

Participating in the Services

Ryan Moore, Pastor
Stuart Gordon, Executive Pastor
Sarah Bird, Associate Pastor for Discipleship and Engagement
Adam DeVries, Associate Pastor for Youth and Their Families
Sandra Randleman, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care and Missions
Josh Rodriguez, Associate Pastor for Young Adults
Raphael Bundage, Director of Music
Peter Rogahn, Organist
Rhonda Swanson, Assistant Organist
McKenzie Garey, Soloist
Ike Cooper, Acolyte (8:00)
Sabrina Russell, Acolyte (11:00)
McKenzie Cooper, Angel Messenger (8:00)
Elizabeth Fitzpatrick, Angel Messenger (11:00)
Jackson Stone, Cross Bearer
FPC Sanctuary Choir

Prelude Musicians

Peter Rogahn, Organist

FPC Handbells: Don Fisher, Director
(Bekah Caruso, Don Fisher, Lewis Frost, Bill Girard
Dee Ann Stone, Emily Stone, and Jackson Stone)

Sara Crigger, Mezzo-Soprano
Rhonda Swanson, Organist
McKenzie Garey, Soprano

Readers of Scripture (in order)

8:00 Service:

Sandra Randleman, Josh Rodriguez,
Braden Zeigler, John Musgrave, Adam DeVries,
Sarah Bird, Emily Stone, Stuart Gordon,
Bob Loflin, and Ryan Moore

11:00 Service:

Sandra Randleman, Josh Rodriguez,
Anna Kate Rader, Mary Lee Bartlett, Adam DeVries,
Sarah Bird, Alex Vorhaus, Stuart Gordon,
David Thomas, and Ryan Moore

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Noël

Louis-Claude Daquin

Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen, Op. 122, No. 8

Johannes Brahms

Peter Rogahn, Organist

Two Settings of "Away in a Manger"

arr. Martha Lynn Thompson,
and Frances L. Callahan

FPC Handbells

Watts's Cradle Song

Bryan Kelly

Hush! My dear, lie still and slumber; Holy angels guard thy bed!
Heav'nly blessings without number gently falling on thy head.
How much better thou art attended than the Son of God could be
When from heaven he descended and became a child like thee!
Soft and easy is thy cradle; Course and hard thy Saviour lay,
When his birthplace was a stable and his softest bed was hay.
May'st thou live to know and fear him, trust and love him all thy days;
Then go dwell forever near him, see his face and sing his praise!

(text: Isaac Watts)

Sara Crigger, Mezzo Soprano

Away in a Manger (Cradle Song)

The Rocking Carol

arr. Thompson and Callahan

FPC Handbells

Trio on In dulci jubilo

Johann Michael Bach

Rhonda Swanson, Organist

Gesu Bambino

Pietro Yon

When blossoms flower e'er 'mid the snows, upon a winter night,
Was born the child, the christmas rose, the king of love and light.
The angels sang, the shepherds sang, the grateful earth rejoiced;
And at his blessed birth the stars their exultation voiced.
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.
Again the heart with rapture glows to greet the holy night,
That gave the world its christmas rose, its king of love and light
Let ev'ry voice acclaim his name, The grateful chorus swell
From paradise to earth he came That we with him might dwell.
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

McKenzie Garey, Soprano

***CHRISTMAS LITANY**

Ryan Moore

Leader: The Word was made flesh,
People: Alleluia, Alleluia!
 Leader: and dwelt among us,
People: Alleluia, Alleluia!
 Leader: Jesus, Son of the living God, splendor of the Father, Light eternal:
People: Glory to you, O Lord!
 Leader: Jesus, King of glory, Sun of righteousness, born of the Virgin Mary:
People: Glory to you, O Lord!
 Leader: Jesus, Wonderful Counselor, mighty God, everlasting Lord:
People: Glory to you, O Lord!
 Leader: Jesus, Prince of Peace, Shepherd of souls, perfect in holiness:
People: Glory to you, O Lord!
 Leader: Jesus, Friend of sinners, Jesus Lover of our souls:
People: Glory to you, O Lord!
 Leader: Jesus, Good Shepherd, inexhaustible Wisdom, the Way, the Truth, and the Life:
People: Glory to you, O Lord!
 Leader: Jesus, joy of the angels, and crown of all the saints:
People: Glory to you, O Lord!
 Leader: Christ is born! Give him glory!
People: Sing to the Lord all you peoples!
Praise Him in joy all you nations, for He has been glorified! Amen.

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

Once in Royal David's City

IRBY

Stanza 1: Solo

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.

Stanza 2: Choir Only

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 Savior holy.

Stanza 3: All

And through all
 His wondrous childhood
 He would honor and obey,
 love and watch the lowly maiden,
 in whose gentle arms He lay:
 Christian children all must be
 mild, obedient, good as He.

Stanza 4: All

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.

Stanza 5: All

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.

Stanza 6: All

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.

***HYMN**

Silent Night, Holy Night

STILLE NACHT

Stanza 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.

Stanza 2

Silent night, holy night!
 Shepherds quake at the sight;
 glories stream from heaven afar,
 heavenly hosts sing: "Alleluia:
 Christ the Savior is born."

