



A Son is Given

~Isaiah 9:6~

**Farragut Presbyterian Church**  
**Twenty-sixth Annual Service of Lessons and Carols**  
**December 17, 2023 ~ 10:00 a.m.**

*This is a service of worship. Through the singing of carols and the reading of scripture,  
we offer our gifts to God who sent his son to live and grow among us.*

PRELUDE: “He is Born”

arr. Linda R. Lamb

FPC Ringers

GREETING

Rev. Matt Nieman

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

*Come to the Manger: Joy for Advent*  
Bruce Wilson and LisaKay Matchen

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SILENT MEDITATION/CHIMING OF THE HOUR *(Congregation stands)*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: “Once in Royal David’s City”

arr. Stephen Cleobury

VERSE 1 ( Soloist)

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 that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

VERSE 2 (Chancel Choir)

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 and mean and lowly Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

VERSE 3 (Sung by all Present)

**For he is our childhood’s pattern, Day by day like us he grew.  
He was little, weak, and helpless, Tears and smiles like us he knew:  
And he feeleth for our sadness, And he shareth in our gladness.**

VERSE 4 (Sung by all Present)

**And our eyes at last shall see him, Through his own redeeming love,  
For that child so dear and gentle Is our Lord in heaven above;  
And he leads his children on To the place where he is gone.**

VERSE 5 (Sung by all Present)

**Not in that poor lowly stable, With the oxen standing by,  
We shall see him; but in heaven, Set at God’s right hand on high;  
When like stars his children crowned All in white shall wait around.**

*Congregation may be seated*

BIDDING PRAYER

Rev. Nieman

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

FIRST LESSON – A Youth

God tells sinful Adam that he has lost the life of Paradise  
and that his seed will bruise the serpent's head. ~Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

“Adam Lay Y’Bounden”

English Carol set by Earlene Rentz

Farragut Singers

SECOND LESSON – A Choir Member

God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed  
shall all the nations of earth be blessed. ~Genesis 22:15-18

Hymn: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

arr. David Willcocks

(Congregation standing, Sung by all Present)

VERSE 1

**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!**

VERSE 2

**O come, Thou Dayspring, 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!**

VERSE 3

**O come, Desire of nations, bind All people 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!**

*Congregation may be seated*

THIRD LESSON – A Choir Member

The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior. ~Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Hymn: “Prepare the Way”

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(Congregation standing, Sung by all Present)

VERSE 1

**Prepare the way, O Zion, Your Christ is drawing near!  
Let every hill and valley a level way appear,  
Greet One who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story.  
O blest is Christ that came in God's most holy name.**

VERSE 2

**Christ bring God's rule, O Zion; He comes from heaven above.  
His rule is peace and freedom, and justice, truth, and love.  
Lift high your praise resounding, for grace and joy abounding.  
O blest is Christ that came in God's most holy name.**

VERSE 3

**Fling wide your gates, O Zion; your Savior's rule embrace.  
And tidings of salvation proclaim in every place.  
All lands will bow rejoicing, their adoration voicing.  
O blest is Christ that came in God's most holy name.**

*Congregation may be seated*

FOURTH LESSON – The Organist

The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown. ~Isaiah 11:1-4, 6-9

“A Shoot Shall Come Forth”

Richard Horn

Chancel Choir

FIFTH LESSON – The Director of Music

The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary. ~Luke 1:26-35, 38

“The Angel Gabriel”

Basque Carol, arr. Theron Kirk

Chancel Choir

SIXTH LESSON – A Member of the Congregation

St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus. ~Luke 2:1, 3-7

“What Strangers Are These?”

Scottish Carol, arr. Dan Forrest

Chancel Choir with Lynn Kszos, flute

Hymn: “Hark, the Herald Angels Sing”

arr. Willcocks

(Congregation standing, Sung by all Present)

VERSE 1

**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 th'angelic host proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem,  
Hark! the herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King.**

VERSE 2

**Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold him come, Off-spring of a virgin's womb:  
Veiled in flesh the God-head see, Hail th'incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark! the herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King.**

VERSE 3

**Hail! The heav'n born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings, Ris'n with healing in his wings;  
Mild he lays his glory by, Born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth.  
Hark! the herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King.**

*Congregation may be seated*

SEVENTH LESSON – A Member of the Congregation

The shepherds go to the manger. ~Luke 2:8-16

Hymn: “The First Nowell”

arr. Willcocks

(Congregation standing, Sung by all Present)

VERSE 1

**The first Nowell the angel did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as the lay;  
In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep:  
“Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Born is the King of Israel!”**

VERSE 2

**Then let us all with one accord  
Sing praises to our heav'nly Lord,  
That hath made heav'n and earth of naught,  
And with his blood mankind hath bought:  
“Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Born is the King of Israel!”**

