



A Son is Given

~Isaiah 9:6 ~

Farragut Presbyterian Church
Third Sunday of Advent
Twenty-Eighth Annual Service of Lessons and Carols
December 14, 2025 ~ 10:00 a.m.



*This is a service of worship. Through the singing of carols and the reading of scripture,
we offer our gifts to God who sent his son to live and grow among us.*

This service is being recorded by video and audio means.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Frank Dorman and Holly Morrell

PRELUDE: “Earth Shall Ring”

arr. Margaret R. Tucker

FPC Ringers

SILENT MEDITATION

CHIMING OF THE HOUR *(Congregation stands)*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: “Once in Royal David’s City”

arr. Willcocks

VERSE 1 (Soloist)

Once in royal David’s city, Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby, In a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

VERSE 2 (Chancel Choir)

He came down to earth from heaven Who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable, And his cradle was a stall;
With the poor and mean and lowly Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

VERSE 3 (Sung by all Present)

**For he is our childhood’s pattern, Day by day like us he grew.
He was little, weak, and helpless, Tears and smiles like us he knew:
And he feeleth for our sadness, And he shareth in our gladness.**

VERSE 4 (Sung by all Present)

**And our eyes at last shall see him, Through his own redeeming love,
For that child so dear and gentle Is our Lord in heaven above;
And he leads his children on To the place where he is gone.**

VERSE 5 (Sung by all Present)

**Not in that poor lowly stable, With the oxen standing by,
We shall see him; but in heaven, Set at God’s right hand on high;
When like stars his children crowned All in white shall wait around.**

Congregation may be seated

BIDDING PRAYER

Rev. Matt Nieman

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

FIRST LESSON – Two Youth

God tells sinful Adam that he has lost the life of Paradise
and that his seed will bruise the serpent's head. ~Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

“Adam Lay Y’Bounden”

Farragut Singers

arr. Earlene Rentz

SECOND LESSON – A Choir Member

God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed
shall all the nations of earth be blessed. ~Genesis 22:15-18

HYMN: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”
(Congregation standing, Sung by all Present)

Veni Emmanuel
arr. David Willcocks

VERSE 1

**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!**

VERSE 2

**O come, Thou Dayspring, 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!**

VERSE 3

**O come, Desire of nations, bind All people 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!**

Congregation may be seated

THIRD LESSON – A Choir Member

The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior. ~Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

HYMN: "Prepare the Way"
(Congregation standing, Sung by all Present)

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VERSE 1

**Prepare the way, O Zion, Your Christ is drawing near!
Let every hill and valley A level way appear,
Greet One who comes in glory, Foretold in sacred story.
O blest is Christ that came In God's most holy name.**

VERSE 2

**Christ bring God's rule, O Zion; He comes from heaven above.
His rule is peace and freedom, And justice, truth, and love.
Lift high your praise resounding, For grace and joy abounding.
O blest is Christ that came In God's most holy name.**

VERSE 3

**Fling wide your gates, O Zion; Your Savior's rule embrace.
And tidings of salvation Proclaim in every place.
All lands will bow rejoicing, Their adoration voicing.
O blest is Christ that came In God's most holy name.**

Congregation may be seated

FOURTH LESSON – The Associate Director of Music

The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown. ~Isaiah 11:1-4, 6-9

"A Shoot Shall Come Forth"

Richard Horn

Chancel Choir

FIFTH LESSON – The Director of Music

The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary. ~Luke 1:26-35, 38

MEDITATION

"Even in Our Fear, We are Called Forward"

Rev. Matt Nieman

HYMN: "The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came"
(Congregation Standing, Sung by all Present)

Gabriel's Message

VERSE 1

**The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
"All hail," said he, "O lowly maiden Mary,"
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!**

VERSE 2

**"For know a blessed Mother you shall be,
All generations praise continually,
Your Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold."
Most highly favored lady," Gloria!**

VERSE 3

**Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,
"To me be as it pleases God," she said,
"My soul shall laud and magnify God's holy Name."
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!**

VERSE 4

**Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born
In Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,
And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say:
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!**

Congregation may be seated

SIXTH LESSON – A Member of the Congregation

St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus. ~Luke 2:1, 3-7

“In the Bleak Mid-Winter”

Chancel Choir

Gustav Holst

HYMN: “Hark, the Herald Angels Sing”
(Congregation standing, Sung by all Present)

Mendelssohn

VERSE 1

**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 th'angelic host proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem.
Hark! the herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King.**

VERSE 2

**Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come, Off-spring of a virgin's womb:
Veiled in flesh the God-head see, Hail th'incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King.**

VERSE 3

**Hail! The heav'n born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, Ris'n with healing in his wings;
Mild he lays his glory by, Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King.**

