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Second Sunday of Advent



~ **We Gather** ~

Welcome

Rev. Matt Nieman

Prelude

Glory Revealed
Musical Ensemble

Candi Pearson Shelton

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Lighting of the Advent Candle

Come to the Manger: Peace for Advent
Brian Davison and Paul Johnson

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*Call to Worship

Wilderness living calls us to seek God in the voice that cries out,
“**Valleys will be lifted up and mountains will be made low,**”
to seek God in the sound of the one who speaks of peace,
“**The day of the Lord is coming,**”
to seek God in the loud noise that foretells what will be made new.
In the wilderness, let us listen only for God’s voice.
Let us worship God!

*Opening Songs

Angels from the Realms of Glory
and
Prepare the Way

(words and music printed on following pages)

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er
2 Shep - herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your
3 Sag - es, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions
4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,

all the earth; you, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing;
beam a - far; seek the great de - sire of na - tions;
Spir - it, Son, ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing

now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
yon - der shines the in - fant light: come and wor - ship,
you have seen his na - tal star:
to the e - ter - nal Three in One:

come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born king!

INTRO

♩ = 75 D Bm D/F#

Pre - pare the way, pre - pare the way, pre - pare the way of the Lord.

4 G2 D Bm D/F#

Pre - pare the way, pre - pare the way, pre - pare the way of the Lord.

CHORUS 1

8 G2 D Bm D/F# G2 D Bm

2nd time to Coda ♯

Je - sus, Je - sus, Je - sus, Je - sus. Je - sus, Je - sus,

VERSE

15 D/F# G2 D Bm

Je - sus, Je - sus. 1. You are the Light of the world, You are the Light of the world,
 2. You are the King of the earth, You are the King of the earth,

19 D/F# G2 D

You are the Light of the world, Je - sus. You are the Light of the world,
 You are the King of the earth, Je - sus. You are the King of the earth,

22 Bm D/F# G2

You are the Light of the world, You are the Light of the world, Je - sus.
 You are the King of the earth, You are the King of the earth, Je - sus.

*Prayer of Confession

**Great God, we confess that we have not led lives of holiness.
 We suffer from impatience, apathy, and greed; we have not been at peace.
 We repent of these offenses and turn to you in love.
 Forgive our iniquity and pardon our sins,
 That we may walk in righteousness to the glory of your name.**

(please continue in silent prayer)

*Declaration of Forgiveness

*The Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.



~Children's Christmas Pageant~

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Congregation (seated)

**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!**

Joy to the World

Congregation (seated)

**Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare Him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.**

We Three Kings of Orient Are

Congregation (seated)

**We three kings of Orient are,
bearing gifts we traverse afar;
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.
O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading, still proceeding guide us to thy perfect light!**

Angels We Have Heard on High

Congregation (seated)

**Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo;
Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

Away in a Manger

Children

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Children with CiCi Teasley, soloist



CAST AND CREW:

Mary.....	Cheyenne Feldhausen
Joseph.....	Tom Feldhausen
Innkeeper.....	Brian Davison
Angel.....	Mason Warren
Shepherds, Wisemen, Angels, Star.....	FPC children
Narrators.....	LisaKay Matchen Savannah Mashue
Youth Readers.....	Thomas Houlihan Micah Bohlken Landon Eiffert Julianna Snelling-Brandon
Authors.....	Sarah Mashue & LisaKay Matchen
Costumes.....	LisaKay Matchen, Mary Ellen Haig, Helen Nalley & Nancy Pevey
Set.....	Clay and Denise Griffin
Flute.....	MaryAnne Walls
Piano.....	Tami Newsom & Sandra Bohlken
Soloist.....	CiCi Teasley

~We Respond~

Reflection

Rev. Matt Nieman

Call for Giving

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.**

~We Go Out Into the World~

*Closing Song

Sing to the King

Billy Foote/ Charles Horne

VERSE

$\text{♩} = 108$ E B/E A/E E



1. Sing to the King Who is com - ing to reign.
2. For His re - turn - ing we watch and we pray;

5 B/E A/E E



Glo - ry to Je - sus, the Lamb that was slain. Life and sal -
We will be read - y the dawn of that day. We'll join in

10 B/E A/E E B/E



va - tion His em - pire shall bring, and joy to the na - tions, when
sing - ing with all the re - deemed, 'cause Sa - tan is van - quished and

CHORUS

15 A/E E E



Je - sus is King. Come, let us sing a song, a
Je - sus is King.

20 F#m7 A2(no3) E



song de - clar - ing that we be - long to Je - sus; He is all we need.

25 D2(no3) E F#m7



Lift up a heart of praise. Sing now with voic - es raised to Je -

30 A2(no3) E



sus; Sing to the King.

