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# Worship... Service of Praise and Singing

## First Sunday in Advent

November 28, 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**

**Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland BWV 659**

J. S. Bach

*(Come, Savior of the Nations)*

### Welcome and Announcements

#### Intro to the Hymn

**\*Hymn #559: We Gather Together**

Kremser

*We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;  
He chastens and hastens His will to make known;  
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing,  
Sing praises to His name; He forgets not His own.*

*Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,  
Ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine;  
So from the beginning the fight we were winning;  
Thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glory be Thine!*

*We all do extol Thee, Thou leader triumphant,  
And pray that Thou still our defender will be.  
Let Thy congregation escape tribulation;  
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!*

### Prayer of Adoration and the Lord's Prayer

#### Intro to the Anthem

**Anthem:**

**Look What You've Done**

Layton/Lifsey

*Whitney and Robert O'Brian*

*Look what you've done How could you fall so far?  
You should be ashamed of yourself, So I was ashamed of myself  
The lies I believed, They got some roots that run deep  
I let them take a hold of my life, I let them take control of my life  
Standing in Your presence, Lord, I can feel You digging all the roots up  
I feel you healing all my wounds up, All I can say is, "Hallelujah"  
Look what You've done, look what You've done in me  
You spoke Your truth into the lies I let my heart believe  
Look at me now, look how You made me new  
The enemy did everything that he could do, Oh, but look what You've done  
Suddenly all the shame is gone I thought I was too broken, now I see  
You were breaking new ground inside of me  
Light the path, lead the way. Bring your peace, ease my pain,  
Holy and saving grace.*

### WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

**Children's Moment**

Kathleen Lifsey

**Intro to the Anthem**

**Anthem**

**O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

Traditional

*Althea O'Brian, Soloist*

*O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear.*

*Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

*O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer Our spirits by Thine advent here;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark shadows put to flight. (Refrain)*

*O come, Desire of nations, bind All peoples in one heart and mind;  
Bid envy, strife, and discord cease; Fill the whole world with heaven's peace. (Refrain)*

**Intro to the Hymn:**

**\*Hymn #2: Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus**

Hyfrodol

*Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, Born to set Thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us; Let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art;  
Dear desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.*

*Born Thy people to deliver, Born a child and yet a King,  
Born to reign in us forever, Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By Thine own eternal Spirit Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By Thine all sufficient merit Raise us to Thy glorious throne.*

**Intro to the Hymn:**

**\*Hymn #12: People, Look East**

Besançon

*People, look east. The time is near  
Of the crowning of the year.*

*Make your house fair as you are able,  
Trim the hearth and set the table.*

*People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the guest, is on the way.*

*Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,  
One more seed is planted there:  
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,  
That in course the flower may flourish.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the rose, is on the way.*

*Birds, though you long have ceased to build,  
Guard the nest that must be filled.  
Even the hour when wings are frozen  
God for fledging time has chosen.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the bird, is on the way.*

*Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim  
One more light the bowl shall brim,  
Shining beyond the frosty weather,  
Bright as sun and moon together.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the star, is on the way.*

*Angels, announce with shouts of mirth  
Christ who brings new life to earth.  
Set every peak and valley humming  
With the word, the Lord is coming.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the Lord, is on the way.*

**Intro to the Anthem**

**Anthem**

**You're Here**

Glover/Battistelli

*Whitney and Robert O'Brian*

*Hold on now got to take a deep breath, I don't know what to say when I look in Your eyes  
You made the world before I was born, But here I am holding You in my arms tonight*

*Noel Noel, Jesus Sovereign Emmanuel*

*You're here, I'm holding You so near, I'm staring into the face of my Savior  
King and Creator, You could have left us on our own, But You're here*

*I don't know how long I'm going to have You for, But I'll be watching when You change the world  
Look at Your hands they're still so small, Someday You're going to stretch them out, And save us all*

*Noel Noel, God with us Emmanuel*

*Someday I'm going to look back on this, The night that God became a baby boy  
Someday You're going to go home again, But You'll leave Your Spirit and flood The world with joy*

*You're here, I'm holding You so near, I'm staring into the face of my Savior  
King and Creator, You could have left us on our own, But You're here*

*You're here, Hallelujah You're here, Hallelujah You're here*

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**Minute for Mission**

Alex Collier

**Intro to Anthem and Call to Offering**

**Offertory Anthem**

**Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring**

J. S. Bach

*Thomas Cass, Viola*

**\*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**

**Intro to the Hymn**

**\*Hymn #13: Prepare the Way**

Bereden väg för Herran

*Prepare the way O Zion*

*Your Christ is drawing near*

*Let every hill and valley*

*A level way appear*

*Great One who comes in glory*

*Foretold in sacred story*

*Refrain: On blest is Christ that came*

*In God's most holy name*

*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 (Refrain)*

*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 (Refrain)*

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

**Wake, Awake, For Night is Flying**

R. A. Hobby

*Share the Love, Joy, and Peace of Christ*

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**Worship Leader: Marcia Thom-Kaley**

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

We believe we are here to worship, grow, love, and serve. 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](mailto:peter@fpcly.org)).

