

This Week At First Church

SUNDAY

9:00 a.m..... FORUM Class
10:00 a.m..... Worship Service
11:15 a.m..... Administration and Personnel
6:00 p.m..... Sunday Evening Bible Study
Party at the Alders, 506 Gladys Dr.

MONDAY

9:30 a.m..... Stretch and Tone
5:00 p.m..... Ambassadors
5:30 p.m..... Men's Monday at the Meadows
6:00 p.m..... Girl Scouts

TUESDAY

9:00 a.m..... Pre-Kindergarten Readiness
10:00 a.m..... Bible Study
6:30 p.m..... Deacons Meeting

WEDNESDAY

9:00 a.m..... Pre-Kindergarten Readiness
9:30 a.m..... Stretch and Tone
4:00 p.m..... CAAMP
6:00 p.m..... Young Life
6:00 p.m..... Youth Group
6:00 p.m..... Venture Crew
6:30 p.m..... Cub Scouts
7:30 p.m..... Sanctuary Choir

THURSDAY

9:00 a.m..... Pre-Kindergarten Readiness
1:00 p.m..... Staff Meeting
6:00 p.m..... Music/Worship Ministry Team
6:00 p.m..... Girl Scouts
6:00 p.m..... Yoga
6:30 p.m..... Trustees
7:00 p.m..... Boy Scout Organizational Meeting
7:30 p.m..... Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY

9:30 a.m..... Stretch and Tone
7:00 p.m..... Euchre Party

SATURDAY

9:00 a.m..... Presbytery

SUNDAY

9:00 a.m..... Bible Study
10:00 a.m..... Worship Service
11:15 a.m..... Nursery & Library Open House
7:00 p.m..... Sunday Evening Bible Study
at the Alders, 506 Gladys Dr.

For our prayers

Week of January 22

Gary and Keith Biddle
Ethan
Linda Fordyce
Mary Pandora
Robert Ryan
Monroe School District teachers and their families

Week of January 29

Gayle Biddle
Marie Biddle
Gene Bonny
Kelly Shaffer Denis
Lois Ireland
Tiger Jones
Mary Marshall
Janis Nein
Mary Anne Weikel
Rob Winters

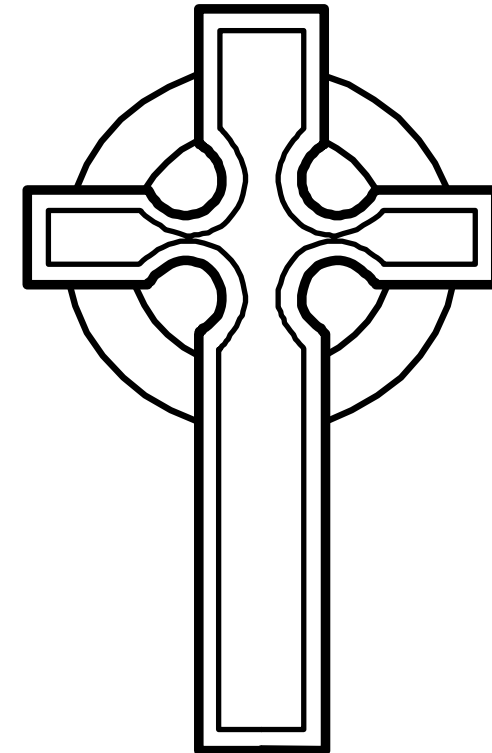
Thanks to Darrell Templeton and all of the many volunteers who made SHALOM a success again this year.

Audio of today's service, today's bulletin, and the newsletter, are available on-line at fpcmiddletown.com. CD's of each week's worship service are available upon request. Please contact Joyce Zigler at 422-6365.

Scripture quotations in today's bulletin are from the *New Revised Standard Version, 1989*, Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Portions of the service are reprinted by permission from *Book of Common Worship, 1993* Westminster/John Knox Press.

*Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!
Serve the Lord with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!*

Psalm 100:1-2



*February 5, 2012
10:00 a.m.*

First Presbyterian Church
Middletown, Ohio
www.fpcmiddletown.com

First Presbyterian Church
5th Sunday after Epiphany
February 5, 2012
Holy Communion

++ **GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD** ++

PRELUDE

This Is My Father's World
His Eye is on the Sparrow

Arr. Diane Bish
Gabriel/Riley

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory.

To all who received him, he gave the power to become children of God.

* HYMNAL #138

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Nicaea

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Eternal God, your face is hidden from us by our sins, and we forget your mercy in the blindness of our hearts. Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires. Open our eyes and heal our hearts, that we may draw near to you trusting in your grace, and find in you our refuge and strength. Feed us with the bread of life and strengthen us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* SILENT CONFESSION

* DECLARATION OF PARDON

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE PEACE

Greet those seated around you with the peace of God.

++ **HEARING THE WORD OF GOD** ++

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 3:1-5

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground."

In the pew racks you will find yellow or green cards marked "**Sharing Your Joys and Concerns.**" If you have prayer requests which you would like the congregation during the Sharing Joys and Concerns time, you may write those on the card and place it in the offering plate.

Adult Church School

Sunday Morning Bible Study and **Tuesday Morning Bible Study** are studying topics from our "Year with the Bible" readings. On Tuesday, February 7 and Sunday, February 12, the topics will be the Exodus (Exodus 4-15); and Matthew's Passion Narrative (Matthew 26-27). On Tuesday, February 14, the topics will be Psalms 8 and 19; and Pentecost (Acts 1-2). On Sundays we meet at 9:00 a.m. in the Galloway Room and on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Youth Room.

Sunday Evening Bible Study will meet tonight at 6:00 p.m. at the Alders, 506 Gladys Dr. for a Super Bowl Party. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

Youth Ministries

The Youth Group will be collecting canned goods, non-perishables, and cash donations for the **Souper Bowl of Caring** today in the Gathering Area and the Narthex to be donated to the Middletown Food Bank. Please be generous!

For Your Information

GIFT CARDS ARE BACK!!!!

Just in time for Valentine's Day!

New Gift Card Order Forms Now Available!

See more retailers on the order form.

- **Meijer** Gift Cards now available in \$25, \$50, & \$100 denominations.
- Visit the Great Lakes Scrip website at www.glscrip.com to find more retailers.

- Gift Cards will be ordered **tomorrow**. Please have your orders into the church office by noon. *Thank you for your continuing support!*

"Men's Monday at the Meadows" will be on February 6. This is an opportunity for men of the congregation to gather for informal fellowship at The Meadows restaurant, 2102 Yankee Road. The gathering will be from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. You can get something to drink, a sandwich or salad, or a full meal, as you wish. But the main thing is just to get together with other men from the church and have a good time.



We are forming a Committee on Scouting! If you would like to be a part of this group and help the scout units of our church, contact Jenny Walker at 423-0963 or jenny@rsle.net.

The first organizational meeting of Boy Scout Troop 801 (boys aged 11-17) will be Thursday, February 9, at 7:00 p.m. in the Galloway Room. Contact Scott Walker at 423-0963 or walker@rsle.net for more information!

Euchre night is this Friday, **February 10**, at 7:00 p.m. Plan to join the group. Please call the church office at 422-6365 for reservations. If you need childcare, please call the church office for reservations by February 8.

Pizza and Movie Night! On **Friday, February 24**, at **6:00 p.m.** we will be showing "Far From Home: The Adventures of Yellow Dog." The movie will be shown in the Youth Room with pizza, soft drinks, juice boxes, and cookies before and popcorn during the movie. A surprise drawing give-away will follow the movie. Contact the church office or mark the pew pads for reservations. All are welcome!

Nursery and Library Open House: Next Sunday, February 12, following the worship service. Come see the improvements to the nursery and library. Helium balloons, special snacks, and treats will be given out.

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

As you join us for worship at First Presbyterian Church, we hope that you will sense God's presence, be caught up in joyful praise, be challenged by God's Word, and leave strengthened to live for Christ in the world.

We believe that God has called our congregation to **share** the good news, **nurture** the spirit, and **serve** members and neighbors. If you are visiting, we invite you to make First Church your church home.

