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Worship... Service of Lessons and Carols

December 19, 2021

**Those who are able, please stand.*

Children are welcome and encouraged to remain in Worship. If needed, Nursery (Room 8) is available for children 3-years-old and under. Please ask an usher or greeter if you need any assistance locating the Nursery.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Medley of French Christmas Carols

G. Bastable

Christi Howell, Violin; Christi Lynn, Violin; Lucca Trombetta, Viola; Teresa Angell, Cello

Welcome, Announcements, and Lighting the Advent Wreath

Prayer of the Day and the Lord's Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

The Prophecy: Jeremiah 23:5-6

Judy Stowers

***Hymn #5**

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Picardy

Choir and Congregation

*Let all mortal flesh keep silence, And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded, For with blessing in His hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth, Our full homage to demand.*

*King of kings, yet born of Mary, As of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture, In the body and the blood;
He will give to all the faithful His own self for heavenly food.*

*Rank on rank the host of heaven Spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of Light descendeth From the realms of endless day,
That the powers of hell may vanish As the darkness clears away.*

*At His feet the six-winged seraph; Cherubim, with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence, As with ceaseless voice they cry,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord Most High!*

The Preparation: Isaiah 40:3-5

Tom Pettyjohn

Anthem

Gloria

A. Vivaldi

Chancel Choir

The Annunciation: Luke 1:26-33

Sutton Tinsley

Anthem

Virgin Great and Glorious

L. Nestor

Chancel Choir

The Nativity: Luke 2:1-7

Sallie Amos

***Hymn #25**

Away in a Manger

Mueller

Choir and Congregation

*Away in a manger, no crib for His bed, The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay, The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.*

*The cattle are lowing, the poor Baby wakes, But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky, And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.*

*Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay Close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care, And fit us for heaven to live with Thee there*

Children's Moment: Liturgical Symbolism & Significance

Kathleen Lifsey

**The Angels: Luke 2:8-14
Anthem**

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
Chancel Choir

Cullen O'Brian
M. Wilberg

**The Shepherds: Luke 2:15-20
Anthem**

Carol of the Bells
Chancel Choir

Hannah Lambach
P. Wilhousky

**The Magi: Matthew 2:1-11
Anthem**

Fantasie Joyeuse
String Quartet

Judy Stowers
V. Taranto, Jr.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Minute for Mission

Alex Collier

**Call to Offering
Offertory**

O Come, O Come Emanuel
String Quartet

V. Taranto, Jr

***Doxology**

Hymn #592

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

Prayer of Dedication

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S SERVICE

***Hymn #29: Go, Tell It on the Mountain**

Go Tell It

*Refrain: Go, tell it on the mountain Over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain, That Jesus Christ is born.*

*While shepherds kept their watching O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold throughout the heavens There shone a holy light.*

*The shepherds feared and trembled, When lo! above the earth,
Rang out the angels chorus That hailed our Savior's birth.*

*Down in a lowly manger The humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation That blessed Christmas morn.*

Benediction

Postlude

Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella

K. Chapman

Share the Love, Joy, and Peace of Christ

Worship Leader: Judy Stowers

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU! TO...
MEMBERS OF THE CHANCEL GUILD FOR THE FESTIVE AND JOYFUL HANGING OF THE
GREENS AND SANCTUARY DÉCOR!

CORY WHITTIER, THE FPCLY CHANCEL CHOIR, THE FPCLY CHANCEL RINGERS, AND ALL
THOSE WHO SERVE ON THE FIRST PRES PRESENTS FINE ARTS SERIES PLANNING TEAM
FOR PROVIDING 'SONGS OF GOOD CHEER' FOR ALL TO HEAR!

ALL WHO HELPED PUT THE JOLLY IN JOLLY JAMBOREE THIS YEAR!!!

ALL THE WOMEN WHO HELPED LEAD AND SUPPORT THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
GENERAL MEETING AND LUNCH ON DECEMBER 13!!!

ALL WHO ARE HELPING LEAD WORSHIP TODAY FOR THE SERVICE OF LESSONS &
CAROLS!!!

