



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF KINGWOOD

A FAMILY OF FAITH. A HOME FOR YOU.

WELCOME!

Welcome to Christmas Eve Services at First Presbyterian Church of Kingwood. We're a family of faith with a place for you and we invite you to consider making this church your spiritual home. Tonight we're going to be talking about the love language of Christmas, the language God spoke when he sent His Son so He might reach out and touch us. As we worship our prayer is that God will reach out and touch us all tonight in a truly meaningful way. Thanks again for joining us.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Prelude *Larghetto Pastorale* Handel

Call to Worship

Lighting of the Christ Candle

*Carol #41 *O Come, All Ye Faithful* ADESTE FIDELIS

Prayer of Invocation

Welcome and Life of the Church

The Christmas Story Luke 2:1-20 (Pew Bible P. 933)

*Carol #44 *O Little Town of Bethlehem* ST. LOUIS

Christmas Eve Prayer

The Word Became Flesh John 1:1-18 (Pew Bible P. 966)

Anthem *Here With Us* Williams

Sermon The Language of Touch Dr. Davis

The Christmas Offering

***All offerings, unless designated, will go to our "Love a Child" Ministry to children in Lima, Peru.*

Offertory *O Holy Night* Adams

DECEMBER 24, 2008-11 P.M.

CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION

Prayer of Preparation (In Unison) Pastor
God of mystery and might, on this holy night you reach out to touch us. You sent your Son to us, wrapped in swaddling clothes, the Savior of all. Draw us close to Him tonight in the mystery of your grace. Gather us around your table and touch us with the power of your redeeming love. May your presence fill us as we eat this bread, and drink this cup until our hearts are full of your peace. In Jesus name. Amen.

The Words of the Institution of the Lord's Supper Pastor

The Serving of the Bread and Wine Church Officers
(The table of Jesus Christ is open to all who profess faith in Him.)

Communion Music *Wachet auf* Bach
Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow Af-Am Spiritual

***The Prayer of Thanksgiving** Pastor
Almighty God, you have reached down to touch us. You have filled us with your life and light. Now send us away to be light and life to the world around us. Work through us to show the world that Christ the Savior is born. And to you may all glory and praise be given, this holy night and forevermore. Amen.

Candlelighting

(During the carol the ushers will share the light with the congregation. Please tilt the unlighted candle to the flame, keeping the flame vertical. Please be careful with your light, and put it out after the benediction.)

***Carol #60** *Silent Night, Holy Night* STILLE NACHT

***Benediction**

***Postlude** *Go Tell It On The Mountain* Work

****The Christmas Eve Communion Offering will help support the Love a Child Mission. This mission provides children living in extreme poverty in Peru with a nutritious meal five days a week, assistance with school supplies and Christian nurturing. \$240 provides support for a child for one year; \$20 will provide a child with one month of support. Last year's contributions helped 180 children in Peru receive essential food, and spiritual support. God bless you, everyone.**

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Pastors

The Rev. Dr. James Davis, Senior Pastor

The Rev. Dr. Frederick F. Thrower, Senior Associate Pastor

Music Participants

Dr. John Cornelius, II, organist; Chancel Choir, Beth Higgins, Chad Erb

Advent Wreath Readers

Howard & Dot Chapman

Communion Servers

Guide Barbara Hale, Art Tanamachi, Judi & Melanie Anderson, Susan & Austin Levonius, Sandra & Mark Smith, Sherry & Doug Arrick, Margaret Pagnotta, Earl Hale

Ushers

Lindsay Ward, Earl Hale, David Hemphill, Don Armstrong, Doug Arrick, Greg Ward, Denise Ward