*Congregation may be seated*

EIGHTH LESSON – A Minister

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus. ~Matthew 2:1-11

“We Three Kings”

arr. Ricky Lombardo

FPC Flute Trio

*Congregation stands*

NINTH LESSON – The Senior Minister

Saint John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation. ~John 1:1-14

Lighting of the Candles

Hymn: “Silent Night”

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(Congregation standing, Sung by all Present)

VERSE 1

**Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright,  
Round yon virgin mother and child.  
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.**

VERSE 2

**Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight,  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heavenly hosts sing: “Alleluia;  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.”**

VERSE 3

**Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love’s pure light.  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at The birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.**

VERSE 4

**Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend they light;  
With the angels let us sing,  
Alleluia to our King;  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.**

Extinguishing of the Candles

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL HYMN: “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

arr. Willcocks

(Sung by all Present)

VERSE 1

**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!**



VERSE 2

**God of God, Light of Light,  
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;  
Very God, Begotten, not created:  
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!**

VERSE 3

**Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;  
Glory to God in the highest:  
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!**

VERSE 4

**Yea, Lord, we greet thee, Born this happy morning,  
Jesu, to thee be all glory giv'n;  
Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing:  
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!**

POSTLUDE: "Sing We Now of Christmas"

arr. Gordon Young



Remember the wonder of Christ's birth at our worship services on

*Christmas Eve*

**10:00 a.m.**

Morning Service

**3:00 p.m.**

Casual Communion & Candlelight Service

**7:00 p.m.**

Traditional Communion & Candlelight Service

**Farragut Presbyterian Church**  
**Chancel Choir**  
**Dr. Angela L. Batey, conductor**  
**Tami Newsom, organist**  
**Dr. Linda Stutzenberger, pianist**

Krista Belding, Ashley Boone, Wayne Davis, Brian Davison, Frank Dorman,  
Lucy Fleming, Mary Ellen Haig, Howard Hickman, Pat Hickman, Karen Johnson,  
Paul Johnson, Mikie Lancaster, Brenda Luggie, Beth Martin, LisaKay Matchen,  
Laura McFee-Adams, Janet Murphy, Helen Nalley, Joey Nieman, Matt Nieman,  
Bryan Nunley, Jeanie Oakley, Nancy Pevey, Ron Pevey, Peggy Stange,  
Becky Thomason, Bruce Wilson, Elizabeth Wilson, Kathryn Wilson

**Farragut Singers**

**Soprano**

Brenda Luggie  
Laura McFee-Adams

**Alto**

Angie Batey  
Nancy Pevey

**Tenor**

Krista Belding  
Bruce Wilson

**Bass**

Paul Johnson  
Bryan Nunley  
Ron Pevey

**FPC Flute Trio**

Ashley Boone, Lynn Kszos, MaryAnne Walls

**FPC Ringers**

Krista Belding, Ashley Boone, Mary Ellen Haig, Paul Johnson, Lynn Kszos,  
Brenda Luggie, Beth Martin, Laura McFee-Adams, Helen Nalley, Tami Newsom,  
Nancy Pevey, Ron Pevey, MaryAnne Walls

**Readers**

Turner Neely  
Tami Newsom  
Dr. Thom Haig

Pat Hickman  
Dr. Angela Batey  
Rev. Hal Oakley

Helen Nalley  
Cheryl Cardwell  
Rev. Matt Nieman

**Acolyte**

Eli Feldhausen



## **Special Thanks**

Keith Roberts

Victoria Bolen

Ken Ladrach

David Long

Tami Newsom

Rev. Matt Nieman

Dr. Linda Stutzenberger

Mason Warren

Dawn Zilles

To all our congregation for support of our Music Ministry

To all our musicians for their untiring efforts in contributing to a quality Music Ministry  
in order to meet all the needs of our congregation and community

To the Church Life Committee for a wonderful reception following our service





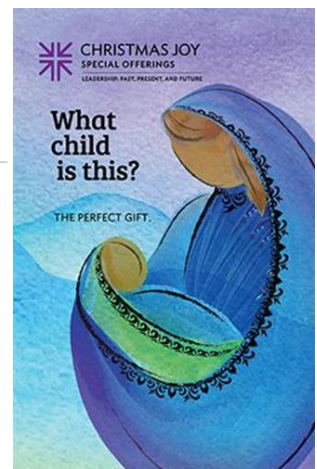
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- Scan this QR code and click on the generated google doc link, or
- Go to <https://tinyurl.com/record-FPC-attendance>, or
- Email the office at [office@fpctn.org](mailto:office@fpctn.org), or
- Sign the pew attendance pad.

The Thursday Men's Bible Study group will be serving lunch on Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> to the hungry at **VOLUNTEER MINISTRY CENTER**. If you are part of that group and would like to help, please contact Wayne Walls.