Members and guests alike are asked to sign the attendance sheet in the red folder along the center aisle.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Church School	9:00 a.m.
Worship Service	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship Hour	11:00 a.m.

Office Hours

8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Hearing aids for those who need them are available for use during the worship services. Please contact an usher for assistance.

Elders **Mike Jenkins** and **Marty Hensler** will be in the narthex at the rear of the sanctuary and at the entrance from the Gathering Area before and after the service to speak with you and answer any questions you may have about our ministry and mission.

Worship Notes

Leading worship today: Rev. Tim Doty, Pastor; Joyce Zigler, Director of Music Ministries/Organist; Susan Beagle, Guest Worship Pianist; Dave Enochs, Worship Assistant; Sanctuary Choir; Jim Harris, Sound Technician.

We warmly welcome returning friend and guest pianist **Susan Beagle** to our worship service. Susan and her family worship at First United Methodist Church. We appreciate that Susan will once again share her music ministry with us while Margaret Chambers and her husband are in Florida.

Next Sunday, February 12, our guest preacher will be the Rev. Diane Ziegler, Executive Director of Kirkmont Center.

The music will be presented by the Sanctuary Choir. Circle Time will be presented by Darrell Templeton.

The deacons have placed two red rosebuds on the chancel rail in celebration of the births of **Savannah Rae Rogers** and **Natalie Lynn Rogers**, who were born on February 1, to Brad and Stephanie Rogers.

Joyce Triick is hosting Fellowship Hour in the Gathering Area before and after today's service. Stop by for fellowship and refreshments.

Kids at First on Sunday Mornings

Nursery care for infants and toddlers is available from 9:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. in the Nursery Preschool Room. Today, children in grades 1-6 stay in worship with their family.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 17:1-8

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

The Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Transformation"

Pastor Doty

A MOMENT FOR SILENT MEDITATION

++ RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD ++

* HYMNAL #520

Here, O Our Lord, We See You Face to Face
(Sing verses 1, 2, 3)

Morecambe

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

* GLORIA PATRI

Hymnal 579

**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.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Come and Feast* Lee Dengler
Sanctuary Choir

* DOXOLOGY Hymnal 592
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

HYMN OF PREPARATION *Break Thou the Bread of Life* Hymnal #329
(Sing verse one)

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God!

They will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at the table in the Kingdom of God.

According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, he took the bread, and blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him. This is the Lord's table. Our Savior invites those who trust him to share the feast which he has prepared.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... Therefore with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, we worship and adore your glorious name:

[Sing] **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Great is the mystery of faith:

[Sing] **Christ has died,**
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.

... Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

[Sing] **Amen.**

Let us continue our petitions in the words our Lord taught us, saying:

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.

Distribution of the Elements

Please serve the person next to you, saying: "*This is the body of Christ, which is broken for you.*" and "*This is the blood of Christ, which is shed for you.*" Eat the bread when you are served; hold the cup so all may partake together.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

++ **COMMISSIONING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD** ++

* HYMNAL #285 *God, You Spin the Whirling Planets* Austrian Hymn

* CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE *Lord God of Hosts* Thomas Morley

*If you need to reach Pastor Doty, you may call the church office (513-422-6365)
or his cell phone (513-435-2522)*

We were sad to hear about the untimely death of Ed DeLair, former director of The Kirkmont Center. **The Kirkmont Center Community has planned a Gathering for Grieving, Rejoicing, and Support to Remember Ed DeLair** on Sunday, February 12, at 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. in Goodrich Lodge, Kirkmont Center.

The doors of Kirkmont Center's Goodrich Lodge will be open to friends, family, campers, associates, colleagues, community members, and all who knew and loved Ed DeLair for a time of memory sharing, grieving, giving thanks, fellowship, and support. It will be an informal gathering for sharing and remembering in small groups. Kirkmont Center plans to hold a memorial service for Ed in the spring; information will be announced as soon as it is available. For more information please call Deb or Tenia at 937-593-2141 or Diane at 513-260-2798. Kirkmont Center, 6946 County Road 10, Zanesfield, Ohio 43360.