*Charge and Benediction

Special thanks to today's Music Ensemble:

Sandra Bohlken, guitar and vocals ~ Joey Nieman, guitar and vocals ~ Mindy Houlihan, vocals
Tim Mashue, bass guitar ~ Kevin Zetina, percussion

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

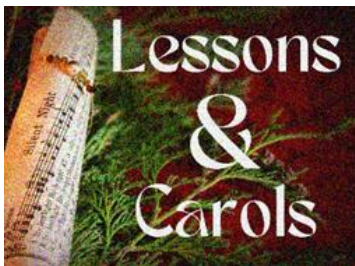


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- Go to <https://tinyurl.com/record-FPC-attendance>, or
- Email the office at office@fpctn.org, or
- Sign the pew attendance pad.



Please join us for a COOKIE RECEPTION after the service in the narthex.



Next Sunday, December 17 at a 10:00 service, we will have our twenty-sixth annual **SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS** followed by a heavy hors-d'œuvre reception! 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. Come sing the Christmas carols you know and love and be sure to invite your friends and neighbors to join us!

SHEPHERD OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY: We have been asked to provide specific items for holiday meals in December for food pantry families. We are collecting boxes/bags of stuffing mix, cake mixes, and ready-to-use cans of frosting. You can place your donations in the Shepherd of Hope shopping cart in the narthex. Last day to donate is Sunday, December 17.



A **BIG THANK YOU** for the generosity of everyone who participated in the Christmas Drive for Sunset Gap. You have made Christmas a little merrier for 40 children. Their sponsorship this year is for 220 children in Coker Co.

Thank you to those who donated hats, mittens and scarves for the community. These will be available to anyone who needs them through February.

Thank you also to those who donated food for the food pantry. They served 593 families in November, even though they took Thanksgiving week off.

The **CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING** is one of four annual special offerings. The Special Offerings offer opportunities for partnership, learning, and witness and they profoundly affect the life of the church as a collective witness to Jesus Christ's love for the whole church. 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 24th or you can give anytime using pew envelopes, by mail, or online at www.fpctn.org.

BLESSINGS: Kent and Joyce Williams have a new grandson *Joseph William Malone* born on December 6th at 7lb 9oz. Their daughter Kara and her husband Turner Malone are the proud parents.





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. This will allow the puppies to play in a dirt and mud free environment where potential adopters can interact with the puppies and choose which one to adopt. 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. Any funds raised above the cost of the project will be donated to SOS Beagle Rescue. For more information on how to donate, see me or go to <https://tinyurl.com/TNeagleproject>. Thank you for your support.

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.



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 sanctuary 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 dedications.

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

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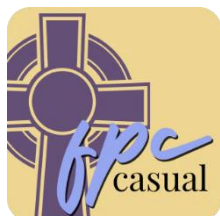
Andy Andrew, Candice Blake, Sue Burton, Kathy Emmerson, Frank Guess, Paul Hanson, Jimmy and Beth Loyless, Irma McGuffey, Tami Newsom, Steve Tinder, Helen Weaver

A **memorial service** will be held today, Sunday, December 10 at 3pm in the sanctuary to honor the life of FPC member Dianna Lynn Daw.

Sun, Dec 10		10:00 a.m. Worship Service – Children’s Christmas Pageant	
	11:00	a.m.	Christmas Cookie Reception /Narthex
	3:00	p.m.	Memorial Service for Dianna Lynn Daw/Sanctuary
	6:00	p.m.	Youth Group/Parlor
Mon, Dec 11	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex
	11:45	a.m.	Big Fish Music/Room A and Sanctuary
	6:00	p.m.	STEM Scouts/Fellowship Hall
Tues, Dec 12	7:00	p.m.	Christian Education Committee/Zoom
	7:00	p.m.	Stephen Ministry Group/Library
	10:00	a.m.	PW Circle #1/Room A
Wed, Dec 13	10:00	a.m.	PW Circle #2/Library
	11:45	a.m.	Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
	7:00	p.m.	Session/Library
Thur, Dec 14	10:00	a.m.	PW Circle #3/Library
	11:45	a.m.	Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
	6:00	p.m.	FPC Ringers Rehearsal/Sanctuary
Fri, Dec 15	7:30	p.m.	Chancel Choir/Room A
	8:00	a.m.	Men’s Bible Study/Narthex
	9:30	a.m.	Big Fish Christmas Program/Sanctuary, Narthex
Sat, Dec 16	6:30	p.m.	Cub Scouts #444/Fellowship Hall
	7:00	p.m.	Thursday Night Bible Study/Zoom
	9:30	a.m.	Big Fish Christmas Program/Sanctuary, Narthex
	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Room A
	10:00	a.m.	Rehearsal for Lessons and Carols/Sanctuary

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Class	Room	Topic
Adult Bible Study	Outside or in Room D in bad weather	This class discusses the Lectionary text from the sermon, and still meets under the trees in good weather and in Room D in not-so-good weather.
Pastor Matt’s Class	Library	Come join this Bible study group led by Pastor Matt and others at 9:00 in the Library. The class study is currently based largely on reflections of author and pastor Brian McClaren in his book <i>A Generous Orthodoxy</i> .
Youth	Café (Parlor)	The youth Sunday School class meets to “DIVE IN to the Old Testament!” Each week throughout the school year, youth explore a specific book of the Old Testament utilizing videos and discussion.



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To praise God, welcome all, serve others, grow in faith, and make disciples of Jesus Christ.