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*BabySteps (Nursery) is available for infants to children 2 years of age
Kids ages 3-4 meet in Room D prior to the beginning of Worship for KidsQuest
K-5th Graders will be dismissed to KidsQuest during Worship*

~ We Gather ~

Prelude

First Noel (It's All About You)

Worship Team

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Call to Worship

In the dark of morning,
the stars still shine.
In the depth of winter,
the birds still climb.
At the start of the year, tender and new,
God is here. God is near.
Do not rest in your fear.
God is here.
So like the stars and the birds,
Let us worship holy God.

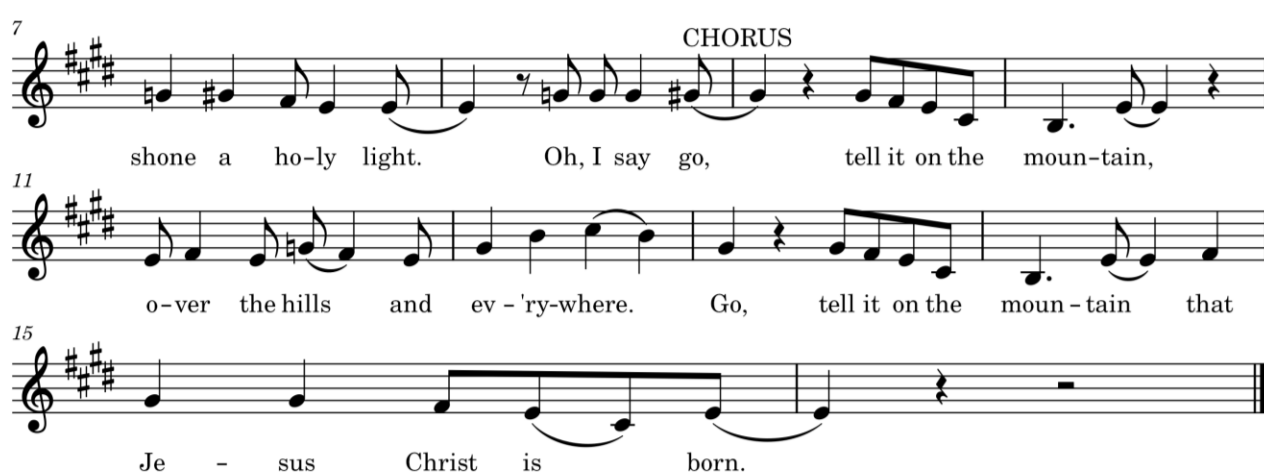
*We invite you to stand as able.

VERSE 1



While shep-herds kept their watch - ing o - ver
 3 si - lent flocks by night, be - hold, through out the heav - ens there

CHORUS



shone a ho-ly light. Oh, I say go, tell it on the moun-tain,
 7
 11 o-ver the hills and ev - 'ry-where. Go, tell it on the moun - tain that
 15 Je - sus Christ is born.

Verse 2

The shepherds feared and trembled
 When lo above the Earth
 Rang out the angel chorus
 That hailed our Savior's birth

Verse 3

Down in a lowly manger
 Our humble Christ was born
 And God sent us salvation
 On that blessed Christmas morn

Verse 4


I was a lonely seeker
 I sought both night and day
 I asked the Lord to help me
 And he showed me the way

Verse 5

He made me a watchman
 Upon a city wall
 And if I am a Christian
 I am the least of all



We Three Kings



4

F#7 Bm A D Em Bm/F# F#7

trav - erse a - far field and foun-tain, moor and moun-tain, fol - low - ing yon - der
crown Him a - gain, King for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to
De - i - ty nigh; Prayer and prais-ing all men rais - ing, wor - ship Him, God on
gath - er - ing gloom: Sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold
sac - ri - fice; Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Peals thru the earth and


CHORUS

8

Bm A A7 D G D G D

star. O star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright;

reign.
high.
tomb.
skies.

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*Prayer of Confession

Ever-loving God, we long for Christmas to usher in a season of peace and joy. However, we know that is not how the world works. Even just days after Christmas, we find ourselves face to face with fear once again. So today we pray—forgive us when we allow fear to stop us in our tracks. Forgive us when our own fear prevents us from following your call. Forgive us when fear is louder than love. Show us how to turn our fear into action. Show us how to live like the magi who searched for you in a fearful world. With hope we pray.

(please continue in silent prayer)

*Declaration of Forgiveness

*The Peace

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

Kids grades K-5 are invited to meet at the front of the church to travel to KidsQuest together (in Room D)

~ We Proclaim ~

Prayer for Illumination

God of the Stars, like the magi, we come to this place searching for you. So today, just like every day, we ask that you would remove any barricades that keep us from your Spirit. Clear out the distractions. Wipe away the doubt. Open up our hearts, and speak to us through these ancient words. And as you do, we will keep walking. As you do, we will move toward you. With hope we pray, amen.

Scripture Readings: Ephesians 1:3 ~ 14
Matthew 2:1 ~ 12, 16 ~ 18

[Pew Bible pg. 192]
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Sermon

“Fear Doesn’t Stop Us”

Rev. Matt Nieman

~ We Respond ~

Affirmation of Faith

We have seen the valley. We have seen a sky without stars. We have seen the longest night, and *still* we believe. We believe in a with-us God. We believe in the hope of tomorrow. We believe that good news is louder than fear. We believe this good news is for all people. So even when our knees shake, even when our voice trembles, even when fear is all around us, we will hold onto that good news. We will reach for each other. We will look for God in our midst. We will sing songs of joy. We will proclaim: *Unto us, love is born.* We have seen the longest night, and we have seen unimaginable love. So *still*, we believe. Amen.

