



ORDER *of* WORSHIP

Second Sunday of Advent
December 4, AD 2022
11 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Darin Travis

Prelude

Fanfare on “Wachet Auf” arranged by Michael Burkhardt
Steve Gustafson, organ

***Welcome and Call to Worship**

From Ruth 2

The LORD be with you!
The LORD bless you.

Come now to the God of Israel and take refuge under his wings.
Speak kindly to your servants and comfort us.

Come, eat some bread and dip your morsel in the wine.
Blessed be the LORD who has fed us. He has not forsaken us!

***Hymn of Praise**

No. 123 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

VENI EMMANUEL

***Blessing God**

Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Candle of Peace will be lit by David Michael, Jonathan, Caroline and Luke Breard.

Scriptural Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Adapted from Common Worship

Most merciful Father, your love compels us to come in. Our hands were unclean, our hearts were unprepared; we were not fit to eat the crumbs from under your table. But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation, and share your bread with sinners. We glean for scraps but you pour out the abundance of your love. You satisfy us with the Bread of Life. Cleanse our hearts anew that at the feast of your communion table, we may be fed with Christ’s body and nourished by his blood. In his redeeming name we pray, amen.

Silent Confession

**Standing*

Assurance of Pardon

*Response

IN DULCI JUBILO

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave: Peace! peace! Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall:
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

*Greeting and Announcements

Children Kindergarten and younger may go to Children's Church.

Offertory

“Earth with Joy This Day Doth Ring” from *Piae Cantiones*, 1582

Earth with joy this day doth ring, songs of praise devising.
From a maid comes forth our King, like a bright star rising.
What seductive infancy, all delectability, grace in ev'ry gesture.
But no human eye may see his concealed divinity, God in human vesture.

God is born from virgin's womb; reason is confounded.
Rose on lily stem doth bloom: nature stands astounded.
Born before all time was he; though a child, eternity is his habitation.
He who nestles tenderly equal in the Trinity saw the world's creation.

Can such wonders truly be? Mary's child hath taught her.
Child and Father both is he, mother she and daughter.
His high place the Lord forsakes, and a servant's office takes, gladly condescending.
Of twin natures he partakes, God incarnate for our sakes, past all comprehending.

Lord of sky and earth and sea, on the straw reclining.
Cold and dark his birth, yet he set the bright sun shining.
Wrapped in swaddling bands he lies,
Who the heavens did devise, gave the stars their stations.
Lo! he shakes with childish cries who with thunder from the skies
Shook the earth's foundations.

Christ, whose hands with craftsman's skill, lovingly did frame us,
And was born of thy free will that thou mightst reclaim us;
Weak and sinful though we be, in our last extremity, do thou never leave us.
Grant that we may numbered be with thy saints eternally; in thy courts receive us!

Please place your prayer requests and offerings in the plate as it is passed.

*Advent Doxology

GLORIA

Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

*Prayer of Dedication



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

*Hymn of Preparation

No. 157 "Away in a Manger"

AWAY IN A MANGER

Time with God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Ruth 2: 5-13

Then Boaz said to his young man who was in charge of the reapers, "Whose young woman is this?" And the servant who was in charge of the reapers answered, "She is the young Moabite woman, who came back with Naomi from the country of Moab. She said, 'Please let me glean and gather among the sheaves after the reapers.' So she came, and she has continued from early morning until now, except for a short rest."

Then Boaz said to Ruth, "Now, listen, my daughter, do not go to glean in another field or leave this one, but keep close to my young women. Let your eyes be on the field that they are reaping, and go after them. Have I not charged the young men not to touch you? And when you are thirsty, go to the vessels and drink what the young men have drawn." Then she fell on her face, bowing to the ground, and said to him, "Why have I found favor in your eyes, that you should take notice of me, since I am a foreigner?" But Boaz answered her, "All that you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband has been fully told to me, and how you left your father and mother and your native land and came to a people that you did not know before. The LORD repay you for what you have done, and a full reward be given you by the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge!" Then she said, "I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, for you have comforted me and spoken kindly to your servant, though I am not one of your servants."

The secret things belong to the LORD our God.

But what has been revealed belongs to us, and to our children forever.

That we may do all the words of this law.

Sermon

Gerrit Dawson

"Under His Wings"



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

*Hymn of Response

No. 128 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

CAROL



LORD'S SUPPER

Sacrament of Communion

The Exchange of Love

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!
We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Communion Prayer and 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

Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Communing in Christ
Prayer of Thanks

Communion Meditation

"Infant Holy" arranged by Fred Bock



BENEDICTION

*Response

Blessed be the LORD I AM, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit, amen!

Postlude

"Angels We Have Heard on High" arranged by Fred Bock

*Scripture for Next Week: Ruth 3: 6-13
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Fond Farewell Today. All middle and high school students are invited to join us in the Gym from 5 to 7 pm December 4 to celebrate Paula Walker's time with us.

Cantata Next Sunday! *From Lips Celestial: the First Christmas Carol* is an original cantata presented December 11 at 9 and 11 am worship with a reception in between services. There will be no 7.45 service and no adult Sunday school.

Downtown Carol Pilgrimage Next Sunday! Join us December 11. The Pilgrimage begins at Mt. Zion at 5.30 pm and arrives at FPC at approximately 6.30 pm.

Women's Brunch Celebrating Mary's Magnificat. Please join us for the Women's Ministry Advent Brunch Saturday, December 10, 11 am to 1 pm. Scan the QR code below or visit fpcbr.org for details. Cost is \$10.

rEcess December 9. Contact Jess Concienne if you would like help care for children with special needs once a month while parents enjoy a night out (jess.concienne@gmail.com or 225.892.3212).

Estimates of Giving. Please remember to make your 2023 Estimate of Giving. Cards are in the pew racks or you may scan the QR code below.

Christian Outreach Center Jazz Lunch: Sunday, December 11, 1 pm at Crown Plaza. Join Gerrit at the FPC table for delicious food and to celebrate the graduation of 15 adult students from the Work Life job training program. Contact jaci@fpcbr.org to reserve your spot.

Christmas Offering for City Ministry. Our annual Christmas offering (December 11-25) goes directly to support The Downtown Christian Outreach Center and the daily operations of Gardere Community Christian School. Envelopes will be in the pew racks for check and cash donations, or you may make an offering online at fpcbr.org.

Christmas Poinsettia Orders. All are invited to help decorate the Chapel and Sanctuary by purchasing a poinsettia in memory or celebration of a loved one. The cost is \$35 per plant. Please place your order by Sunday, December 11 by using the order form outside the Chapel or at the Connection Center.

Christmas Bags for Malachi Dads. Items are being collected for Christmas bags to be distributed to the Malachi Dads (prisoners) at Angola Penitentiary. Please consider making a donation and dropping it off at the Connection Center: soap, antiperspirant, toothpaste/toothbrush, shampoo, lotion, body wash, socks or baby powder. Cash donations also accepted.

Christmas Worship, December 24 and 25: Three festive Christmas Eve services of carols, candlelight and communion: 11 am, 4 and 6 pm. On Christmas Day, we will have a Quiet Christmas service at 5 pm in the Chapel.

Distaster Relief Trip to Ft. Myers, January 2-7. Please call Whitney Alexander if you would like more information (225.810.2607).



Brunch Code



Pledge QR Code