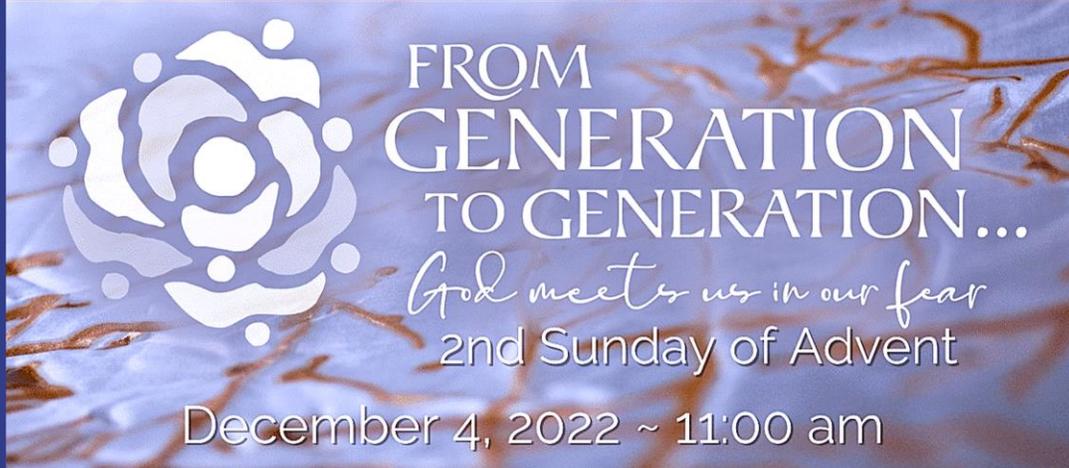


FARRAGUT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



~The Gathering~

Prelude

Of the Father's Love Begotten
Tami Newsom, organ

Peeters

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Greeting

Rev. Matt Nieman

Voices of Advent

The Candle of Peace
Elizabeth ~ played by LisaKay Matchen

Voices of Advent by Jeri L. Shumate. Produced by special arrangement with Contemporary Drama Service

Call to Worship

God's vision of peace is a realm where all live together in harmony:
enemies become friends, fear gives way to understanding.
God calls us to be this community;
let us gather together to worship the Lord.

Hymn #9

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Veni Emmanuel

**O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

**O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

**O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife, and discord cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

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Prayer of Confession

Patient God, you know just how often we make decisions from a place of fear rather than love. You know just how often we allow fear to take the place of logic, fanning unhealthy fires in our lives. You know just how often we tuck your words, “Do not be afraid” on dusty shelves and in the back of closets, stubbornly holding onto our own point of view.

Forgive us for giving fear the microphone. Silence the voices of scarcity, shame, and rejection, which spark and feed so much of our fear, to recenter us in love. With hope we pray.

(please continue in silent prayer)

Kyrie Eleison

Remember Not, O God

Southwell

O Lord, our Savi - ior, help, and glo - ri - fy your name; de -
liv - er us from all our sins and take a - way our shame.

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Declaration of Forgiveness

Gloria Patri

God of Grace and God of Glory

Cwm Rhondda

**Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
serving you whom we adore, serving you whom we adore.**

The Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

~The Word~

Prayer for Illumination

MaryAnne Walls

Holy God, whether it's through angels or music, friendships or sermons, study or nature—when you speak, we long to hear it. In a world as chaotic and broken as ours, we could use your words of hope and healing. With gratitude we pray, amen.

First Scripture Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.



O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. **(R)**

In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds. **(R)**

For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. **(R)**

May his name be blessed forever and endure like the sun.
Every tribe shall be blessed in him, all nations bless his name. **(R)**

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Second Scripture Reading: Luke 1:26-38
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

“God Meets Us in Our Fear”

Rev. Matt Nieman

~The Response~

Song of Affirmation – *Here I Am* from the series “From Generation to Generation...”

Picardy

**Angel Gabriel came to Mary in the hills of Galilee
Apprehension and confusion filled her, won-d’ring what’s to be
“Do not be afraid,” the angel told the maid
“God has highly favored thee”**

**Though his words were filled with glory still the message brought great fear
“Who am I to bear the savior with the pathway so unclear?”
“Here I am,” she pledged; the angel Gabriel fled
Quickly as he had appeared**

**Week by week in Mary’s belly God was growing flesh and bone
As her life and path were changing never was she left alone
With her all the while was Mary’s holy child
Pledge of “Here I am” of God’s own**

**Whether we may feel we’re ready for the task before us laid
God will strengthen and uphold us even when the fear won’t fade
We say, “Here I am,” to God’s transcendent plan
Trusting God to lend us aid**