**ADVENT**  
*Worship, Grow, Love, Serve*

**No Outside Parking Lot Services December 5 – December 26**

*will resume Sunday, January 2 weather-permitting*

**“In Memory of” or “In Honor of” Christmas Poinsettias**

To order, use sign-up sheet and envelope just off the foyer or at [fpcly.org](http://fpcly.org) “Giving” page  
\$15 per plant, to be picked up after worship, December 19  
Deadline to order is December 13

**First Pres Presents: Songs of Good Cheer** – Saturday, December 4, 4:00 p.m. (Sanctuary)  
FPCLY Chancel Choir Concert, featuring John Rutter's *Gloria*

**Called Congregational Meeting: December 12, following 10:30 a.m. worship** (Sanctuary)  
Vote on the election of elders and Rev. Dr. Peter Thompson's Terms of Call

**Service of Lessons and Carols** – Sunday, December 19, 10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)  
featuring strings and the FPCLY Chancel Choir

**Walk with God, Sunday evenings, will resume December 19, 4:00 p.m.**  
(meet in FPCLY front parking lot)

**First Pres Presents: “The King’s Singers” – February 25, 2022 – Tickets Available Online!**

**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](mailto:peter@fpcly.org) or [stroudiane@comcast.net](mailto:stroudiane@comcast.net)

**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.

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# Advent at First Pres

Advent is a season of waiting and preparing for God's greatest gift to us—Jesus!

## Sunday Worship

*Let us come together for one worship service as we await Christ's coming!*

**10:30am, Sanctuary, livestream, & radio**

**November 28:** Service of Praise and Singing  
*featuring music by Whitney and Robert O'Brian & seasonal songs*

**December 5:** Advent Service, Make Room  
*featuring FPCLY Chancel Ringers*

**December 12:** Advent Service, Make Room

**December 19:** Service of Lessons and Carols  
*featuring music by our Chancel choir and a string quartet*

## Advent Activities

**December 4 @ 4pm, Sanctuary**

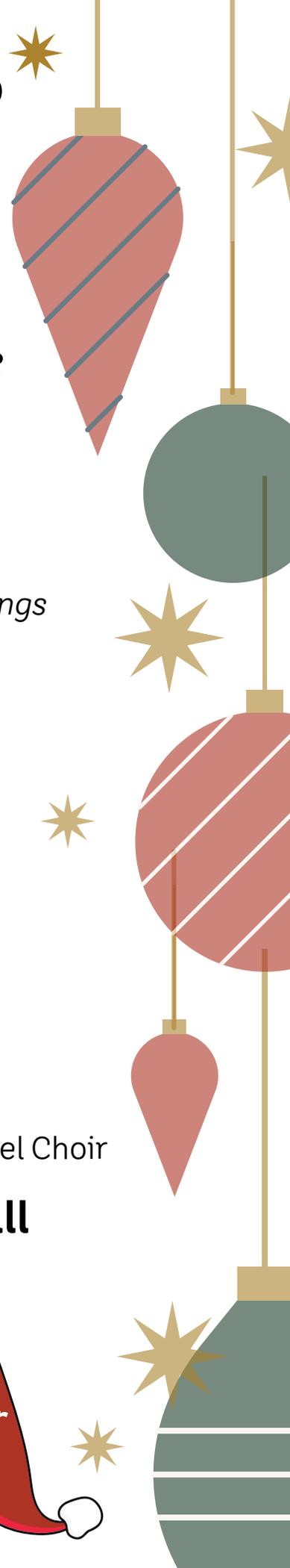
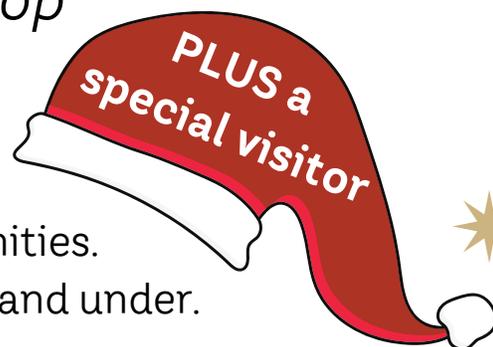
*Songs of Good Cheer Advent Concert*

*featuring John Rutter's Gloria performed by the FPCLY Chancel Choir*

**December 5 & 12, 4:30–6pm, Fellowship Hall**

*Jolly Jamboree: Advent Workshop*

- cookie & ornament decorating,
- advent wreath lighting & carols,
- "It's a Wonderful Life" study, and
- outreach & alternative giving opportunities.
- Nursery will be available for children 3 and under.



The culmination of Advent is the season of Christmas celebrating the arrival of Christ as Emmanuel - God with us. Christ comes bearing gifts of light, love, hope, joy, and peace for all!

# Christmas Eve

**Friday, December 24**

**4:00pm**

Carols and Communion  
outside, in the front circle  
family-friendly  
*festive attire encouraged! (pajamas included!)*

**11:00pm**

Carols, Communion, & Candlelight  
Sanctuary

# Sunday Worship

**December 26**

**10:30am**

One Service Only



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