Greeters

Travis & Amy Crook



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS 2008

Kathy & Henry Adkins in memory of Mary & Steve Stevens and Beverly Brewster
Janny & Chris Alexander in memory of Joy Speck
Carroll & Phil Allison in memory of our parents
Don & Paula Armstrong in memory of our parents
Georgia Anderson in memory of Bryan Anderson, Vi Streit and Wellesby Benton
James & Dorothy Anson in memory of our parents, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Anson, Sr. and in honor of our adult children, Gretchen Chandler and Jimmy Anson
Janet Bagwell in memory of Don Bagwell and Brett Bagwell
Jannie & Mike Bangs in memory of our parents; and in honor of all Sunday School & Bible Study Teachers
Doug & Grace Blake in memory of Tony & Stacy Casella and Don Blake
Bob & Peggy Bussard in memory of our parents and Peggy's sister, Mary Lou Bost
Debra, Derrick & Ryan Camino in memory of Ronald Osborn
Tom & Robin Cassell in honor of our children, Melissa and Cash
Bryce & Reba Chapin in memory of Bruce Chapin; and in honor of Jay, Jean & Rachel Chapin
Diane Chisam in memory of Tom Chisam
Bill & Gretchen Collier in memory of our parents: Merlin & Betty Collier, Paul & Barbara Weirich and brother, Tom Weirich
Sonny Conner in memory of Helen Conner
Carol Cranmer in memory of my husband, Roger
Bill & Frances Criner in memory of Bernard & Wilda May Criner and Frank & Elizabeth Fitzgerald
Curtis Family in memory of father, Robert Conklin
Cutshall Family in memory of William C. Cutshall and Lauren Bailey Cutshall
Mayra & Paul Davidson in memory of Kenneth Simon and Carolyn A. Davidson
Demases Family in memory of Dorothy & Boyd Weaver and Tony Demases
Delap Family in memory of Cotton & Estella Delap; and in honor of Jaxon Collins and Eva & Sam Delap
Pam & Kurt Dettmers in memory of our parents
Becky & Steven Dietrich in memory of our parents; and in honor of our children
Ed & Teresa Dormer in memory of A.R. Dormer, Joe & Betty Miller and Cathy Dormer; and in honor of Edna Dormer
Beth & Jeff Early in memory of Jean Early, Jeff's mother
Steve & Murph Edmonson in memory of their parents; and in honor of their family
Verna Ekstrom in memory on my husband, Bernard
Diane & Jody Ellis in memory of Nancy Naumann Merchant and Dr. & Mrs. Richard M. Ellis; and in honor of Mr. & Mrs. H. Jack Naumann
Glenda English in memory of James R. English
Luis & Debbie Esparza in memory of Bill & Ruth Banks and Luis & Ruth Esparza
John & Barbara Ferring in memory of Ralph & Imogene Dueff and Ed & Marge Ferring
Mabryn & Dick Fleener in honor of the blessing of our family
Allison Ford in memory of my grandparents, Ted Ford, Mary Lou Ford, Frank Tims and Kitty Tims and my uncle, Greg Tims; and in honor of my parents, Bill & Annemarie Ford
Linda & Greg Freeman in memory of parents, Elizabeth & Wayne Mack and Della-B & Larry Freeman; and in honor of our sons, their spouses and our four granddaughters
Sherry & Jim Gallo in memory of Irene Stewart; and in honor of Mother

