



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 14, 2025 10:30 AM WORSHIP

## **WELCOME**

We're glad you're at FPC! We don't look or act alike. God knows we don't think alike. We come with questions, burdens and joys. But every Sunday, we worship as one - in person and online. We pray you'll experience God's presence and deepen your faith through today's service.

## In Person

Complete the maroon fellowship pad at the end of your pew and wear your name tag so we can greet one another by name. If you need a new name tag, just contact the church office. Hymns are in the red hymnals and also on the screens. During the Scripture reading, feel free to use the pew Bible, use your device or follow along on the screens. After worship, enjoy fellowship and refreshments in the Gathering Space.

## Online

Use the QR code you'll see on the screen at the beginning of worship or click on the light green "Connect" button on our website's homepage and complete the brief pop-up form so we can connect with you. We invite you to light a candle and to have bread and juice with you when we celebrate communion.

## "Let the Children..."

We value children in worship and encourage them to sit with their parents/guardians or to join staff in the Family Worship Center (under the south balcony in the Sanctuary) which helps engage children in worship. FPC Kids Sunday for children 3-7 meets during worship in Rooms 113/115 in the Day School hallway. The nursery is open for children up to age 3.

## **Next Sunday**

Join us next Sunday at our 9 AM CrossRoads contemporary service in Fellowship Hall or at this 10:30 AM traditional service here in the Sanctuary. Or join us by livestream or view a recording of those services via our website's homepage or on our YouTube channel.

**Our Mission: Changing Lives...Making Disciples** 

Our Vision: Every Member in Ministry

In Christ United, Our Values of Ministry:
Joyful Worship, Gracious Invitation, Prayerful Study,
Sacrificial Service and Caring Connections

### **GATHER**

The prelude music prepares us to worship the Lord.

\*Please rise in body or in spirit and join in reading aloud the parts in **bold**.

We lay before God our sins and the sins and brokenness of the world.

#### CHIMING THE HOUR

PRELUDE: It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

arr. Charles Lindberg

Dr. Gerald Anderson, piano

**WELCOME** 

Rev. Dr. Will Robinson

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Luke 2:14)
Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace and goodwill to all!
Alleluia! The Lord is coming!
Love, the Lord, is on the way!

\*HYMN 93: Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING: Love

SONG: A Candle Is Burning Sandra Dean/James Murray

A candle is burning, a candle of love, a candle to point us to heaven above. A baby for Christmas, a wonderful birth, for Jesus is bringing God's love to our earth.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, You sent a star to guide the magi to the Christ Child.

We confess that we haven't walked in the light of His justice, peace and love as we should.

Giving God, You gave us the greatest gift of all: Your Son.

Forgive us when we lose sight of that truth, especially in this holy season of the year.

Saving God, we know that we've sinned and fallen short of Your glory.

Descend to us we pray. Cast out our sin and enter in. Be born in us today. Amen.

We celebrate our reconciliation to God through Jesus Christ.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

\*RESPONSE 108 (stanza 1): Of the Father's Love Begotten

\*PASSING THE LOVE

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: In Dulci Jubilo

J.S. Bach

Charles Frost, organ

\*RESPONSE 144: In the Bleak Midwinter

Gustav Holst/Christina Rossetti

What can I give Him, poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;

If I were a wise one, I would do my part;

yet what I can I give Him: give my heart.

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 9:2-7

**SERMON IN SONG** 

Everlasting

The Promise of Christmas

Lloyd Larson, Mary McDonald, Jay Rouse, Larry Shackley

#### **PRAY**

We use 'Yours' in the Lord's Prayer because it's contemporary language that's more welcoming and accessible to worshipers who aren't familiar with this prayer. You may pray it however you know it best.

Use this QR code to give.



#### WORD

We listen to what God is saying to us through Scripture, sermon and song.

The music is given in memory of Sandy Kuttruff by Bill Kuttruff.

#### **OVERTURE-EVERLASTING LIGHT**

Arise! Arise! For your light has come! Arise! Arise and shine!

The glory of the Lord is with you.

Rejoice! For the Lord is come!

He is the Light, Everlasting Light; born a Savior, born this night. He is the One, the Everlasting Son; Child of heaven, He is the Light!

He is the Light, Everlasting Light; born a Savior, born this night. He is the One, the Everlasting Son; Child of heaven, He is the Light! Child of heaven, Everlasting Light!

#### LONGING FOR THE LIGHT

For centuries we have not heard an angel's voice, a prophet's word. But deep inside, our hearts are stirred; we know the day is drawing near.

Our hearts await the Blessed One, the Prince of Peace, our God's own Son. The prophecies have now begun, their meaning shining bright and clear.

In darkness we've wandered, our hearts have been grieved, but Your promise to save us we've always believed.

