



A Child is Born
~Isaiah 9:6~

Farragut Presbyterian Church
Third Sunday of Advent
Twenty-Seventh Annual Service of Lessons and Carols
December 15, 2024 ~ 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: We Wait With Joy

Advent series “Glowing with Advent” by Gail Gaymer Martin – published by Christian Publishers

Responsive Reading: Luke 2:10-11, Psalm 30:11-12

One: The angel said to them, “Do not be afraid.

**All: I bring you good news of great joy
that will be for all the people.**

One: Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you:

All: He is Christ the Lord.”

One: You turned my wailing into dancing:

All: You removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,

One: That my heart may sing to you and not be silent.

All: O Lord my God, I will give you thanks forever.

Message: Ella Sweetland as the Bride

Response (including Romans 15:13)

One: The candle of joy prepares us for Christ’s coming.

All: Our hearts glow with the light of joy.

One: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in
him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy
Spirit.

All: We wait with joy. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

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 – A 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

Philip Ledger

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

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)

Bereden väg för Herran

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

“Jesus Christ, the Evergreen”

arr. Sterling

Chancel Choir

FIFTH LESSON – The Director of Music

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

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

“Candlelight Carol”

Sir John Rutter

Chancel Choir

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 Session

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

HYMN: “The First Nowell”
(Congregation Standing, Sung by all Present)

arr. Willcocks

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

EIGHTH LESSON – A Certified Ruling Elder

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

“We Three Kings”

arr. Ricky Lombardo

FPC Flute Trio

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”

Stille nacht

(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 The birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.**

VERSE 4

**Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend they 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"
(Sung by all Present)

arr. Willcocks

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!**

RECOGNITION OF DR. ANGELA BATEY AND TAMI NEWSOM



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

Christmas Eve

3:00 p.m. ~ Casual Service with Communion & Candlelight
7:00 p.m. ~ Traditional Service with Communion & Candlelight

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, Laura Hash, 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, Eva Quinley, Peggy Stange, Ella Sweetland, Becky Thomason, Beth White,
Bruce Wilson, Elizabeth Wilson, Kathryn Wilson

Farragut Singers

Soprano

Brenda Luggie
Laura McFee-Adams

Alto

Angie Batey
Amanda Miranda

Tenor

Krista Belding
Bruce Wilson

Bass

Paul Johnson
Bryan Nunley

FPC Flute Trio

Ashley Boone, Lynn Kszos, MaryAnne Walls

FPC Ringers

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Peggy Stange, MaryAnne Walls

Readers

Thomas Houlihan
Janet Murphy
Helen Nalley

Tami Newsom
Dr. Angela Batey
Scott McKinney

Kathy Emmerson
Rev. Hal Oakley
Rev. Matt Nieman

Acolyte

Peyton Houlihan



Special Thanks

Keith Roberts
Victoria Bolen
David Long
Tami Newsom
Rev. Matt Nieman
Mason Warren
Sandra Bohlken/Dawn Zilles



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 us 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.



The theme for Advent this year is **“WORDS FOR THE BEGINNING.”** An Advent devotional on this theme (from *Sanctified Art*) can be viewed at online.flippingbook.com/view/811735764/. If you prefer a printed copy, please let the church office know, and we can print one for you.



TODAY IS ADVENT GIFT MAKING all ages come make gifts for your loved ones, today, at 3:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Mason Warren with questions

The **CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING** is one of four annual special offerings. This offering aids current and retired church workers and their families in their time of need and develops our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. We will be collecting this offering on Sunday, December 22nd or you can give anytime using a pew envelope, by mail, or online at www.fpctn.org.



Thanks to all of the volunteers, organizers, set designers, costume designers, authors, narrators and performers of last week's

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT!

It was a such a wonderful program. Photos of the event have been posted to the website at: <https://www.fpctn.org/childrens-christmas-pageant/>
Be sure to check them out.



PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

Marilyn Felts, Chuck Foriska, Frank Guess, Dixie Heflin, Mike Houlihan, Ronny Lomax, Beth and Jimmy Loyless, Ann McAnally, Irma McGuffey, Maria Medina, Tami Newsom, Irene Rice, Linda Scothorn, Les Shear, Gail Wallace

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR SUNSET GAP VOLUNTEERS AND DONORS!

Gifts were taken to Sunset Gap on Wednesday thanks to our FPC volunteers Kelly Schueler, Jean Peretz, Debbie & David Long, Frank Dorman, Charles Snodgrass and Carol & Greg Kraft. You all have provided an extra special Christmas for some deserving children.



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.

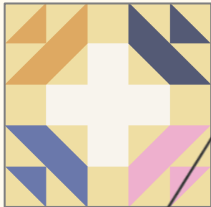
2024 YEAR-END GIVING REMINDERS:

To be counted as a 2024 contribution:

- Checks or cash must be received at FPC or mailed items postmarked by 12/31/24.
- 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. 27th in time for the transaction to post on Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2024. The donation confirmation page on our website will confirm the date your account is debited for online giving transactions.
- Don't file your 2024 tax return before receiving your FPC 2024 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.

Year-end donations statements will be mailed by Jan 31st, 2025.

This Week at FPC

Sun Dec 15				10:00 a.m. Traditional Service of Lessons and Carols			
	11:00	a.m.	Hors d'oeuvres Reception/Narthex				
	3:30	p.m.	Advent Gift Making /Fellowship Hall				
	5:30	p.m.	Youth Groups/Parlor				
Mon, Dec 16	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex				
	7:00	p.m.	Property Committee/Library				
Tues, Dec 17	10:30	a.m.	Feed the Hungry/VMC				
	12:00	p.m.	Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary				
Wed, Dec 18	7:00	p.m.	Boy Scouts #444/FH, Narthex, Room A				
	*****	*****	Sanctuary Reserved for Lights Installation				
	12:00	p.m.	Big Fish Chapel/Room A				
Thur, Dec 19	12:00	p.m.	Room D/Parlor Reserved				
	6:00	p.m.	Casual Worship Musician Practice/Room A				
	7:30	p.m.	Chancel Choir/Room A				
Fri, Dec 20	8:00	a.m.	Men's Bible Study/Narthex				
	6:30	p.m.	Cub Scouts/Fellowship Hall				
Sat, Dec 21	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex				
	7:00	p.m.	Gentle Yoga/Narthex				
	*****	*****	Fellowship Hall Reserved				



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