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Worship... Service of the Lord's Day

December 26, 2021

**Those who are able, please stand.*

There will not be any nursery available this morning during worship. Our nursery care providers are enjoying time with their families. We do welcome all children in worship and invite families to help themselves to the age-appropriate worship resource carts located in the Narthex.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Prelude on "Irby"

D. Cherwein

Welcome, Announcements, and Lighting of Advent Wreath

We light the first candle as a symbol of HOPE.

We light the second candle as a symbol of PEACE.

We light the third candle as a symbol of JOY.

We light the fourth candle as a symbol of LOVE.

We light the center candle as a symbol of CHRIST, the LIGHT OF THE WORLD.

Prayer of the Day

For each carol, sing stanza 1

*Hymn #28: Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

Good Christian friends, rejoice With heart, and soul, and voice;

Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;

Ox and ass before Him bow, And He is in the manger now.

Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

*Hymn #41: O Come, All Ye Faithful

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!

Refrain: O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,

O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

*Hymn #24: Away in a Manger

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.

*Hymn #23: Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high Sweetly singing o'er the plains,

And the mountains in reply Echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain: Gloria, in excelsis Deo; Gloria, in excelsis Deo.

*Hymn #49: Once in Royal David's City

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

*Hymn #40: Joy to the World!

Joy to the world, the Lord is come: Let earth receive her King;

Let every heart prepare Him room, And heaven and nature sing,

And heaven and nature sing, And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Moment

Prayer for Illumination

Kathleen Lifsey

“What Child Is This”

Peter Thompson

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

***Affirmation of Faith: Colossians 1:15-20**

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer

**Call to Offering
Offertory Anthem**

Sing Joy

M. Hayes

Thomas Cass, Soloist

*Joy to the world! The Lord is come; let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room, and heaven and nature sing.
For unto us a Child is born, unto us a son is given. And His name shall be called:
Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.
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, Christ the Lord!
Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, O sing, all ye bright hosts of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest! O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!
Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns: Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy.
Sing joy! Sing joy! Repeat the sounding joy!*

***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

Toccatina on “Angels We Have Heard on High”

R. Elliott

Share the Love, Joy, and Peace of Christ

The Two-Cents-A-Meal offering will be collected in baskets as you leave the Sanctuary. Please give as you are able.

Upcoming *Worship and Music* Opportunities:

Service of the Lord's Day Worship with Communion - Next Sunday @ 10:30 a.m. - Sanctuary, Video, Radio
Welcome, Gathering, & Praise - Beginning Sunday, January 9 @ 4:00 p.m. - Sanctuary
Chancel Ringers - Rehearsal on Thursdays from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. - 2nd Floor Gathering Room
Chancel Choir - Rehearsal on Thursdays from 7:15 to 9 p.m. - Choir Room, Sundays from 9:30 to 10:10 am - Sanctuary

First Pres Presents: "The King's Singers" – February 25, 2022
TICKETS AVAILABLE @ WWW.FPCLY.ORG/GIVING

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@fpclly.org).

Opportunities to *Grow*:

Adult Bible Class - Sunday mornings, 9:15 to 10:10 a.m.

Teachers are Beth and Gary Williams

Also via zoom.us Meeting ID: 863 5324 3600 Passcode: 335664

Walk with God - Sundays @ 4:00 p.m.

Leaders are Noel and Bob Thomas

Devotion and 45-minute walk on Peakland Place - All level of walkers welcome!!!

Worship +2 Workshops for ALL ages - Sundays @ 5:00 p.m.

Workshops immediately follow Praise & Worship

(Beginning January 9 - please see bulletin insert for details)

Immerse Bible Study – (cancelled this week)

Leader is Rev. Dr. Peter Thompson, Senior Pastor

Explore, Discover, and Grow in God's Word with other sisters and brothers in Christ! (Zoom Option)

College Cares - Wednesday evenings @ 6:00 p.m. (resumes January 12)

Leader is Marcia Thom-Kaley, Director of Educational Ministries

A weekly gathering of young adults who are about to enter college or are college aged. The group meets to discuss spiritual challenges and opportunities presented by growing into independence on a college campus. Upper teens – to mid-twenties are welcome to join!

Colin Caldwell Men's Bible Study – (cancelled this week)

Leader is Rev. Dr. Peter Thompson, Senior Pastor

Explore, Discover, and Grow in God's Word with other brothers in Christ! (Zoom Option)

Opportunities to *Love*:

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

Members Helping Members for January: Ginny McCraw (434) 528-1927 and Sally deNiord (434) 384-8153

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

Opportunities to *Serve*:

Receptionist/Greeters Needed: Smiling faces are needed at the front door to help direct phone calls and greet visitors during the week. Flexible 3-hour shifts. Please contact Karen Wydner (434) 384-6231 for more info.

Ushers Needed: Help welcome your fellow congregation members on Sunday mornings and at occasional special events throughout the year. Please contact Donnie Ore or Karen Wydner if interested in helping.

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.

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.

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

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Get ready for Worship +2!

Sundays, beginning January 9, 2022!

Worship +2 is our programming model that emphasizes worship as the very heart of our call as Christians (to praise and glorify God) AND encourages us to spiritually feed ourselves and others primarily through education and outreach. Through this model we offer opportunities for all ages and stages to worship, grow, serve, and love!

WORSHIP (Sunday mornings)

9:00am - 12pm, Nursery available for kids 3yo & under

9:15 - 10:10am, Adult Spiritual Growth Bible Class

9:30 - 10:10am, Chancel Choir Rehearsal

10:30am, Worship (Sanctuary, livestream, & radio)

Worship Workshop (for 4yo-Kindergarteners) and Gateways to Worship (for 1st-2nd graders) will take place after the Children's Moment in worship for children to learn the practices and purposes of worship.

+2 (Sunday afternoons/evenings)

4:00 - 6:00pm, Nursery available for kids 3yo & under

4:30 - 4:55pm, Welcome, Gathering and Praise

5:00 - 6:00pm, Workshops for ALL ages

(see the back for a breakdown for children, youth, & adults)

6:00pm, bring your own picnic dinner (B.Y.O.D.)



Children's Workshops

Children between 4 years and 5th grade will be divided into four age-based groups to explore and learn about Bible characters and stories through music, play, art, & story telling!

Age groups: (4yo & 5yo, K & 1st, 2nd & 3rd, 4th & 5th)



Youth Workshops

Middle School Youth (6th–8th grades) and High School Youth (9th–12th grades) are invited to explore their own faith and learn more about God through Bible study, service opportunities, outreach experiences, and community building activities.

Adult Workshops

Couples Adventure Workshop

Led by Peter & Barrett Thompson and Caskie & Becky Giles

Have fun, laugh, and be encouraged as you and your partner learn and grow together.

Contemporary texts and scriptural references will be applied to real world issues.

Faith and Life

led by Chal and Katy Nunn
ZOOM only

Explore and discover more about faith in everyday life in this discussion based class on contemporary issues. We will begin our exploration through the book *Jesus and John Wayne*.

KÓMÉ-Connecting with the Village

led by Alex Collier,
Director of Outreach

This two-week workshop is an opportunity to connect and engage with other folks in the FPCLY community!

For more details on Worship +2 and additional opportunities to worship, grow, love, & serve during the week go to fpcly.org!