We yearn for the day when our faith becomes sight; we're waiting, longing for the light.

We know Your word forever stands, and so we pray with outstretched hands that over our forsaken lands

Messiah's light will soon appear.

In darkness we've wandered, our hearts have been grieved, but Your promise to save us we've always believed.

We yearn for the day when our faith becomes sight; we're waiting, longing for the light.

#### MY SOUL PROCLAIMS

Pat Smith, alto

My soul proclaims the Lord my God. My spirit always sings His praise! He looks on me, He lifts me up and gladness fills my days.

My soul proclaims the Lord my God. All nations now will share my joy. His gifts abundantly outpoured; His little one He has made great; I magnify the Lord. All nations now will share my joy.

Magnificat! I will magnify the Lord. Magnificat! He is worshipped and adored. The highest glory sing to magnify the King. His praise forever ring! Magnificat!

My soul proclaims the Lord my God. My spirit always sings His praise! He looks on me, He lifts me up and gladness fills my days. My soul proclaims the Lord my God. O magnify Him.

## BETHLEHEM, O BETHLEHEM

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed, where a mother laid her baby in a manger for His bed. Mary was the mother mild, Jesus Christ her little Child.

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed. He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all, and His shelter was a stable, and His cradle was a stall.

With the poor, the meek and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy. He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all.

Bethlehem, O Bethlehem, humble town of royal birth, from you has come the King Messiah, gift of God to heaven and earth.

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by. Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light; the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

Bethlehem, O Bethlehem, humble town of royal birth, from you has come the King Messiah, gift of God to heaven and earth.

## SHEPHERDS AND ANGELS

The shepherds were out in the fields keeping watch o'er their flocks by night. 'Twas a night just like any dark night till the sky turned suddenly bright!

Then an angel said, "Do not be afraid, for I bring you news of great joy! For today is born in Bethlehem a Savior, Christ the Lord, a Savior, Christ the Lord."

The shepherds were out in the fields keeping watch o'er their flocks by night. 'Twas a night just like any dark night till the sky turned suddenly bright!

Then the angels said, "In Bethlehem, lying in a manger so small you shall find a Babe, the promised One, the King and Lord of all,"

Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo. Then the angel said, "Do not be afraid, for I bring you news of great joy! For today is born in Bethlehem a Savior, Christ the Lord."

Christ is born tonight!

### THIS CHILD OF LIGHT

Beth Curtis, soprano; Jack Gatlin, baritone

See now this baby, a child so small; He is our Savior, Ruler of all. What shall we name Him, this Holy One? He is Jesus, God's own Son!

This Child of Light, a Holy Light, has come to us on this silent night. Here, in the stillness, quiet, He lay, Love everlasting is born, is born today.

This Child of Mary, this little One; a gift from heaven, God's only Son. What can we give Him, this Child so small? We can give Him, give Him our all!

This Child of Light, a Holy Light, has come to us on this silent night. Here, in the stillness, quiet, He lay, Love everlasting is born, is born today. This Child of Light.

## This Is Christ the King

Who is this man coming to the temple? Faith and hope are in his eyes. He says the Lord has given him a promise that Messiah soon will rise.

His face is lined, his hands are worn and weary; stooping shoulders show his years. Yet God has said he will not die before Christ appears.

Lord, Lord, please haste the hour when sin and darkness lose their power. Peace, peace for all mankind; O Messiah we wait for Your light. Mary and Joseph come into the temple to fulfill the law's commands. To their surprise, old Simeon approaches and takes the baby in his hands.

With tender care he holds the young Messiah, and the Spirit fills his heart. He knows it's time for God's plan of redemption to start.

This, this is Christ the King whom prophets praise and angels sing. Joy, joy for all mankind and glory to Israel.

O Messiah, we come to Your light.

#### **EVERLASTING LIGHT**

Josh Hamilton, tenor

Arise! Arise! For your light has come! Arise! Arise and shine!
The glory of the Lord is with you.
Rejoice! For the Lord is come!

He is the Light, the Everlasting Light; born a Savior, born this night. He is the One, the Everlasting Son; Child of heaven, He is the Light!

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King: Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"

Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies; with the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!" Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come and behold Him, born the King of angels;
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

He is the Light, Everlasting Light; born a Savior, born this night. He is the One, the Everlasting Son; Child of heaven,

He is the Light! Child of heaven,

Everlasting Light! Everlasting Light!

\*HYMN 110: Love Has Come

## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: From Heaven on High to Earth I Come

Johann Pachelbel

Charles Frost, organ (You're invited to remain in worship to enjoy the Postlude.)

## **SEND**

God blesses and sends us to serve in the world.

