

First Christian Church



**Disciples
of
Christ**



**Scout
Sunday**

February 7, 2010

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING SONGS

*River of Mercy
Refiner's Fire*

GREETINGS & CONCERNS

Kathy Light

***PLEDGES** (*please stand)

Kyle Ribordy, Andrew Wall

Leader: Please stand if you are able and turn to the pledges in your bulletins. Let us join in the pledge of allegiance to our country's flag.

UNISON: I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands – one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Leader: Now, please join in pledging allegiance to the Christian flag.

UNISON: I pledge allegiance to the Christian Flag, and to the Savior for whose kingdom it stands, one family, uniting all Christians, in service and in love.

Leader: Finally, let us join in pledging our allegiance to the Bible.

UNISON: I pledge allegiance to the Bible, God's Holy Word, a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. Its words will I hide in my heart that I may not sin against God.

Leader: Please be seated as we prepare our hearts and minds for the worship of God.

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP (* please stand)**

Sam Armstrong

Leader: Would you again please stand if you are able and join me in the “Call to Worship” found in our bulletins.... Let us pray: Lord, we gather to praise you and to renew our faith, but also to reaffirm our commitment to live as you would have us live. This we do now with language borrowed from the Scout Oath and the Scout Law.

UNISON: On my honor, I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country; and to be trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent. I will strive to help other people at all times, and to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

Leader: Whether we are scouts or not we ask your help, Lord, in remaining true to this oath as one way of loving you and our neighbor.

UNISON: Amen!

Leader: Now, please turn to a hymn that is often sung at scouting events: number 77, *On Eagle's Wings*.

***HYMN (*please stand if you are able)**

77

On Eagle's Wings

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Tim Czekaj

Children (mostly 3rd grade and younger) come up at this time.

(CHILDREN'S WORSHIP)

Terry Pickering & Friends

After the Children's Sermon, we invite all our kids to attend Children's Worship where they will participate in age-appropriate Bible activities.)

PSALM 84:1-12

Denis Ribordy

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty! My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God. Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may have her young — a place near your altar, O Lord Almighty, my King and my God. Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you. Blessed are those whose strength is in you, who have set their hearts on pilgrimage. As they pass through the dry valley of weeping known as Baca, they make it a place of springs; the autumn rains also cover it with pools. They go from strength to strength, till each appears before God in Zion. Hear my prayer, O Lord God Almighty; listen to me, O God of Jacob. Look upon our shield, O God; look with favor on your anointed ones. Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the

house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked. For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor; no good thing does God withhold from those whose walk is blameless. O Lord Almighty, blessed is the one who trusts in you.

***PASTORAL PRAYER**

John Armstrong

(John will end by saying: "...in the name of Your Son who taught us to pray saying...." We will then respond with *The Lord's Prayer*.)

***UNISON 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen!

MICAH 6:6-8

Seth Morningstar

With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offering, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" God has told you, O humanity, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you, but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

CHOIR ANTHEM

Christ Came to Live Here Among Us

SERMON

Rev. Dave Kovalow-St. John

Reverent

HYMN

(once together, twice as a round)

What Does the Lord Require of You?

661

OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY** (*please stand if you are able)

46

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

(loaf) Drew Armstrong

(cup) Dale Price

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Fred Armstrong

COMMUNION (All who confess Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to partake of the bread and cup as they are passed.)

***HYMN OF INVITATION** (*please stand if you are able)

705

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

If you wish to formally join First Christian's corner of God's kingdom, it can be done by first-time confession and baptism; or by membership transfer (and baptism if you were not baptized elsewhere). Come forward at the start of this hymn and sit in front where an elder will assist you. Attendance in a *New Members/Seekers Class* is highly advised before or after you join. (See Rev. Victoria about the one this spring.) New members are also expected to prayerfully seek out their own way to participate in congregational life. That said, however, formal membership is based solely on your answer to this question: *Do you believe Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God; do you accept him as Lord and Savior of your life?*

SCOUT MASTER'S MINUTE

Bill Eckert

***BENEDICTION**

Scout Troop 7

***CLOSING SONG**

Kum Ba Yah (Come By Here)

(This African prayer song ends most scout meetings.)

1. Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah! (3 X's) O Lord, kum ba yah!
2. Keep me serving, Lord, kum ba yah!
 Bravely serving, Lord, kum ba yah.
 Keep me serving Lord, kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!



Troop 7

First Christian Church has long been proud to sponsor Boy Scout Troop 7, which meets most Monday nights at 7:30 p.m. The troop does a lot of camping and is nationally recognized for the number of Eagle Scouts it graduates. For information, contact **Bill Eckert** (462-7201), **Dale Price** (464-1349), **Drew Armstrong** (465-1109), or **Fred Armstrong** (462-0986). We are also proud of the many men currently serving as leaders in the troop. They are: Bill Shingleton, Brad Courtenay, Dale Price, Dave Czekaj, Drew Armstrong, Fred Armstrong, Jeff Johnson, Jim Manning, Mike Morningstar, Rich Gass, Ron Vendl, Scott Ribordy, Randal Horton, Chuck Vamos, Kevin Maxey, Mike Baird, and Bill Eckert. Well done, gentlemen!



Souper Bowl Luncheon Today!



Directly after the 10 a.m. service, the youth are sponsoring a luncheon of soup, salad, biscuits, and dessert. This fund raiser benefits the Christian Food Pantry and youth events. If you can't stay, you might want to put a donation in one of the large soup-kettles the youth will be holding at the door. ALL this money will go to the "Soup-er Bowl" fundraising effort for Valparaiso's Christian Food Pantry.

No Choir Rehearsal Coming Up

There is no choir rehearsal the next two Wednesdays—February 10 and 17, and the choir will not sing at the 10 AM services on February 14 and 21. Rehearsals resume Wednesday, February 24.

Elders' Meet This Tuesday

February's elders' meeting is Tuesday, February 9, at 7:00 PM. Elder leaders Barb & Tom Wheele ask any elders who cannot attend to please contact them at Wheele3@comcast.net.

Facilities' Team Meets Thursday

The Facilities Team will have their monthly meeting this Thursday, February 11, at 6 PM.

Departure for the Ski Trip This Friday!

Those planning to leave for this weekend's long ski trip are asked to be at the church by 7:30 AM this Friday, February 12.

Knut Gathering

The Kneedle Knuts' group will meet at the church Tuesday, February 16, at 6:30 PM. Bring your needle project or work on a newborn baby hat!

Ash Wednesday

Wed., Feb. 17 is Ash Wednesday, and in observance of the start of lent, FCC will have a dinner, starting at 6:30 PM, and a short service, beginning at 7:15. We hope that you can join us.

Youth Support Drug Prevention

On Saturday, February 20, at VU's Athletic Recreation Center (1009 Union Street), there is a "Battle of the Bands." The cost to enter is \$5 at the door, and the event begins at **5 PM**. 100% of the entry fee goes to drug prevention and early treatment agencies in Porter County.

