

# First Christian Church



January 29, 2012

10:00 AM

1507 Glendale Blvd

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[fccvalpo.org](http://fccvalpo.org)

## GATHERING SONGS

*Forever  
In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified*

## GREETINGS & CONCERNS

Kathy Light

## A MINUTE FOR HISTORY

Denise Murray

## PRELUDE

(The Light of Christ is brought into the sanctuary.)

## CALL TO WORSHIP

### \*HYMN

**613**

*Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*

(verses 1, 2, and 4)

### \*SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER

### \*UNISON LORD'S PRAYER

(using "...trespasses...")

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

FCC Youth

After this message, youngsters are invited to Fellowship Hall for an age-appropriate encounter with "The Story."

## SCRIPTURE READING

Carole Horner, Stephen Howell

**Daniel 3:17-18, 28-29**

"If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty's hand. But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up."

**Daniel 3:28** ...Then Nebuchadnezzar said, “Praise be to the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who has sent his angel and rescued his servants! They trusted in him and defied the king’s command and were willing to give up their lives rather than serve or worship any god except their God.”

**Daniel 6:26-27** King Darius wrote to all the nations and peoples of every language in all the earth: “May you prosper greatly! I issue a decree that in every part of my kingdom people must fear and reverence the God of Daniel. For he is the living God and he endures forever; his kingdom will not be destroyed, his dominion will never end. He rescues and he saves; he performs signs and wonders in the heavens and on the earth. He has rescued Daniel from the power of the lions.”

**FCC PRAISE BAND**

*A Prayer for Courage*

**SERMON**

Rev. Dave Kovalow-St. John

*Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego, and Dan*

**OFFERING/COMMUNION HYMN**

**612**

*O Jesus, I Have Promised*

(verses 1, 2, and 4)

**OFFERING**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

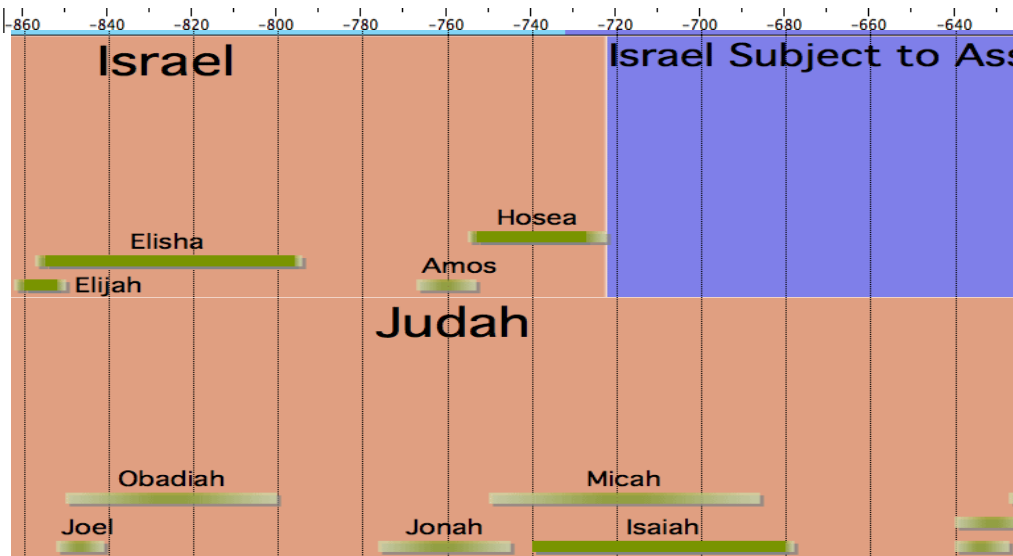
**46**



**COMMUNION PRAYERS**

(loaf) Bill Cantrell

(cup) Brian Harmon



# WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**COMMUNION** (You are invited to eat the bread & drink the cup as they come by.)