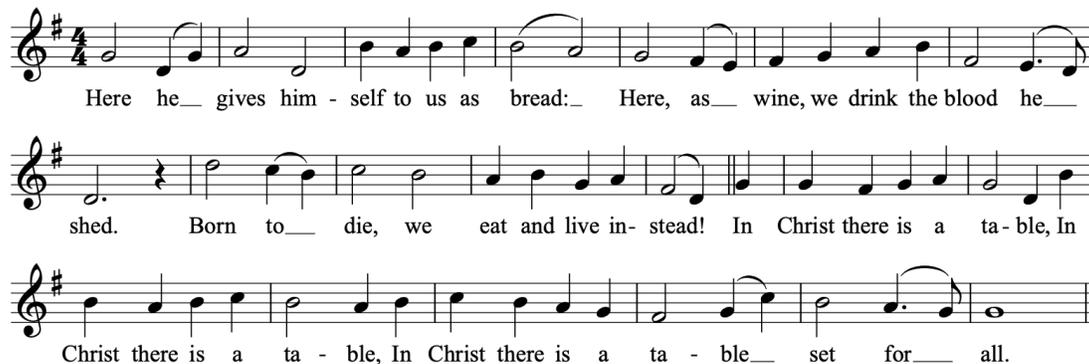
The anthem text may be found in The Hymnal, #48.

Call for the Offering

~The Eucharist~

The Invitation to the Lord's Table

Preparation Song



Here he gives him - self to us as bread: Here, as wine, we drink the blood he
shed. Born to die, we eat and live in - stead! In Christ there is a ta - ble, In
Christ there is a ta - ble, In Christ there is a ta - ble set for all.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

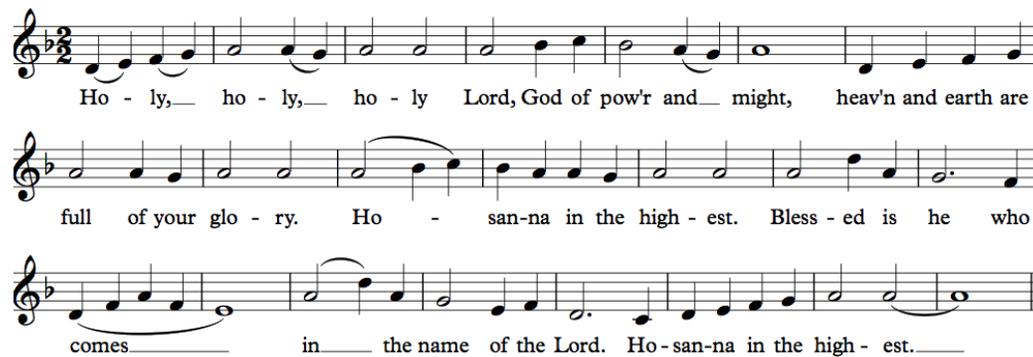
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(prayer continues)

Sanctus

Picardy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Words of Institution

Agnus Dei

Picardy

Lamb _____ of ___ God, you take a-way the sins of the world:
 have _____ mer - cy ___ on us. Lamb _____ of ___ God, you
 take a-way the sins of ___ the world: grant _____ us thy_ peace.

The Communion of the People

The Prayer after Communion

~ The Sending ~

Hymn #423

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

Duke Street

**Jesus shall reign where-e'er the sun does its successive journeys run,
 His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
 till moons shall wax and wane no more.**

**To Him shall endless prayer be made,
 and praises throng to crown His head;
 His name, like sweet perfume, shall rise with every morning sacrifice.**

**People and realms of every tongue dwell on His love with sweetest song,
 And infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on His name.**

**Blessings abound where-e'er He reigns;
 the prisoners leap to lose their chains,
 The weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.**

**Let every creature rise and bring honors peculiar to our King;
 Angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud Amen!**

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Charge and Benediction

Congregational Response

We Will Tell Each Generation

We will tell each gen-er - a - tion all that you, our_ God, have done:
 how you called and let your peo-ple, chose us out_ to_ be your own.

Postlude

Mendelssohn

Biery



If you would like the church office to record your attendance today, you can:

- Scan this QR code and click on the generated google doc link, or
- Go to <https://tinyurl.com/record-FPC-attendance>, or
- Email the office at office@fpctn.org



FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION...

FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION... ADVENT STUDY 2022

The stories, scriptures, and traditions of the Christmas season have been passed down to us throughout the generations. Many of us enter this season with a swell of memories and emotions as

vast as the cultural and religious rituals this holiday holds. Like a tapestry woven throughout time, the Christmas story weaves us in—to remember how God has shown up in the past, to continue the work of collective liberation, to behold the presence of God in flesh and bone.

