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~The Gathering~

PRELUDE

Of the Father's Love Begotten
Tami Newsom, organ

Burton

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GREETING

Rev. Matt Nieman

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Come to the Manger: *Love for Advent*
Joey Nieman and LisaKay Matchen

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Forever is a very long time.

We will sing of God's steadfast love forever.

Forever is a very long time.

God's faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

Forever is a very long time.

We will trust God forever.

Come, let us worship God!



*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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*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Faithful God, we know that you are always there to guide us,
Yet we often make plans without listening to you and discover
that our human agendas can drown out our ability to hear your
will for us. We repent of these faults and turn to you in love.**

**Forgive our offenses and pardon our sins, so our lives may
magnify your holy name forever.**

(please continue in silent prayer)

*KYRIE ELEISON (Tune: Stuttgart)

Wesley

**Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.**

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*GLORIA PATRI

Angels We Have Heard on High

Gloria

Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

*THE PEACE

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



~The Word~

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Jeff Thode

Astonishing God, send your Holy Spirit upon us as we await the coming of your Son. Fill us with good things that we may conceive your reign on earth and glorify you according to your Word; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 16:25-27

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE 15

Dr. Angela Batey, cantor

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My soul pro - claims the great-ness of the Lord.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed;
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name. **(R)**

He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm,
he has scattered the proud in their conceit. **(R)**

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty. **(R)**

He has come to the help of his servant Israel,
for he has remembered his promise of mercy.
The promise he has made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children forever. **(R)**



SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 1:26-38

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“Surprise!”

Rev. Matt Nieman

~The Response~

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – An Invitation to Discipleship

The invitation to follow Christ is filled with hope, peace, joy, and love.

There is hope:

a new journey with Christ brings transformation.

There is peace:

in Christ, the old has passed away and the new can now emerge.

There is joy:

**nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love
of God in Jesus Christ.**

There is love:

**God so loved the world that God became human in Jesus, our savior.
Now is the time to respond to God’s love
and accept the invitation to follow this Christ.**

Be filled with hope, peace, joy, and love!

ANTHEM

Sussex Carol
Chancel Choir

arr. Walters

1. On Christmas night all Christians sing
To hear the news the angels bring.
News of great joy, news of great mirth,
News of our merciful King's birth.
2. Then why should we on earth be so sad,
Since our Redeemer made us glad,
When from our sin he set us free,
All for to gain our liberty?
3. When sin departs before His grace,
Then life and health come in its place.
Angels and men with joy may sing
All for to see the new-born King.
4. All out of darkness we have light,
Which made the angels sing this night:
"Glory to God and peace to men,
Now and for evermore, Amen!"

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

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.**

~The Sending~

*HYMN #31

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Mendelssohn

**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!"**

**Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold Him come, offspring of the virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the incarnate Deity,
Pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"**

**Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, risen with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by, born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"**

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*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #48

Isaiah 'twas foretold it

Es ist ein' Ros'

**Isaiah 'twas foretold it, The rose I have in mind,
With Mary we behold it, The virgin mother kind.
To show God's love a-right She bore for us a Savior,
When half-spent was the night.**

*POSTLUDE

Variations on the Sussex Carol

Schulz-Widmar



Please join us for
Christmas Eve Services today!

Casual Service with candlelight and communion
at 3:00 p.m.
featuring piano, guitars and violin

Traditional Service with candlelight and communion
at 7:00 p.m.
featuring choir, harp, violin and organ





Farragut
Presbyterian
Church

This Week at FPC

The church office will be closed
on Monday, December 25th and Tuesday, December 26th.

We will be back in the office
on Wednesday, December 27th at 9am.

**There will be ONE worship service at 10:00 a.m.
next Sunday, December 31st.**



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