470, with any questions.

**Faith Friends Lunch Bunch** (for people who are not part of any other Faith Friends group or who just want another chance to socialize) will meet at Hall's Gas House at 12:30pm. Reservations are not required. Please contact Coba Burton, 485-1381, with any questions.

**Faith Friends in 46804 and 46814 zip codes**--Hope to see you at Hall's Tavern at 5:30 tonight!!!

## THIS WEEK

**Annual Reports Due:** All committee chairpersons' annual reports, for the *2011 FPC Annual Report*, are due on or before January 9, 2012. Please keep your reports to one page or less in length and submit them to Luci Foltz by e-mail (preferred) at [lfoltz@firstpres-fw.org](mailto:lfoltz@firstpres-fw.org) or leave a copy in the church office to be put in Luci's mailbox. Thank you to all of you who have already submitted your reports.

## NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

**New Member Class:** The next new member class series is scheduled for Sunday mornings, January 15, 22 and 29, at 9:45am in room 300. Please contact Danielle Gonzalez, 426-7421 x12 or [dgonzalez@firstpres-fw.org](mailto:dgonzalez@firstpres-fw.org) to register or with any questions. New members will be received into membership on January 29.