Congregation may be seated

SEVENTH LESSON – A Member of the Congregation

The shepherds go to the manger. ~Luke 2:8-16

HYMN: “The First Nowell”

arr. Willcocks

(Congregation Standing, Sung by all Present)

VERSE 1

**The first Nowell the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as the lay;
In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep:
“Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Born is the King of Israel!”**

VERSE 2

**Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heav'nly Lord,
That hath made heav'n and earth of naught,
And with his blood mankind hath bought:
“Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Born is the King of Israel!”**

Congregation may be seated

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

arr. Ricky Lombardo

FPC Flute Trio

EIGHTH LESSON – The Director of Spiritual Formation

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus. ~Matthew 2:1-11

“I Saw Three Ships”

arr. Lloyd Larson

Congregation stands

NINTH LESSON – The Senior Minister

Saint John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation. ~John 1:1-14

Lighting of the Candles

HYMN: “Silent Night”

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(Congregation Standing, Sung by all Present)

VERSE 1

**Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.**

VERSE 2

**Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing: “Alleluia;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.”**

VERSE 3

**Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love’s pure light.
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.**

VERSE 4

**Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing,
Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.**

Extinguishing of the Candles

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL HYMN: “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

arr. Willcocks

(Sung by all Present)

VERSE 1

**O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him Born the King of Angels:
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!**

VERSE 2

**God of God, Light of Light,
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God, Begotten, not created:
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!**

VERSE 3

**Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;
Glory to God in the highest:
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!**

VERSE 4

**Yea, Lord, we greet thee, Born this happy morning,
Jesu, to thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing:
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!**



Farragut Presbyterian Church Music Ministry

**Dr. Angela L. Batey, Director of Music
Tami Newsom, Associate Director of Music
Sandra Bohlken, Music Director, Casual Service**



Farragut Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir

**Krista Belding, Ashley Boone, Wayne Davis,
Brian Davison, Frank Dorman, Lucy Fleming, Mary Ellen Haig,
Howard Hickman, Pat Hickman, Karen Johnson, Paul Johnson,
Mikie Lancaster, Brenda Luggie, Beth Martin, LisaKay Matchen,
Laura McFee-Adams, Amanda Miranda, Janet Murphy, Helen Nalley,
Joey Nieman, Matt Nieman, Bryan Nunley, Jeanie Oakley,
Nancy Pevey, Ron Pevey, Kimberly Platt, George Rouvelas, Peggy Stange,
Ella Sweetland, Becky Thomason, Beth White, Bruce Wilson,
Elizabeth Wilson, Kathryn Wilson**

Farragut Singers

Soprano

Brenda Luggie
Laura McFee-Adams

Alto

Krista Belding
Amanda Miranda
Nancy Pevey

Tenor

Joey Nieman
George Rouvelas
Bruce Wilson

Bass

Bryan Nunley
Ron Pevey

FPC Flute Trio

Ashley Boone, Lynn Kszos, MaryAnne Walls

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Tami Newsom
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Dawn Zilles

Rev. Hal Oakley
Rev. Dr. John Sharp
Rev. Matt Nieman

Acolyte

Mia Feldhausen



Special Thanks

Keith Roberts
Victoria Bolen
David Long
Ken Ladrach
Tami Newsom
Rev. Matt Nieman
Mason Warren
Sandra Bohlken



To all our congregation for support of our Music Ministry.
To all our musicians for their untiring efforts in contributing to a quality Music Ministry
in order to meet all the needs of our congregation and community.

To the Church Life Committee for a wonderful reception following our service.

WORSHIP NOTES:

The Service of Nine Lessons and Carols is a traditional Anglican Christmas service of scripture and music. The lessons tell the story of the coming of Christ, beginning with the reason God sent him into the world: to save sinners. Next, from Isaiah is read the prophecy of the Savior's coming, followed by the beloved passages from the Gospel according to Luke describing his birth and the announcement of his arrival to the shepherds. From the Gospel according to Matthew we hear the story of the wise men, and in the last lesson, St. John describes the mystery of the incarnation of Christ: "The Word was made flesh." During this final lesson, the people stand as a sign of their reverence and awe, and in the last hymn, *O Come, All Ye Faithful*, make reference to the great mystery, singing "Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing." Also, at the conclusion of the last lesson, candles are lit by all present, symbolizing Christ as the "true light, which enlightens everyone, coming into the world: for us and our salvation.

The nine lessons were originally drawn up in 1880 by the Bishop of Truro, and adapted forty years later at King's College in Cambridge, England, for a new Christmas Eve service. The college was founded in 1440 by King Henry VI, who decided it should have a choir of sixteen boys (called "choristers") and fourteen men (called "choral scholars"). Thus was born the now famous King's College Choir, which exists today in practically the same form. What began for this choir as a simple Christmas Eve has become one of the most popular and renowned of Christian musical traditions. Each year, the choir is heard around the world as it broadcasts its Lessons and Carols from the spectacular King's College Chapel.

