



December 7, 2025
10:00 a.m.



What do
you fear?

WHEN WE'RE RUNNING OUT
OF HOPE, GOD IS AT WORK

2nd Sunday in Advent

This service is being recorded by video and audio means.

BabySteps (Nursery) is available for infants to children 2 years of age

~ We Gather ~

Prelude

Glory Revealed

Worship Team

Words and music by Candi Pearson-Shelton ©2007

Advent Candle Lighting and Call to Worship

Brian Davison

In a world full of fear, where do you see glimmers of peace?

We see glimmers of peace in the quiet of early morning, when people shake hands, when loved ones say they're sorry, and when the church sings together.

You are right. Even in a fearful world, peace is all around us. Today we light the candle of peace as a reminder of this good news. May this flicker of light help us remember that even in a fearful world, peace is present. We only have to look for it.

(Candle is lit)

Thanks be to God!
Amen.

*We invite you to stand as able.

*Opening Song

Hymn of Promise

1. In the bulb there is a flower; In the seed, an apple tree; In co-
2. There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody; There's a
3. In our end is our beginning; In our time, infinity; In our
-coons, a hidden promise: But - ter - flies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of
dawn in eve-ry dark-ness bring-ing hope to you and me. From the past will come the
doubt there is be - liev-ing; In our life, e - ter - ni - ty. In our death, a res - ur -
win-ter there's a spring that waits to be, un-re-vealed un-til its sea - son, some-thing
fu-ture; What it holds, a mys - ter - y, un-re-vealed un-til its sea - son, some-thing
-rec-tion; At the last, a vic - to - ry, un-re-vealed un-til its sea - son, some-thing
God a - lone can see.
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*Prayer of Confession

On-the-move God, we have every reason to hold onto hope. We have every reason to believe that spring will come, that flowers will bloom, that the sun will rise. And yet, too often hope slips through our fingers. With anxious hearts we cry out to you, "Will change ever come? Will things ever get better? Will I ever make a difference?" Soothe our wandering hearts and show us the places where the sun is shining. Show us the places where you are on the move. With open hearts we pray.

(please continue in silent prayer)

*Declaration of Forgiveness

*The Peace

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

~ We Proclaim ~



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!

Magnificat
CiCi Teasley, soloist
FPC Worship Team

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!

Away in a Manger (Kirkpatrick)
Congregation (seated)

Away in a manger, no crib for His bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.





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.
Glo-----ria in excelsis Deo; Glo-----ria in excelsis Deo.

O Holy Night
Congregation (seated)

O holy night! The stars are brightly shining, it is the night of the dear Savior's birth;
Long lay the world in sin and error pining, till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices, for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn;
Fall on your knees, O, hear the angel voices!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born!
O night, O holy night, O night divine!

The First Noël
Children

Go Tell It on the Mountain
Children



CAST AND CREW:

Adult Narrator.....	LisaKay Matchen
Kid Narrator 1.....	Juliana Snelling-Brandon
Kid Narrator 2.....	Micah Bohlken
Angel 1.....	Roxy Matson
Royal Proclaimer.....	Landon Eiffert
Shepherd 1.....	Peyton Houlihan
Wise Man 1.....	Isaiah Bohlken
Wise Man 2.....	Eli Feldhausen
Mary.....	Kaitlyn Mee
Joseph.....	Joey Nieman
Innkeeper.....	Brian Davison
Gabriel.....	Thomas Houlihan
Ensemble.....	FPC children
Authors.....	Adapted by Mason Warren from <i>Jesus Storybook Bible</i> & Original script by LisaKay Matchen & Sarah Mashue
Costumes.....	LisaKay Matchen, Mary Ellen Haig, Helen Nalley, & Nancy Pevey
Set.....	Clay & Denise Griffin, Tom Feldhausen, & Mason Warren



- We Respond -

Call for Giving



You can use the QR code to give online or place your offering in the baskets located at the Sanctuary doors. Thank you for your gifts.

