



The Nativity by Cara B. Hochhalter, 2019

FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS
DECEMBER 28, 2025
10:00 AM WORSHIP

WELCOME

Merry Christmas! 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

So we can greet one another by name, please complete the maroon fellowship pad at the end of your pew and wear your name tag. If you need a new name tag, just contact the church. Hymns are in the red hymnals and also on the screens. For 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

So we can connect with you, please 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. We invite you to light a candle and to have bread and juice with you when we celebrate communion.

"Let the children..."

Today children are invited to sit with their parents/guardians or in the Family Worship Center (under the south balcony in the Sanctuary), which helps engage children in worship. On January 11, FPC Kids Sunday for ages 3-7 resumes; it meets during worship (Rooms 113/115 on the Day School hallway). A nursery is open for children up to age 3 (Room 109).

Next Sunday

See under Coming Up (p. 6). Beginning January 11, we invite you to join us on Sundays at our 9 AM CrossRoads contemporary service in Fellowship Hall or at our 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 prepares us to worship the Lord.

*Please rise in body or in spirit and join in reading aloud the parts in **bold**. PRELUDE: Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

WELCOME Rev. Dr. Will Robinson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship the Messiah,

whose coming was proclaimed by the prophets!

Let us worship the King of kings,

whose birth was announced by the angels!

Let us worship the Lord of lords,

whose glory was seen by the shepherds!

Let us worship Christ, the newborn King!

*CAROL 113: Angels We Have Heard on High

PRAYER

RESPONSE: refrain from Angels We Have Heard on High

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

SCRIPTURE: John 1:1-5, 10-12

WORD

We listen to what God is saying to us through Scripture, sermon and song. MESSAGE: Christmas in Song!

Carol 133: O Come, All Ye Faithful

Carol 115: Away in a Manger

Carol 128: Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Carol 132: Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

Carol 121: O Little Town of Bethlehem
Carol 119: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Carol 134: Joy to the World

Charles Frost

John Egbert

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.



SEND

God blesses and sends us to serve in the world.

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: Angels We Have Heard on High

Rebecca K. Owens

*RESPONSE: from 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

*CAROL 136: Go, Tell It on the Mountain

*BLESSING: from Luke 2

Lord, You are letting Your servants depart in peace, according to Your Word, for our eyes have seen Your salvation that You have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to Your people Israel. Amen.

POSTLUDE: *Joyfully Sing* Hermann Schroeder (You're invited to remain in worship to enjoy the Postlude.)

IN THE LIFE OF FPC



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.



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



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. As it says on the Box, "Take what you need; leave what you can."



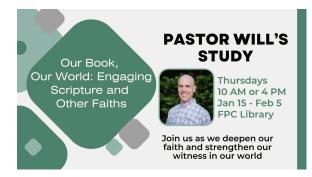
If you or a loved one will be in the hospital, had a recent hospitalization, would like pastoral care or home communion, contact Pastor Elizabeth (336-314-2555) or the church (843-681-3696, ext. 234).

COMING UP



One Service Sunday Sunday, January 4 | 10 AM

Join us next Sunday here in the Sanctuary to celebrate Epiphany (with "star words")! Livestream is available, and children are encouraged to join us. There'll be a nursery for children up to 3 years old (Room 109).



Pastor Will's Study Thursday, January 15 | 10 AM or 4 PM

Join us as we address 1) how to understand and interpret Scripture (e.g., How is it the Word of God?) and 2) how to engage people of other faiths and no faith.



FPC Kids and Youth Ministry Second Week of January

FPC Kids and Youth ministry resumes the second week of January. Join us and bring a friend! To learn more, go to fpchhi.org.

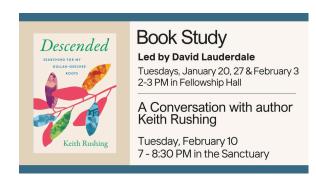


FPC Men's Retreat January 23-24 | Various Times

Reserve your spot! Rev. Are is an outstanding speaker and published author who'll help strengthen your faith in the Lord. To learn more and to register, go to fpchhi.org.

Go to fpchhi.org to see our calendar and learn more about our ministries.

COMING UP



Descended: A Conversation with Keith Rushing Tuesday, February 10 | 7 PM

Join us in Fellowship Hall! A study of this book will take place the three Tuesdays prior. To learn more, go to fpchhi.org.



Savannah Ghost Pirates! Sunday, February 22 | 3 PM

Join us for this special time of fellowship and fun! Kids and youth are free with the purchase of an adult ticket. Register soon (via the QR code on your left); tickets are limited.

WORSHIP NOTES

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PRAYER



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LEADING IN WORSHIP

Charles Frost, organist
Adam Long, AV/Tech Coordinator
Rev. Dr. Will Robinson, Senior Pastor/Head of Staff

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