Musical Reflection

Dare You to Move

Sandra Porter Bohlken, soloist

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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

We Open Our Hearts
Worship Team

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~ We Go Out Into the World ~

*Closing Song

I Saw the Light

Verse 1

I wandered so aimless life filled with sin
I wouldn't let my dear Savior in
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night
Praise the Lord I saw the light

Chorus

I saw the light I saw the light
No more in darkness no more in night
(And) now I'm so happy no sorrow in sight
Praise the Lord I saw the light

Verse 2

Just like a blind man I wandered along
Worries and fears I claimed for my own
Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight
Praise the Lord I saw the light

Verse 3

I was a fool to wander and stray
Straight is the gate and narrow the way
Now I have traded the wrong for the right
Praise the Lord I saw the light

*Charge and Benediction

Prayers and liturgy by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.

Today's Worship Team:

Sandra Bohlken, piano & vocals ~ Charles Needham, bass ~ Kevin Zetina, percussion
Mindy Houlihan, LisaKay Matchen, Laura Nieman, 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,
Frank Guess, Beth & Jimmy Loyless, Ann McAnally,
Debby McKinney, Maria Medina, Irma McGuffey,
Tami Newsom, Donna Phillips, Jan Seiler

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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CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

Resuming January 4

Join us Sundays for **KidsQuest** during the 9am Worship Service

Youth Group -Sundays at 5:30pm

January 11

Bridgepoint 345-- grades 3, 4 & 5 meet on the 2nd Sunday of every month for faith and fellowship

Small & Mighty

Once a month we join other youth groups from our Presbytery to form the Small & Mighty Youth Group. Our next gathering is **January 18 4-6:30pm** for Faith & Fellowship Night

Looking Ahead

Easter Egg Hunt on April 5,

Easter Sunday, at 10am (between worship services)



Vacation Bible School (VBS)

This summer we'll travel to the Wild West on the "Faith Frontier," Sundays at 9am beginning June 7

Camp John Knox

Sign up to go to camp with friends or be on staff this summer--see Mason Warren for more details



Montreat (June 13-20)

Montreat Youth Conference is a unique gathering of young people from all over the country for a week of study, worship, and recreation.



ADULTS



SAVE THE DATE

"Lunch and Learn"

We're launching a new time of fellowship and learning on Thursday, January 15. We're calling it "Lunch and Learn." We'll gather for lunch together at 11:30 at the church (in Room A or the narthex) and follow our meal and fellowship with a short study of some of the giants of our faith. St. Augustine, C.S. Lewis, Thomas Merton, Henri Nouwen, and so many other famous scholars, pastors, and writers have so much to say about faith and God's place in the world. Matt Nieman and John Sharp will lead these brief discussions on these well-known figures and their ideas that have shaped our faith. We'll limit our time to around an hour to make room for the other activities of our day, but hope you'll be able to join other members of our community in a time of relationship-strengthening and learning. The meal will be catered, and the cost is only \$10 per person at the event. You can sign up at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/FPCLunchandLearn> or, you can sign up in the narthex on Sunday mornings.



This Week at FPC

Sun, Jan 4

9am Casual Worship Service/Sanctuary
10am Soul Cafe/Narthex
Pastor Matt's Class/Library
KidStart/Room D
YouthQuest/Youth Rm
11am Traditional Worship Service/Sanctuary
12pm Nibbles in the Narthex

Mon, Jan 5

10am Chair Yoga/Narthex
11am Library Reserved
1pm Outreach Committee/Library

Tues, Jan 6

12:15pm Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
6:30pm Early-Onset Dementia Caregivers/Parlor
7pm BS #444/FH, Room A, Narthex

Wed, Jan 7

12pm Parlor Reserved
12:15pm Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
6pm Casual Worship Music Rehearsal/Room A
6pm Worship & Music/Library
7:30pm Chancel Choir/Room A

Thurs, Jan 8

8am Men's Bible Study/Narthex
9am Property Committee/Library
6:30pm Cub Scouts/FH, Narthex, Rooms A & D

Fri, Jan 9

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

Sat, Jan 10

4pm Fellowship Hall Reserved

A LOOK BACK AT 2025



VMC

Thank you to all who served at the Volunteer Ministry Center throughout 2025! Pictured are our December volunteers from the Men's Bible Study.

L to R: Scott McKinney, Matt Nieman, Wayne Walls, Thom Haig, Kirk Morris

Sunset Gap

Delivery crew pictured from L to R:

Steve & Jan Darnell, Carol & Greg Kraft, Kathy Emmerson, Kimberly & Earl Platt, MaryAnne Walls, David & Debbie Long, Kelly Schueler

Thank you to all who joined in Presbyterian women's drive for warm hats, mittens, and scarves for the residents in the Sunset Gap community. Your generosity will be appreciated in the gift of warmth this winter.

A big thank you to all who participated in this year's Christmas drive for 40 children in Cocke Co. You have truly made a difference and will bring so much joy to them this year. This congregation's generosity is amazing! Thank you also to all of the volunteers who have helped in the drive, sorting/bagging and delivering to Sunset Gap. The gift of your time is truly appreciated.



Wrapping gifts for Santa Elves are Denise Griffin, Margo Gregory, Sharon Koch, co-founder Sarah Booher, Joanie Scheuer, Jeanie Oakley. A big thank you to our church family who gave contributions to support The Santa Elves gift giving to over 50 children from Holston Children's Home.

