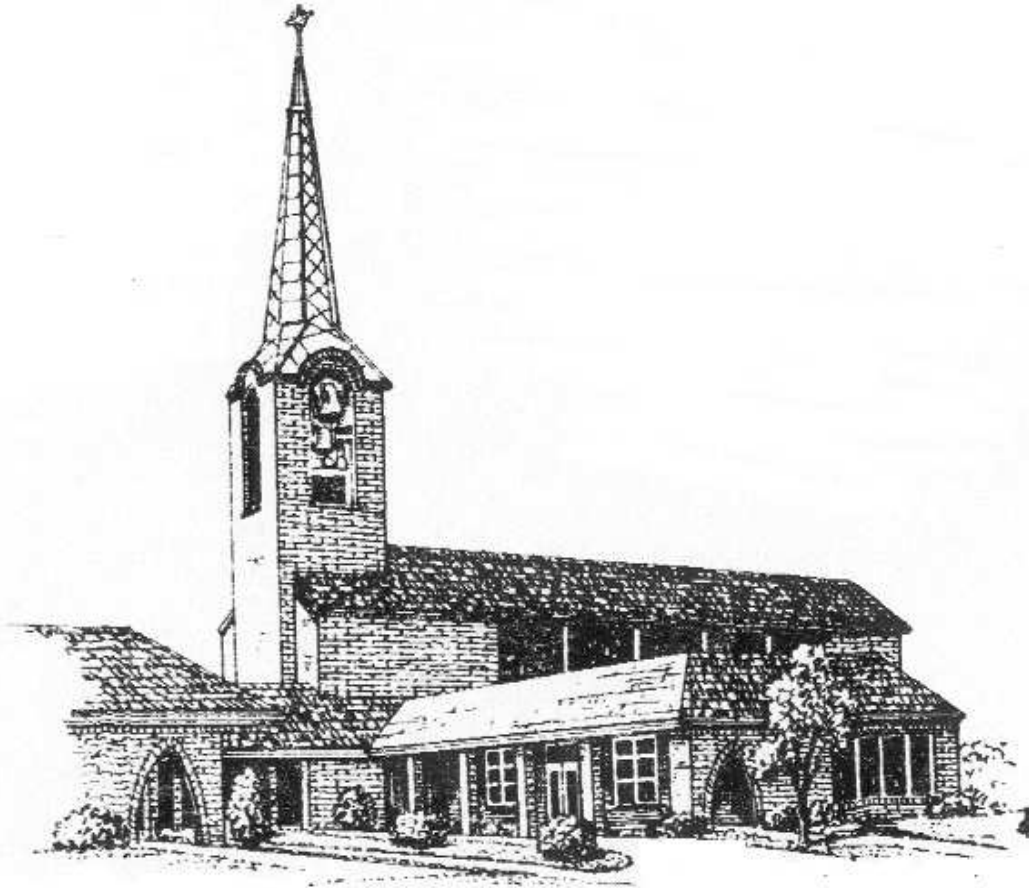


# *First Presbyterian Church Belmont, North Carolina*



## *Our Mission*

*Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we, a fellowship of Christian believers in gratitude to God, strive to serve Jesus Christ in our daily tasks and minister to all God's people through a prayerful program of worship, education and service.*

## *The Service for the Lord's Day*

3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 22, 2012

# Gathering Around the Word

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

10:30 a.m.

Please sign the Friendship Pad so those sitting near you may greet you.

MINUTE FOR PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

*Craft Socials*

Pam Lee

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Daria Ragan

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Book of Common Worship, No. 5, p. 18

**O Lord our God, You are always more ready to bestow Your good gifts upon us than we are to seek them. You are more willing to give than we desire or deserve. Help us to seek that we may truly find, so to ask that we may joyfully receive, so to knock that the door of Your mercy may be opened for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