Our Advent theme is also a call to action: what are we being called to generate or bring forth? What have your ancestors and those who have come before you passed on for you to continue? Considering the many ways we embody, remember, and tell the story of Christ's birth, which rituals hold the most meaning for you? What about this season will you pass on to the next generation?

From Generation to Generation... reminds us of the ways our lives, histories, actions, and stories are interconnected and woven together. The work of God is always unfolding—in and through us. This Advent, may you remember that you belong—to a story etched into the wrinkles of time, to generations that have come before and will come after, to a love that won't let you go. Creators of this Advent program at *A Sanctified Art* have provided a special e-reader version of this year's Advent devotional, which you can access on your computer and mobile devices:

<https://online.flippingbook.com/view/261712895/>

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Service of Lessons and Carols

TODAY, December 04 at 6:00 p.m. we will participate in our TWENTY-FIFTH annual **Service of Lessons and Carols** in the sanctuary.

The Service of Lessons and Carols is a traditional seasonal service of scripture and music. It is a very special and intimate service celebrating the true meaning of the season. We will also enjoy a **Holiday Dinner** at 4:30 pm in Fellowship Hall prior to the service. *We hope to see you there!*



SUNSET GAP CHRISTMAS: The deadline to return your wrapped gifts is TODAY Sunday, December 4th. Please contact Debbie Long with any questions.

Also, TODAY is the deadline to donate winter hats, scarves, and gloves/mittens with the **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**. Please contact Beth White with any questions.

FAMILY PROMISE: Thank you to the FPC volunteers who have donated gas/grocery and dinner cards for guest families this past year. Your generosity and compassion are a blessing to our guest families. Our next support hosting is the week of 1/29 -2/5 . The families will be housed in the extended stay motel again, so we will ask for card donations. The signup will be on the Westside site and we will let you know when it has been posted. Contact Beth Loyless for more information.

SHEPHERD OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY will be distributing December food bags again this holiday season to those less fortunate, and ask if we can contribute specific items for the meals. They need Boxed Potatoes (mashed or au gratin), Cake Mix & Icing and Stuffing Mix. Collection will run through December 10 and items can be placed on a table in Room A. *Thank you for your support!*



CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT

Bring the little ones in their pajamas and join us for *Mickey's Once Upon a Christmas* at our Christmas movie night event on Saturday, December 10th from 4 – 6 pm. We'll have a series of shorter films and wonderful Christmas activities for children ages preschool – 5th grade. We understand Santa will make an appearance with photo opportunities on the Polar Express! Please RSVP to Mason Warren at masonwarren@fpctn.org.

The **VMC luncheon** to help feed the homeless is on Tuesday, December 20th and is being coordinated by Carol Kraft. A sign-up sheet is on the narthex table. We need a VMC Meal Coordinator effective January 1st. Gloria Purjet has stepped down after several years of outstanding service and we need to find her replacement. The position involves informing FPC membership of the need for monthly assistance and scheduling volunteer coordinators each month to recruit servers. If you have questions, please contact Kirk Morris or Jean Peretz.



It's not too late to pledge! The consecration theme this year is **“Taking Care of Each Other, Our Church, Our Community.”** If you would like to indicate your pledge for 2023, please fill out an estimate of giving card found throughout the church, or use this QR code to pledge electronically. We hope to successfully wrap up this stewardship campaign within the next week or so.



REMEMBERING OUR MISSION WORKERS: Mailing Christmas cards each year shows our mission workers in a small, but very real way, our interest and commitment to them. Cards need to be mailed as soon as possible. 1 USA Global Forever stamp (\$1.40) will cover the postage, or you can use 3 regular first class postage stamps and mark Air Mail on the envelope. Addresses are:

Mark Hare and Jenny Bent (Keila & Annika)
c/o Mauricio Chacon-UBL
APDO 901-1000
San Jose
Costa Rica

Cobbie and Dessa Palm
c/o Divinity House
14 Mack Street, Bantayan
Dumaguete City 6200
Philippines



Christmas Services

Join us on **Christmas Eve, Saturday December 24th**
for Candlelight and Communion Worship Services:
5pm Casual Service or 7pm Traditional Service



We will also celebrate the birth of Christ and worship on
Christmas Day, Sunday December 25 at 10am