**As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord's table as God has welcomed us.**

— from our denominational identity statement

## COMMUNION MEDITATION

**1 Peter 2:11-12** Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

## \*HYMN OF INVITATION

635

*Faith of Our Fathers*

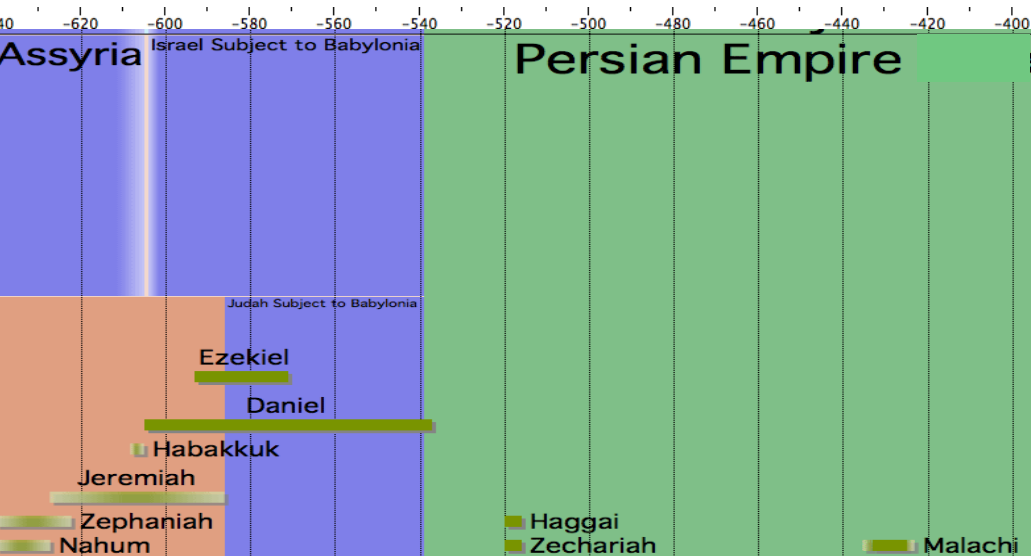
If you wish to formally join the 1<sup>st</sup> Christian Church corner of God's kingdom, please come forward at the start of this hymn.

## \*PASTORAL BLESSING

## \*CLOSING SONG

632 (verse 2)

Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
And holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace;  
For not with swords loud clashing nor roll of stirring drums:  
With deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes.



## POSTLUDE

(the Light of Christ leads us out into the world)

## Youth Encounter Tonight

Youth folk: we meet tonight at 5:00 PM here at FCC. We'll travel to Central Christian Church in Merrillville for worship and a meal!

## Write a Lenten Devotion

Kathy Light is putting together a Lenten Devotional booklet written by our members. Sign-up in the narthex if — sometime in the next week — you could pick a scripture and then write a brief Lenten devotion and prayer based on that passage. We'll need one such half-page devotion for each of the 47 days in Lent. They are due by Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>.



## FCC Ski Outing: February 17-20

Sign-up in the narthex to join our youth for a ski trip over Presidents' Weekend. We leave Friday, February 17; ski for two days; and return on Monday, February 20. Travel (about eight hours) and lodging (in a beautiful bring-your-own-sleeping-bag cabin) will be provided. You'll need money for skiing (cross-country is cheaper than downhill, but both are possible), and everyone helps with food. See the Springsteens for details.

## From Scoutmaster Bill Eckert

The scouts will be traveling to the Westminster Village in West Lafayette this afternoon, January 29, to present the Eagle Award to Daniel & Nathan Courtney. Due to brain cancer surgery, their grandfather, who was very helpful to their father as he worked on his Eagle Award, is now confined to the nursing home. By having Daniel & Nathan's ceremony in West Lafayette, their grandfather and grandmother will be able to see their grandsons awarded their Eagle Badges.



## Congregational Meeting Next Sunday

Next Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, is Scout Sunday when Troop #7 will help lead our worship. Directly after the 10:00 AM service, there will be a congregational meeting in the sanctuary to discuss and vote on whether or not to purchase the property on FCC's northeast corner.

## Nutty Kindness

"Random Acts of Kindness Week" is February 13-19. What could be a better 'random act' than giving away a delicious bag of chocolate covered pecans? There's no wrapping needed, the cost is only \$7.50, bags can be easily picked up at church during the week or on Sunday