PRELUDE

*Prelude from Antique Suite*

John Rutter

Jo Ann Evans, flute

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\*HYMN NO. 138

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

NICAEA

\*LIGHTING THE CANDLES

Liz Tolley, Tyler Zonin

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Daria Ragan

\*INVOCATION

Daria Ragan

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

NICAEA

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Daria Ragan

**Good and gracious God, You taught us to pray, "Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors," yet we confess that our lives show little mercy. We pass judgment on people who think and live differently than do we. Suspicion, jealousy, and quarrels infect our relationships, and keep us from building communities where everyone feels welcome and known. Merciful God, again we ask your forgiveness. Teach us and guide us to extend to others what we have received so abundantly from You: gracious acceptance, saving help, and love that will bind us together. Amen**

*Silent Confession*

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(Lord - have mer - cy. Lord - have mer - cy. Lord - have mer - cy.)

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Daria Ragan

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

NICAEA

*Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee,  
Though the eye of sinfulness Thy glory may not see,  
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,  
Perfect in power, in love and purity.*

# Proclaiming the Word

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Kathleen Boyce

Children come forward as we sing *Jesus Loves Me*.

Afterward, Preschoolers are invited to the Fellowship Hall for PAWS - Preschoolers At Worship Service.  
Kindergarteners through 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders are invited to follow robin Russell/Jodi Kines for Children's Church.

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Ben Carstarphen

**Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept Your Word. Silence in us any voice but Your own, that, hearing, we may also obey Your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

UNISON READING

Psalm 90

pew Bible OT, p. 547

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Large Print Bible OT, p. 673

NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 1:35-39a

Bob Decker

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

*Awake! Our Souls*

arr. George Brandon

Based on the early American Hymn Tune *Amboy*  
Sanctuary Choir

SERMON

*A Work in Progress*

Sam Warner

Text: "*So faith, hope, love abide, these three...*"

- I Corinthians 13:13a

## Responding to the Word

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

GLORIA PATRI

*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.*

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Daria Ragan

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Daria Ragan

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

THE 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.**

OFFERTORY

*Aria* from *Antique Suite*  
Jo Ann Evans, flute

John Rutter

\*THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Kevin Plonk

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, Ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

# Bearing and Following the Word Into the World

*HYMN NO. 339	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	SLANE
*EXTINGUISHING THE CANDLES		Liz Tolley, Tyler Zonin
*BENEDICTION		Sam Warner
*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY		
*POSTLUDE	<i>Psalm 19</i>	Marcello
*CARILLON VOLUNTARY		Mary McFarland

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**\*Stand as you are able.**

**The Green paraments of Ordinary Time and the Sundays after Epiphany** will be used through February 12.

**If you are interested in becoming a member of our church family** please speak to one of the elders standing at the doors following Worship. The Elders greeting today are Jim Stallings and Mike Holder.

**Thank you** for turning off cell phones during Worship. Please refrain from taking flash pictures and using video equipment. CDs and DVDs of Worship (\$2 each) are available by contacting the church office.

## *Upcoming Events at First Presbyterian Church January - February 2012*

<b>Sunday, January 22</b>	Communicants' Class begins (3:30 pm - Library) Acolyte Class begins (3:30 pm - Conference Room) Stated Session Meeting (12:00-1:30 pm - Classroom B)
<b>Wednesday, January 25</b>	180 Weekend Kick-Off Service (7:00 pm at Parkwood Baptist)
<b>Friday, January 27</b>	180 Weekend Begins (Friday - Saturday)
<b>Saturday, January 28</b>	Presbytery of Western North Carolina (8 am - 4 pm)
<b>Sunday, January 29</b>	Officer Training (7:15-8:15 pm - Conference Room)
<b>Monday, January 30</b>	PW Book Club Night (7:00 pm - Chapel)
<b>Sunday, February 5</b>	Youth Sunday Souper Bowl of Caring Offering Received Officer Training (7:15-8:15 pm - Conference Room)
<b>Sunday, February 12</b>	Officer Training (8:00-9:00 am/7:15-8:15 pm - Conference Room)
<b>Sunday, February 19</b>	Boy Scout Sunday
<b>Wednesday, February 22</b>	Ash Wednesday Service (6:30 pm)
<b>Sunday, February 26</b>	Officer Training (7:15-8:15 pm - Conference Room)