Our service today will follow many traditions of the King's College Choir. To signal the start of the service, chimes will ring the hour and the congregation will stand. Then from the back of the church, a single treble voice will begin the story: "Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed." More voices will join in, verse by verse, (see instructions printed above each verse), until the entire church sings together. We invite those of you joining via livestream to lift your voices with us in these beloved carols. At the head of the procession will go an acolyte with a candle lighter, held high as a symbol of the light Christ brings into our world and as a reminder of our purpose in offering up this service of celebration of his birth.

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.



Join us after today's service for a sumptuous
heavy hors-d'œuvre reception by our
Church Life Committee!

Christmas Pageant Thank You

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped make this past Sunday's Christmas Pageant such a special and meaningful success. From our wonderful children and youth who participated to all who brought cookies for the reception, we are truly grateful for each and every one of you. A special thank you goes to Joanie Scheuer for her faithful leadership with our students in music, and to LisaKay Matchen for her joyful dedication in helping guide our students through this cherished tradition. Finally, we thank you, our church family, for your continued support of our Family Ministries and for helping make FPC a safe, loving, and welcoming place for all our students. Thank You!





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,
Debby McKinney, John Neighbors,
Tami Newsom, Donna Phillips

Christmas Service of Worship & Remembrance **December 23 at 4:00 p.m.**

Christmas is often difficult for people grieving loss this time of year—loss of a loved one, loss of a relationship, loss of employment, or even loss of good health.

Join us for a special, quieter service of Christmas joy on

Tuesday, December 23, at 4:00 in Room A.

We will light candles, read scripture, and sing together—all the while seeking God's healing grace and the assurance that God Incarnate is with us even as we grieve. All are welcome.

Remember the wonder of Christ's birth at our worship services on

Christmas Eve

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.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING...

WEEK OF
DECEMBER 14. 2025

Our Advent theme this year is provided by



What do you fear?
INSISTING ON HOPE THIS ADVENT

A Sanctified Art

Join us Sundays as we travel through this season of hope together.

You may also use the Advent devotional link.

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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 donate to our holiday decorations in honor or memory of a loved one, forms are available on the narthex table.

CHILDREN.YOUTH & FAMILIES

Children and their families are invited to join us TODAY, December 14th from 2–4pm 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.



OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE - THANK YOU

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.

2025 Year-End Giving Reminders

1. To be counted as a 2025 contribution:

- Checks or cash must be received at FPC or mailed items postmarked by 12/31/25.
- 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 Friday, Dec. 26th in time for the transaction to post on Wed., Dec. 31, 2025. The donation confirmation page on our website will confirm the date your account is debited for online giving transactions.

2. Don't file your 2025 tax return before receiving your FPC 2025 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.

3. Year-end donation statements will be mailed and emailed by Jan 31st, 2026.

COMMUNITY BOARD

The UT Percussion Ensemble, has been invited to perform at The Midwest Clinic International Band and Orchestra Conference in Chicago, IL next week! Our own Professor Kevin Zetina is the Assistant Director of this magnificent ensemble.

With more than 18,000 attendees from all 50 states and more than 40 countries, The Midwest Clinic is one of the world's largest and most prestigious gatherings of music educators and musicians.

Selection to perform at the clinic is highly competitive and considered a tremendous honor as an ensemble at the collegiate level. The UT Percussion Ensemble is the only collegiate percussion ensemble invited to perform this year!

For those interested in a special preview of The Midwest Clinic performance, the UT Percussion Ensemble will be performing a **"Midwest Send-Off" Concert today, Dec 14 at 4:00pm in the Natalie L. Haslam Music Center (room 135).** Come support Kevin and his students!



SPIRITUAL FORMATION



SAVE THE DATE – NEW CLASS IN THE NEW YEAR

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.

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, Dec 14

9am Pastor Matt's Class/Library
10am Traditional Lessons & Carols
Worship Service/Sanctuary
11am Reception/Narthex, Room A
2pm Advent Gift Making/FH
5:30pm Youth Group/Youth Rm

Mon, Dec 15

10am Chair Yoga/Narthex

Tues, Dec 16

9:15am Big Fish Christmas Program/Sanctuary
10:30am Feed the Hungry/VMC
12:15pm Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
7pm BS #444/FH, Room A, Narthex

Wed, Dec 17

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

Thurs, Dec 18

8am Men's Bible Study/Narthex
6:30pm CS #444/FH, Narthex, Rooms A & D, Parlor

Fri, Dec 19

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

Sat, Dec 20

10am Fellowship Hall Reserved

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with Communion
Special Music
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