- We Remember -

Invitation to the Lord's Table

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 Communion of the People

Communion Song

Small Enough
Sandra Bohlken, soloist

1. Oh great God Be small enough
To hear me now
There were times when I was crying
From the dark of Daniel's den
I had asked you once or twice
If you would part the sea again
Tonight I do not need a
Fiery pillar in the sky
Just want to know you're gonna
Hold me if I start to cry
Oh great God be small enough to hear me now

2. Oh great God
Be close enough to feel you now
There have been moments when I could not face
Goliath on my own
And how could I forget we marched
Around our share of Jerichos
But I will not be setting out
A fleece for you tonight
Just wanna know that everything will be alright
Oh great god be close enough to feel me now

3. All praise and all the honor be
To the god of ancient mysteries
Whose every sign and wonder
Turn the pages of our history
But tonight my heart is heavy
And I cannot keep from whispering this prayer
Are you there

4. And I know you could leave writing
On the wall that's just for me
Or send wisdom while I'm sleeping
Like in Solomon's sweet dreams
But I don't need the strength of Sampson
Or a chariot in the end
Just wanna know that you still know how many
Hairs are on my head
Oh great God (Are you small enough)
Be small enough to hear
Me now

~ We Go Out Into the World ~

*Closing Song

Come Lord Jesus (Even So Come)

VERSE 1 & 2

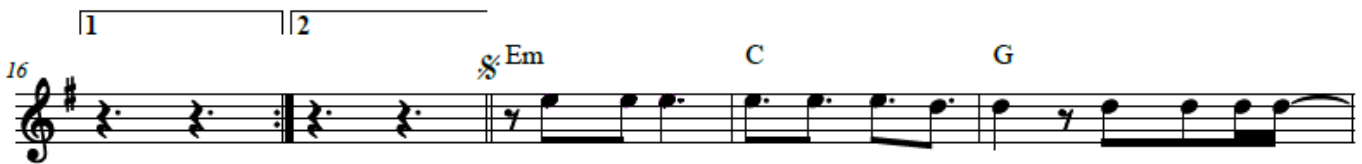


1. All of cre - a - tion, all of the earth
2. Call back the sin - ner, wake up the saint,

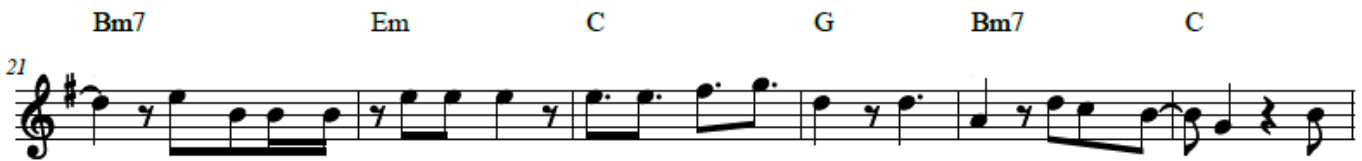


make straight a high-way, a path for the Lord; Je-sus is com-ing soon.
let ev - 'ry na - tion shout of Your fame; Je-sus is com-ing soon.

CHORUS



Like a bride wait-ing for her groom, we'll be a Church



read-y for You. Ev-'ry heart long-ing for our King, we sing: E-ven so, come, Lord



Je - sus come. E-ven so, come, Lord Je - sus come.

2nd time to Coda

Verse 3
There will be justice all will be new
Your name forever faithful and true
Jesus is coming soon

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*Charge and Benediction

Today's Worship Team:

Sandra Bohlken, piano & vocals ~ Charles Needham, bass ~ Myles Thomas, cajon/percussion
Mindy Houlihan, LisaKay Matchen, Shannon Needham, Kaitlyn Mee,
Eva Quinley Lynch, Whitney Sharp, Bruce Wilson, vocals

A/V Team ~ Ken Ladrach, David Long, and Mason Warren

Please use one of the methods below to record your attendance with us today:



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, or
- Sign the pew attendance pad.



Members

Pat Dail, Marilyn Felts, Dean & Lucy Fleming,
Meredith & Tucker Fritz and baby Marigold, Frank Guess,
Beth & Jimmy Loyless, Ann McAnally, Maria Medina,
Irma McGuffey, John Neighbors, Tami Newsom,
Donna Phillips, John Thomason

Looking for ways to be involved in Worship?

Sign-up to be an usher, scripture reader, or communion server!

All ages are invited to sign up.