The **CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING** is one of four annual special offerings. This offering provides assistance to current and retired church workers and their families in their time of need, and develops our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. We will be collecting this offering on Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> or you can give anytime using a pew envelope, by mail, or online at [www.fpctn.org](http://www.fpctn.org).



Thanks to all of the volunteers, organizers, set designers, costume designers, authors, narrators and performers of last week's **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT!** It was a such a wonderful program. Photos of the event have been posted to the website at: <https://www.fpctn.org/childrens-christmas-pageant/> Be sure to check them out.

2023 Year-End Giving Reminders

- To be counted as a 2023 contribution:
  - Checks or cash must be received at FPC or mailed items postmarked by 12/31/23.
  - 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. 26th in time for the transaction to post on Friday, Dec. 29, 2023. The donation confirmation page on our website will confirm the date your account is debited for online giving transactions.
- Don't file your 2023 tax return before receiving your FPC 2023 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 donation statements will be mailed by Jan 31st, 2024.



My name is Turner Neely, and I am a member of Boy Scout Troop 444 and Farragut Presbyterian Church, sponsor of the troop. I am currently working on my Eagle Scout project for SOS Beagle Rescue located in Knoxville. I will be constructing a retaining wall in the puppy run to fix erosion issues. I expect this project will cost at least \$300-\$500 for supplies of stone, gravel, and grass. If anyone would like to donate to my project, it would be greatly appreciated. For more information on how to donate, see me or go to

<https://tinyurl.com/TNeagleproject>. Thank you for your support.

Church Life Committee will be meeting in January and discussing the fellowship activities for 2024. If you have any suggestions, please contact Jeff Thode or Gayle Williams.

This Week at FPC

Sun, Dec 17 10:00 a.m. Service of Lessons and Carols			
Mon, Dec 18	10:00	a.m.	KidZone/Fellowship Hall
	11:00	a.m.	Holiday Reception/Narthex
	6:00	p.m.	Youth Group/Parlor
	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex
	11:45	a.m.	Big Fish Music/Room A
Tues, Dec 19	5:00	p.m.	Church Life Committee/Room A
	6:00	p.m.	STEM Scouts/Fellowship Hall
	7:00	p.m.	Property Committee/Library
Wed, Dec 20	10:30	a.m.	Feed the Homeless/Volunteer Ministry Center
	11:45	a.m.	Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
Thur, Dec 21	7:30	p.m.	Chancel Choir/Room A
	11:45	a.m.	Big Fish Music/Room A
	6:30	p.m.	Cub Scouts #444/Fellowship Hall
Fri, Dec 22	7:00	p.m.	Thursday Night Bible Study/Zoom
	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex

## **WORSHIP NOTES:**

The Service of Nine Lessons and Carols is a traditional Christmas service of scripture and music. The lessons tell the story of the coming of Christ, beginning with the reason God sent him into the world: to save sinners. Next, from Isaiah is read the prophecy of the Savior's coming, followed by the beloved passages from the Gospel according to Luke describing his birth and the announcement of his arrival to the shepherds. From the Gospel according to Matthew we hear the story of the wise men, and in the last lesson, St. John describes the mystery of the incarnation of Christ: "The Word was made flesh." During this final lesson, the people stand as a sign of their reverence and awe, and in the last hymn, *O Come, All Ye Faithful*, make reference to the great mystery, singing "Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing." Also, at the conclusion of the last lesson, candles are lit by all present, symbolizing Christ as the "true light, which enlightens everyone, coming into the world: for us and our salvation.

The nine lessons were originally drawn up in 1880 by the Bishop of Truro, and adapted forty years later at King's College in Cambridge, England, for a new Christmas Eve service. The college was founded in 1440 by King Henry VI, who decided it should have a choir of sixteen boys (called "choristers") and fourteen men (called "choral scholars"). Thus was born the now famous King's College Choir, which exists today in practically the same form. What began for this choir as a simple Christmas Eve has become one of the most popular and renowned of Christian musical traditions. Each year, the choir is heard around the world as it broadcasts its Lessons and Carols from the spectacular King's College Chapel.

Our service today will follow many traditions of the King's College Choir. To signal the start of the service, chimes will ring the hour and the congregation will stand. Then from the back of the church, a single treble voice will begin the story: "One in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed." More voices will join in, verse by verse, (see instructions printed above each verse), until the entire church sings together. At the head of the procession will go an acolyte with a candle lighter, held high as a symbol of the light Christ brings into our world and as a reminder of our purpose in offering up this service of celebration of his birth.



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## **PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY:**

Andy Andrew, Candice Blake, Sue Burton, Kathy Emmerson, Frank Guess, Paul Hanson,  
Barbara Kivlin, Jimmy and Beth Loyless, Irma McGuffey, Janet Murphy,  
Tami Newsom, Steve Tinder, Helen Weaver