**Congratulations to Matt Foster, Elsie Howerton, and Gary Williams for being Elected to serve
as Ruling Elders in the Class of 2024. An Ordination and Installation Service will be held
during worship on Sunday, January 9, 2022.**

Interested in growing closer to God and others? How about learning more about FPCLY?

We believe as the body of Christ, we are here to worship joyfully, grow spiritually, love boldly, and serve faithfully. We welcome any opportunities to build relationships with one another and would love to walk alongside you in God's gift of life. Conversations, coffee, and/or church tours can be arranged by calling or emailing Peter at the church office (434-384-6231, peter@fpcly.org).

ADVENT
Worship, Grow, Love, Serve

Christmas Eve Carols and Communion: December 24, 4:00 p.m. (Front Circle, Outside)

Christmas Eve Communion and Candlelight: December 24, 11:00 p.m. (Sanctuary)

Pastor on Call: Peter Thompson (336) 269-7270

Members Helping Members for December: Elinor Ann Clark (434) 386-3889 and Gail Kowalski
(434) 384-6058

Prayer Chain, Prayer Shawls, Cards of Encouragement: Email peter@fpcly.org or
stroudiane@comcast.net

DON'T FORGET! GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY BEFORE THEY SELL OUT!
First Pres Presents: "The King's Singers" – February 25, 2022
TICKETS AVAILABLE @ WWW.FPCLY.ORG/GIVING

Year-End Reminders from the Business Office

2021 Contribution Deadlines

Contributions *received in the office by close of business December 31* or **postmarked by December 31** will be posted to contribution statements for the 2021 tax year.

Electronic Contributions Gifts by credit card or draft of your checking account need to be given to Lori Wright by **December 22**, for credit to the 2021 Tax Year.

Make your **stock gift transfers right away**. This will allow time for the gifts to be transferred to our accounts and for proceeds to be received by year end.

Annual Pledges Please contact Lori Wright if you have not completed your **2022 pledge card** or have any questions about the balance outstanding.

Rooted & Reaching Campaign If you have not completed your annual portion of your pledge commitment, please also submit before December 31.

Expense Reimbursements

Please submit any requests for reimbursement of 2021 budget year expenses by **December 29**. Any checks written after December 31 will be charged to the 2022 budget.

Church Offices will be closed December 24, 27, & 28, and January 3

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The beautiful poinsettias at the front of the Sanctuary were given “In Memory of” or “In Honor of” the following loved ones:

<u>Given By</u>	<u>In Memory Of</u>	<u>In Honor Of</u>
Adams, Christopher, Catherine & Charles Clarkson, Elizabeth	Our Grandparents William Clarkson	
Cobb, Mr. & Mrs. John	Mr. & Mrs. Linwood Cobb, Jr. and Mr. & Mrs. Jim Groome	
The Ebert Family	Marshall Reid Ebert	
Farnandez, John	Josephine Farnandez	
Hartman, David & Marilyn	Our Parents	
Hartman, David & Marilyn	Vic & Margaret Kehrer	
Howard, Dennis	Anne North Howard	
Jones, Betsy & Hugh	Caroline & John R. Saunders	
Jones, Betsy & Hugh	Kay & Morris Jones	
Maddox, Gwen	Scott Reams	
McCraw, Ginny	Pete McCraw & Sara McCraw	
O'Brian, Bobby & Becky	Duvall Holt	
O'Brian, Bobby & Becky	Gil & Ray O'Brian	
Savage, Dan & Stevie		Bebe & Carroll Smith
Semones, Bill & Becky	Our Parents	
Stroud, Gary & Diane	Our Parents	
Stroud, Gary & Diane		The Staff of First Presbyterian Church
Thompson, Ella Grace, Luke & Noah Thompson, Peter & Barrett		Bebe & Pops Ella Grace, Luke & Noah Thompson
Thompson, Peter & Barrett	JPT	
Trexler, Michael & Rebcecca		Anne Farmer, our mother
Watkins, Marguerite	Gordon Watkins	