



ORDER *of* WORSHIP

Second Sunday of Advent
December 4, AD 2022
9 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Scott Graham

Welcome

***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!

***Songs of Praise**

“God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen”

“Is He Worthy”

***Blessing God**

Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Candle of Peace will be lit by Jonah, Jaxton, Ashton, Emerson, Susan and Scott McClain.

***Song of Praise**

“Light of the World”

***Greeting and Announcements**

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



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Time with God's Word

Prayer for the Holy Spirit

Ruth 2: 5-13

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

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

Assurance of Pardon



LORD'S SUPPER

We Are Welcomed to the Table

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.

We Give Thanks for Jesus' Mighty Acts

We Hear the Words Jesus Said at Supper

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

We Commune With Jesus

Please bring your prayer requests and offerings forward during communion.

Communion Offering

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”



BENEDICTION

*Song of Response

“The First Noel”

*Response

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



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 or visit fpcbr.org for details. Cost is \$10.



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.

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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.

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. 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 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).

Scripture for Next Week: Ruth 3: 6-13

Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed.

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