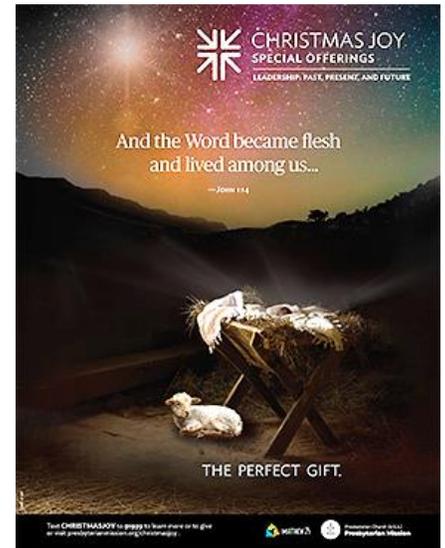
Christmas Joy Special Offering

Supporting Past, Present, and Future Leaders

The Christmas Joy Offering has been a cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s. The Offering distributes gifts equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. The Assistance Program provides critical financial support to church workers and their families. Presbyterian-related schools and colleges provide education and leadership development while nurturing racial and ethnic heritage.

This has been a Presbyterian commitment for nearly 140 years. The final Special Offering for 2022 is the annual Christmas Joy Offering which will be collected between now and December 18.

To Donate: Use an envelope provided at the church or
Send a check to FPC with *Christmas Joy Special Offering* on the memo line or
Submit a gift through e-giving at fpcn.org



2022 YEAR-END GIVING REMINDERS

- To be counted as a **2022** contribution:
 - Checks or cash must be received at FPC or mailed items postmarked **by 12/31/22**.
 - Donations by credit card are deductible in the year the donor makes the charge (transaction posting date).
 - ACH, EFT, stock transfers or other online donations are deductible in the year the bank transfers the stock or funds to FPC. Please make sure your online giving is initiated by Tuesday, Dec. 27th in time for the transaction to post on Friday, Dec. 30, 2022. The donation confirmation page on our website will confirm the date your account is debited for online giving transactions.
- Don't file your 2022 tax return before receiving your FPC 2022 year-end giving statement, so that you have IRS-compliant documentation of any gifts of cash or checks to FPC that are \$250 or more.
- Year-end donations statements will be mailed by Jan 31st, 2023.

HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

If you would like to help us offset the cost of decorating the church for the holidays by making a contribution in honor or memory of a loved one, just fill out this form and include your check made payable to Farragut Presbyterian Church, with "Holiday Decorations" designated in the memo line. Place your check and this form in the offering basket, drop them off in the church office or mail them to the church. **Our cost per poinsettia is \$10.00**, however, your gift may be in any amount. An insert will be included in the Christmas Eve bulletin listing the devotions.

I am making a gift towards holiday decorations, to the Glory of God, and:

Please Print Clearly

In Honor/Memory of _____
(Circle One)

Donated by: _____



This Week at FPC

Sun, Dec 4	9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship		
	9:00	a.m.	KidZone/Room 10
	4:30	p.m.	Holiday Dinner /Fellowship Hall
	6:00	p.m.	25th Annual Service of Lessons & Carols
	6:00	p.m.	Youth Group/Room 10
Mon, Dec 05	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex
	3:00	p.m.	Stephen Ministry Leaders/Library
	6:15	p.m.	STEM Scouts/Fellowship Hall
Tues, Dec 06	11:30	a.m.	Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
	5:30	p.m.	Elder Orientation/Library
	6:30	p.m.	Early-Onset Dementia Caregivers/Room A
	7:00	p.m.	Boy Scouts #444/FH, Narthex
Wed, Dec 07	11:30	a.m.	Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
	2:00	p.m.	Grief Support Group/Library
	7:30	p.m.	Chancel Choir/Sanctuary
Thur, Dec 08	6:30	p.m.	Cub Scout #444/Fellowship Hall
	7:00	p.m.	Thursday Night Bible Study/Zoom
Fri, Dec 09	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex
	7:00	p.m.	Gentle Yoga Class/Fellowship Hall
Sat, Dec 10	4:00	a.m.	Christmas Movie Night /Fellowship Hall

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Class	Room	Topic
Adult Bible Study	Outside or in the Parlor in bad weather	This class discusses the Lectionary text from the sermon, and still meets under the trees in good weather and in the parlor in bad weather.
Monday Connection	Zoom and Room A	Starting TODAY, this group will discuss the book <i>Everything Happens for a Reason: And Other Lies I've Loved</i> , an autobiography by Kate Bowler who is facing cancer and the prospect of her own mortality.
Intergenerational Advent Study for Adults and Youth	Library	Thru Sunday 12/18 youth and adults are invited to join together to study "The Heart That Grew Three Sizes: Finding Faith in the Story of <i>The Grinch</i> ." Contact Mason Warren for more information at masonwarren@fpcn.org .



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