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*We invite you to stand as able.



~The Gathering~

PRELUDE (6:50 p.m.)

O Come, O Come Emmanuel
I Wonder As I Wander
Manger Medley

arr. Gaudet
arr. Stutzenberger
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Dr. Linda Stutzenberger, harp

The Holy Boy (A Carol of the Nations)

Ireland

Tami Newsom, organ

GREETING

Rev. Matt Nieman

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Come to the Manger: Wonder of Advent
LisaKay Matchen and Joey Nieman

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CALL TO WORSHIP

The Word was made flesh, **Alleluia!**
And dwelt among us, **Alleluia!**
Jesus, Son of the Living God: **Glory to you!**
Jesus, King of Glory, born of the Virgin Mary:
Glory to you!
Jesus, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Lord: **Glory to you!**
Jesus, Prince of Peace: **Glory to you!**
Christ is born! Give him glory!
Christ is now on earth! Alleluia!



*HYMN #41

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Adeste Fideles

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in the darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less.

Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace and live in the truth of Christ the Lord.

(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~

ANTHEM

O Holy Night
Dr. Linda Stutzenberger, harp

arr. Loucks

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

We would make room for you this night of all nights, dear Lord: room in our minds and hearts; room also in our life together. Let your word be born in us anew so that, by the power of the Holy Spirit, your splendor shines in us and through us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 9:2-7

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 2:1-20

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.



SERMON

“Pizza and the Baby Jesus”

Rev. Matt Nieman

~The Response~

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that God came to redeem this world of lost children, and to open the way to eternal life, through the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth. This Jesus who is one with us in our common humanity, is one with God as the incarnation of the second Person of the Trinity. Therefore, we confess that Jesus is one person, truly God and truly human. This mystery of God's grace in Jesus Christ, which can be experienced and proclaimed, but never fully explained, is what ties Christians together in a common faith and life across the centuries.

ANTHEM

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly
Chancel Choir

arr. R. Leaf

The anthem text may be found in The Hymnal, #37.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

~**The Eucharist**~

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PREPARATION SONG

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

**For the bread which You have broken,
for the wine which You have poured,
for the words which You have spoken,
now we give You thanks, O Lord.**

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.

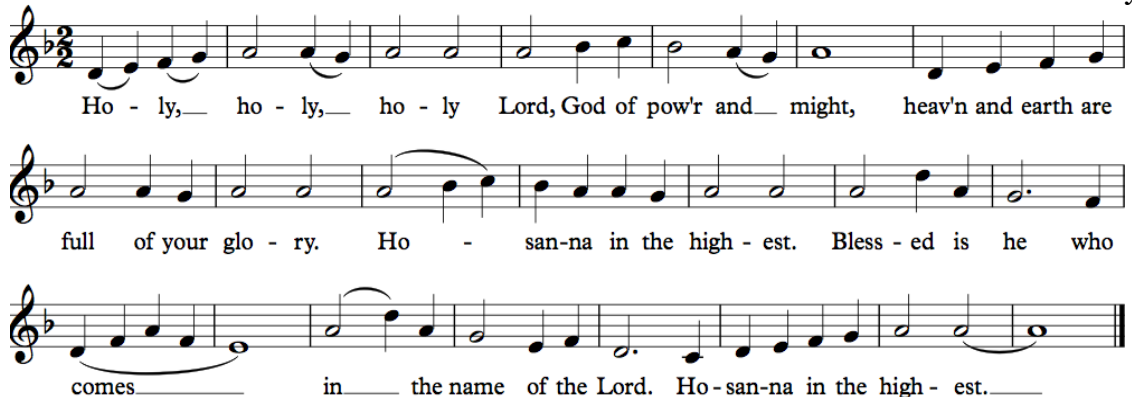
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(prayer continues)

SANCTUS

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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.

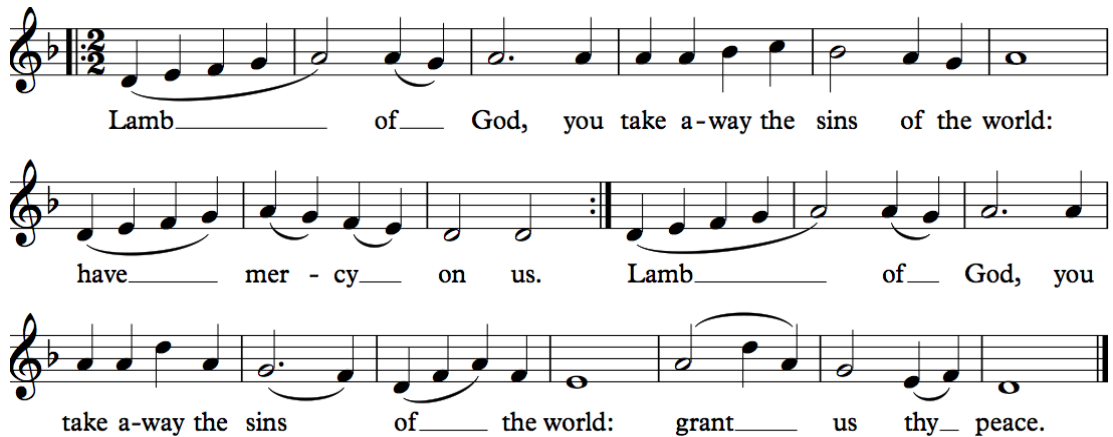
THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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

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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~

*LIGHTING OF CANDLES

*HYMN #60

Silent Night, Holy Night

Stille Nacht

Text: Joseph Mohr, 1818, Trans. John Freeman Young, 1863. Music: Franz Xaver Gruber, 1818.
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*HYMN #40

Joy to the World!

Antioch

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*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #40 *Joy to the World!*

Antioch

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king.
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing!**

*POSTLUDE

Gloria
Tami Newsom, organ

Brown



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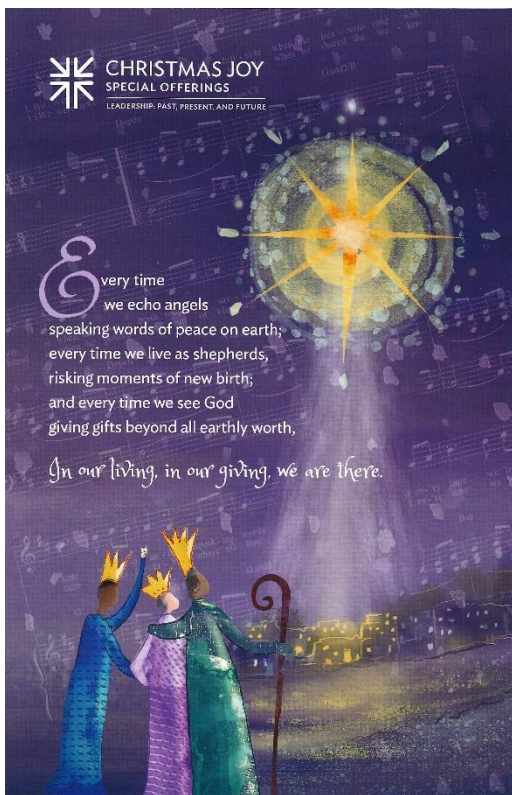
This Week at FPC

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.**





Today we celebrate the leaders of our church – past, present and future. We will be collecting the **CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING**, where 50% of your gifts assist current and retired church workers and their families with critical financial needs.

The remaining 50% of your gifts make it possible for students to learn and grow in faith at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

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Monday - Thursday 9am-3pm; Friday 9am-1pm

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Joy TO THE
World



The Lord Has Come!