Please go to: <http://tinyurl.com/FPCvolunteerSignUp> and sign up in the appropriate available time slot. If you have any questions, contact Mikie Lancaster, Ken Ladrach, or the church office (865/966-9547).



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JOIN US FOR A CHRISTMAS COOKIE RECEPTION
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP
IN THE NARTHEX



Lessons and Carols

JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14TH
FOR OUR ANNUAL SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS
ONE SERVICE AT 10:00 a.m.

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. The service will be followed by a sumptuous reception.



Christmas Eve Services

Candlelight Casual Worship Service with Communion
Special Music beginning at 2:30 p.m.
Worship begins at 3:00 p.m.

Candlelight Traditional Worship Service with Communion
Begins at 7:00 p.m.

WHAT'S HAPPENING...

WEEK OF
DECEMBER 7. 2025



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Our Advent theme this year is provided by



Join us Sundays as we travel through this season of hope together. You may also use the Advent devotional provided at the link below.

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL

Our friends 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: online.flippingbook.com/view/361593675/
In order to protect their work, please refrain from sharing this link or posting it on social media.
If you prefer a printed copy, please let the church office know, and we can print one for you.



If you would like to honor or remember a loved one with a poinsettia this Christmas Eve, please fill out an order form in the Narthex.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE - DUE TODAY

Donations of winter hats, scarves, gloves/mittens are due today, December 7th in the Narthex. Questions? Contact Debbie Long



Sunset Gap Christmas

If you signed up to sponsor a Sunset Gap youth, please return gifts wrapped and labeled for Christmas, to the Narthex. Donations are due TODAY, December 7th. Questions? Please contact Debbie Long.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

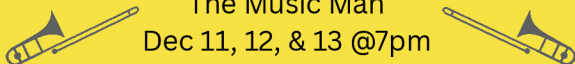
Children and their families are invited to join us on Sunday, December 14th from 2-4 PM for our annual Advent Gift Making Workshop! This year's gathering will be full of festive, hands-on crafts the whole family can enjoy together. Come be part of a great afternoon filled with creativity, fellowship, and fun as we make gifts and memories that will last a lifetime.



COMMUNITY BOARD

Come see our own Joey Nieman in Farragut High School's production of The Music Man
Dec 11, 12, & 13 @7pm
Tickets are \$20

You can get your tickets in advance at <https://tinyurl.com/FHSMusicMan> or use the QR code



Next Saturday, Dec 13 at 2:30pm

Sandra Bohlken and Charles Needham will provide special music as a prelude to the Knoxville Nativity Pageant

Admission is FREE

Stay for the Live Nativity performance at 3pm that Eva Quinley Lynch has helped coordinate and will be performing in the choir!

FREE ADMISSION
Hour long, professionally produced drama
LIVE ANIMALS
Over 200 person cast and choir with orchestra

SATURDAY • DECEMBER 13 • 3:00 PM
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MONDAY • DECEMBER 15 • 7:00 PM
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This Week at FPC

Sun, Dec 7

9am Pastor Matt's Class/Library
10am Casual Worship Service with
Children's Christmas Pageant/Sanctuary
11am Cookie Reception/Narthex
11am Room A Reserved for Sunset Gap Gift Sorting
3pm Parking Lot Reserved for Farragut Christmas Parade
5:30pm Youth Group/Youth Rm

Mon, Dec 8

10am Chair Yoga/Narthex
4pm Stephen Ministry/Library
5pm Christian Formation/Room A

Tues, Dec 9

10am PW Circle #1/ Room A
10am PW Circle #2/Library
12:15pm Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
7pm Session/Library
7pm BS #444/FH, Room A, Narthex

Wed, Dec 10

10am PW Circle #3/Library
12pm Parlor Reserved
12:15pm Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
6pm Casual Worship Music Rehearsal/Room A
6pm Handbell Rehearsal/Sanctuary
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal/Room A

Thurs, Dec 11

10am Sanctuary Reserved for Piano Cleaning
4pm Bill Jones Homeschool Choir Concert/Sanctuary
6:30pm CS #444/FH, Narthex, Rooms A & D, Parlor

Fri, Dec 12

10am Chair Yoga/Narthex
7pm Gentle Yoga Class/Narthex

Sat, Dec 13

9am Rehearsal for Lessons and Carols/Sanctuary

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