

CALENDAR

Today – 4th Sunday of Advent

	9:00	Prayer
	10:00	Worship Fellowship
	4:00	Wyldlife
Monday	7:00	Bible Study
Tuesday	12:00	AA
	3:30	Going Deep
Wednesday	12:00	Lunch with Friends
	12:00	NA
	7:00	Boy Scouts
Thursday	7:00	Choir Practice
	8:00	AA
Friday	12:00	AA
Saturday	6:00	Family Candle Lighting Service
	7:00	AA
	10:00	Communion Candle Lighting Service
Next Sunday – Nativity of Jesus Christ		
	9:00	Prayer
	10:00	Worship Fellowship

Flowers today are given in honor of Maxine Brown's birthday on December 18th from her family.

Heifer Pop Can Drive.

Deposit cans in the container in Fellowship Hall. Money from the returns will go to the Sunday School's Heifer project.

OFFERING FOR LAST SUNDAY

General Fund	\$4,628.30	Needed per week \$ 4,456.00
Capital Fund	\$30.00	

Attendance for Sunday, December 11 was 126.

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First Presbyterian Church Paw Paw, Michigan

4th Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2011

10:00 a.m.

MINISTERS: The People of First Presbyterian Church

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

“Carols for Piano”

arr. John Carter

WELCOME ~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ PASSING THE PEACE ~ CHIMES ~

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP (Psalm 89:1-4)

(Please pass the red friendship pads along the pew)

SONG OF PREPARATION: 31

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING:

SONG OF PRAISE: 46

“On This Day Earth Shall Ring”

Call to Confession

Mike Seymoure

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Everpresent God, in the darkness of Mary's womb, the holy Child grows. In the darkness of the world's pain, the blessed light begins to kindle. In the darkness of our own doubting of you, the great hope begins to rise again like a lump in the throat. Christ will be born again into our world and into us.

O God, forgive the times we look with a cynical eye on the advent of peace in our world. Forgive us for doubting the light you have placed within each of us. Forgive us for ignoring the lump in our throats and the wonder of your love for us. With the birth of the Christ Child, let your forgiveness cleanse the darkness of our inner selves. And let the love of Christ shine in us like a star. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

Assurance of Pardon

SONG OF RESPONSE:

“Hear the Sound”

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination:

Mike Seymoure

First Scripture Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-11

Old Testament p. 281

Choir Anthem

Chancel Choir

Children’s Sermon

Bill Buhl

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 1:18-25

New Testament p. 1

Sermon:

“Changing Plans”

Pastor Abbott

✠SONG OF RESPONSE:

“I Wonder, As I Wander”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Prayers of the people - (After each petition please say: **“Lord Hear Our Prayer.”**)

Silent Prayer & Reflection: “The King Shall Come” E. Broughton

(During this time please reflect on the word God is speaking to you.) *(The “Plates of Joy” are in the back. Members and friends, please contribute at the back of the sanctuary, as you feel led. Guests, your presence is gift enough. Please let us know that you were here by signing the red friendship pad at the end of your pew. During the offertory let us reflect on how we are called to be a gift of hope in the world.)*

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.

WE ARE SENT

✠SENDING SONG:

“Shout to the North”

✠CHARGE & BENEDICTION

✠CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: *(Chorus Only)*

“Shout to the North”

POSTLUDE:

“Thoughts of Christmas”

Rachel Carr

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Clues For Worship

- ✠Those who are able please stand.
- **Bold** print represents congregational participation.
- Children are welcome in worship, but a nursery is available for those who desire one. Please ask greeters for directions to the nursery.
- Whenever possible please limit coming and going from the Sanctuary to times when the congregation is standing.
- Please use this time to reflect on your relationship with Christ and how you have experienced the presence of God in your life through the week.