Don & Joyce Gilbert in loving memory of our parents; and to honor our children, their spouses and our grandchildren
Tom & Mary Gilbert in memory of Virginia Ravnaas and Elizabeth Carmichael; and in honor of Don & Joyce Gilbert, Martin Ravnaas and Natalie & Elizabeth Gilbert
Nancy Goodell in memory of Jean, Doris, George & Bob Goodell
Sally & Glenn Goss in memory of Frances Goss and Hugh & Cleo McNaull
Joyce Gould in memory of Peter Gould
Larry & Charlotte Gross in memory of Dorothy F. Gross and Mildred T. Munkus
Valerie & Dave Gruss in honor of our three kids
Merle & Ray Hall in memory of son, John Thompson and Merle's parents, John & Analee Cobb
Tom & Vivian Hall in memory of our parents
Bill & Rachel Harlin in memory of Paul Herrmann and Eleanore Harlin
Henrichsen Family in memory of Darrell G. Warner
John & Louise Hite in memory of James Murchison, Louise's father; and in honor of Hazel Murchison, Louise's mother
Amanda & Brice Jackson in memory of our grandparents
Mac & Madeline Jeffus in honor of all the homeless & hungry, and Hallie, Tyler, Harlee and Logan
Jim & Becky Jinnette in memory of Bill & Zelma Jinnette and Bob & Betty Reed
John Paul & Jeannine Jones in memory of his parents and brother
Marcia Kett in memory of Ethel Burklew and Robert Burklew
Terry Kett in memory of Betty Kett
Mr. & Mrs. Karl Krotzer in memory of Bill Jacobs and Lois Lewis
Anne, Warren, Mary & Kellye Kuh in memory of Rudy Kuh and Pearl Heun
Gena Lahar in memory of Julia Younger
Al & Dawn Leake in memory of our parents; and in honor of our four boys and their families
Mary Levens in honor of Toma Thomas
Andrew Liao in memory of Philip Liao and Daisy Gee
Paul & Marianne Lincoln in honor our children, Karen, Bruce, Kris & Paul III
H. Doyle & Cindy Little in honor of each other and our siblings
James & Patty Livingston in honor of Peyton James Livingston
Brian & Brenda Long in memory of William Pistole & Jackie Barnes
Harvey & Phyllis Louderback in memory of our parents
Alice Loveless in memory of Bill Loveless
Thomas & Vicki Lyda in memory of Dan Breeding and Jack & Joy Demmitt
Jane & Jim McGouldrick in honor of our family
Susan Marks, Stephen & Rachel in memory of Thomas H. Jenkins, amazing father & grandfather; and in honor of Joyce Jenkins, beloved mother & grandmother
Peter & Nancy Mehlert in memory of Elfriede Kniffin
Jim & Martha Morris in memory of our beloved parents; and in honor of Jason & Caroline Ballog on their first Christmas as husband and wife
Jack & Elaine Morrison in memory of our parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters; and in honor of our new grandson, Jacob Edward
Jerry & Maudie Muellar in honor of our children and grandchildren
Helen & Bill Murphy in loving memory of Julia & William Murphy, parents of Bill Murphy and Jessie & Tommy Thomsen, aunt & uncle of Bill Murphy and Helen & Charles Cunningham, parents of Helen Murphy and Freda Hiller, aunt of Helen Murphy
Ed & Sara Nowak in memory of Pete Choate, Milo Choate and Avis Holden
Claude Perret & family in memory of Charles Perret and in honor of Val Perret
Ray & Sandra Platter in memory of Audrey & Hank Herman and Elizabeth & Raymond Platter
Larry & Susan Polich in memory of Mr. & Mrs. W. H. Koeneke and Mr. V. J. Polich; and in honor of Mrs. Olga Polich and our family
In honor of Charles & Doris Red in memory, honor & acknowledgement of family

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Nancy R. Reed in memory of Gary F. Reed
Michele Reinhardt in memory of my brothers, David States & Darrel States
Linda D. Ridley in memory of E. Alton Ridley, Jake Brisbin, Jr., C.S. & Hazel Abbott and Ara Lou Ridley
Jack & Sandy Roth in memory of our parents
Ruckman Family in memory of Tom and Ruth & Bob Aufderheide and Viola & Tom Ruckman
Lisa & Mike Ryan & family in memory of our mothers, Ruth Wehmeyer and Delores Ryan
Bryan & Danette Sandow & family in honor of our parents
Richard & Ida Schultze in memory of John Aldridge and Joan Schultze
Shelagh Sever in memory of parents, Jack & Margaret Mason; and in honor of Jeannette Slack
Kenneth & June Smith in memory of our parents
Gary & Susan Sowyrda in honor of Charlotte & Greg Sowyrda and Katie Erwin
Sue & Sam Sterrett in memory of Dr. & Mrs. F. J. Warrick, Mr. & Mrs. Sam Sterrett and PCUSA
Evelyn Stetzel in memory of Jack Stetzel
John & Sharon Terrell in memory of our parents
John, Joy & Mia Tomochek in honor of Emi Faith
John & Mary Kay Tompkins & family in memory of Lois Tompkins and Billy Benson
Margaretta Toop in memory of her husband, Frank
Anne & Michael Townsend in memory of Lou & William Townsend and Edward & Jim Beyerstedt
Lee & Nancy Transier in memory of Charles & Trudy Minnaert and Frank & June Transier; and in honor of Trey, Jared, Janssen, Grayson, Georgia, Rowan & Caroline
Vy Trusdale in memory of Dave Trusdale
Charlene Turner in memory of Bob Turner and Dwyatt Dempsey
Melba Turner in memory of John Turner
Lisa & Phil Wagner in memory of Palmedia & Jack Morris, parents of Lisa Wagner
Hilda Warner in memory of Darrell Warner
Gus Watkins in memory of Bob Watkins
Lynda & Dick Watts in memory of our parents & friends, Helen, Bettie, Bob, Gary, Darrell; and in honor of our children & grandchildren
Frank & Leslie Willoughby in memory of Dorothy Willoughby and Bill Willoughby
Mary Wright in memory of sisters, Grace, Jean & Marjorie and brothers, James, Robert & Richard

Printed copies of today's sermon are available in the church office.

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