## **SANCTUARY CHOIR**

## **DIRECTOR**

Chad A. Martin

## **SOPRANO**

Sandy Andrew Sarah Baird Angela Basaldua Elizabeth Basaldua Sharon Chaney Gail Cheaney **Beth Curtis** Linda Dawson Jan Fatzinger Angie Greenfield Mary Harder Gloria LaCoe Julia Lowe Anne McClintock Anne Millhaem **Judy Peters** Sandra Robinson Gretta Sencevicky Margaret Taylor Tricia Vader Lynn Waterfield Wanda Wood-Knox

#### **TENOR**

Sue Aymond Buck Edwards Brian Fatzinger John Gibson Josh Hamilton John Kellom Bob Manne Jay Nickel Carol Wolfe

#### **ALTO**

Mary Ellen Arboe
Evie Bell
Carol Couch
Jody Hoffman
Kelda Maynard
Nancy Millette
Mary Princing
Hannah Reinmuth
Pat Smith

### **BASS**

Bill Chaney
Bill Coker
Henry Ferry
Jack Gatlin
Ronald Kensey
Toney Mathews
Terry Orr
Brian Waterfield

### **NARRATORS**

Beth Green Olivia Lantz

## **CHAMBER ORCHESTRA**

**VIOLIN I** 

John Wiley

**VIOLIN II** 

Marina Volynets

**VIOLA** 

Rachel Gangwer

**CELLO** 

Hyeok Kwon

**BASS** 

Vadim Volynets

**FLUTE** 

Lorraine Jones

OBOE

Lauren Stuligross

**CLARINET** 

Russell Floyd Kristen Spiridon

HORN

Michael Daly Debra Sherrill-Ward **TRUMPET** 

Paul Lott Antonio Marti Bryan Agan

**TROMBONE** 

Collen Crafton Donald Crafton, Jr.

**TUBA** 

Don Crafton, Sr.

**TIMPANI** 

Alan Weathers

**PERCUSSION** 

Chris Lee Michael Carp

**HARP** 

Lucy Scandrett

**PIANO** 

Gerald Anderson

ORGAN

Charles Frost

## **COMING UP**



# Advent Poetry & Organ Series Thursday, December 18 | 11 AM

Join Pastor Elizabeth, Charlie Frost and Jackie Wilhelm in the Sanctuary for a time of reflection exploring the themes of Advent.



## A CrossRoads Christmas Sunday, December 21 | 9 AM

The CrossRoads Worship Team will lead a service in song, filled with carols and music of the season.



# Christmas Eve Worship! Wednesday, December 24 | 4:30 PM and 8:30 PM

Families, Carols and Candlelight at 4:30 PM and Lessons, Carols and Candlelight at 8:30 PM (with Christmas music from 8-8:30 PM). No nursery; all children are welcome at both services! All livestreamed.



# FPC Men's Retreat January 23-24 | Various Times

Reserve your spot featuring outstanding speaker Rev. Tom Are, Jr. See the website for cost and registration link.

See our calendar and learn more about events by visiting fpchhi.org.

## IN THE LIFE



The flowers today are given in memory of Dona Pavloff and Wrae Tankins who entered the church triumphant on December 10 and November 13, respectively.



We extend a special welcome to our visitors today. You're our guests, and we have a welcome bag for adults and children. They're available at the welcome center in our Gathering Space and Narthex.



Amazin' Grazin' is a meal and fellowship ministry to meet new people and catch up with friends. Sign up today in the Gathering Space to be placed in a group for our next round.



FPC has a Blessing Box on the driveway near our south entrance. This national movement helps feed those who may be walking or driving by at any time of the day. As it says on the Box, "Take what you need, and leave what you can."



The next Stephen Ministry training program starts in January. If you would like more information about becoming a Stephen Minister, stop by the Library today after either service.



If you or a loved one will be in the hospital, had a recent hospitalization, would like pastoral care or home communion, contact Pastor Elizabeth (336-314-2555) or the church (843-681-3696, ext. 234).



Hearing devices are available. FPC also has a smartphone option that may work with your hearing aids. To use it, go to the App store (iPhone) or Google Play (Android) and download WaveCAST Receiver by Williams Sound. Then log into the FPC Member wifi network (password firstpres [case sensitive]); open WaveCAST; click on FPC Sanctuary; adjust the volume and enjoy the service.

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all of those who decorated our worship spaces and building to the glory of God this Advent and Christmas season!

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## **PRAYER**



Use QR code to submit your prayer requests



#### LEADING IN WORSHIP

Dr. Gerald Anderson, piano
Charles Frost, organ
Rev. Elizabeth Johnson, Associate Pastor
Adam Long, AV/Tech Coordinator
Chad Martin, Director of Music and Organist
Rev. Dr. Will Robinson, Senior Pastor/Head of Staff

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