Stanza 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 Thy birth.

Stanza 4

Silent night, holy night!
 Wondrous star, lend thy light;
 with the angels let us sing
 Alleluia to our King:
 Christ the Savior is born.

***BENEDICTION**

Ryan Moore

***CLOSING HYMN**

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

Stanza 1

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
 Let earth receive her King;
 let every heart prepare Him room,
 and heaven and nature sing.

Stanza 2

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!
 Let us our songs employ,
 while fields and floods,
 rocks, hills and plains
 repeat the sounding joy.

Stanza 3

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
 nor thorns infest the ground;
 He comes to make His blessings flow
 far as the curse is found.

Stanza 4

He rules the world
 with truth and grace,
 and makes the nations prove
 the glories of His righteousness
 and wonders of His love.

May the peace and joy of this Christmas fill every heart and home.

***CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

In dulci jubilo

J.S. Bach

MEDITATION

Ryan Moore

ANTHEM*On Christmas Night All Christians Sing
(Sussex Carol)*

Arr. David Willcocks

On Christmas night all Christians sing,
to hear the news the angels bring,
news of great joy, news of great mirth,
news of our merciful King's birth.

When sin departs before His grace,
then life and health come in its place;
angels and men with joy may sing,
all for to see the newborn King.

Then why should men on earth be so sad,
since our Redeemer made us glad,
when from our sin He set us free,
all for to gain our liberty?

All out of darkness we have light,
which made the angels sing this night:
Glory to God and peace to men,
now and for evermore. Amen.

EIGHTH LESSON*The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.*
Matthew 2:1–11(8:00) Bob Loflin
(11:00) David Thomas***HYMN***O Little Town of Bethlehem*

ST. LOUIS

Stanza 1

**O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.**

Stanza 3

**How silently, how silently,
the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of His heaven.
No ear may hear His coming,
but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive Him,
still the dear Christ enters in.**

Stanza 2

**For Christ is born of Mary;
and gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together
proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God the King,
and peace to all on earth.**

Stanza 4

**O holy Child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in,
be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Emmanuel!**

NINTH LESSON*St. John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.*
John 1:1–14

Ryan Moore

LIGHTING THE CANDLES OF CHRISTMAS**CHRISTMAS PRAYER**

Sandra Randleman

With quietness, O God, our hearts stand near the simple stall where Jesus was born to Mary. The noise of the world is stilled, and the peace of this night descends upon all people of good will, whether they be wise or simple. Help us to think on the meaning of this night, to ponder in our hearts the wonder of Your love for us. Fill us with gladness, that hearing again the Christmas story, we may journey in its light, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who taught us to pray. . .

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts)Hymnal, *page 35***FIRST LESSON***Adam and Eve rebel against God.*
Genesis 3:8–15

Josh Rodriguez

ANTHEM*In the Stillness*

Sally Beamish

In the stillness of a church where candles glow,
In the softness of a fall of fresh white snow,
In the brightness of the stars that shine this night,
In the calmness of a pool of healing light,
In the clearness of a choir that softly sings,
In the oneness of a hush of angels' wings,
In the mildness of a night by stable bare,
In the quietness of a lull near cradle fair,
There's a patience as we wait for a new morn,
and the presence of a child soon to be born.

SECOND LESSON*God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall the nations of the earth be blessed.*
Genesis 22:15–18

(8:00) Braden Zeigler

(11:00) Anna Kate Rader

ANTHEM*Wexford Carol*

John Rutter

Good people all, this Christmastime, consider well and bear in mind what our good God for us has done, in sending His beloved son. With Mary holy we should pray to God with love this Christmas Day; In Bethlehem upon that morn there was a blessed Messiah born. The night before that happy tide the noble Virgin and her guide were long time seeking up and down to find a lodging in the town. But mark how all things came to pass: from every door repelled alas! As long foretold, their refuge all was but an humble oxen stall. Near Bethlehem did shepherds keep their flocks of lambs and feeding sheep; to whom God's angels did appear, which put the shepherds in great fear. "Prepare and go," the angels said, "To Bethlehem, be not afraid; for there you'll find, this happy morn, a princely babe, sweet Jesus born." With thankful heart and joyful mind the shepherds went the babe to find, and as God's angel had foretold, They did our Saviour Christ behold. Within a manger He was laid, and by His side the virgin maid, attending on the Lord of life, Who came on earth to end all strife.

Greg Thomas, Tenor

THIRD LESSON *Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah.* (8:00) John Musgrave
Isaiah 9:2–7 (11:00) Mary Lee Bartlett

ANTHEM *This Endris Night* Malcolm Archer

This endris night I saw a sight,
A star as bright as day;
and ever among a maiden sung
'Lullay, by, by, lullay, lullay, by, by, lullay.'

This lovely lady sat and sang,
And to her child did say:
'My son, my brother, father, dear,
Why liest Thou thus in hay?'
My sweetest bird thus 'tis required,
Though Thou be King veray;
but nevertheless I will not cease
To sing, by, by, lullay, to sing by, by, lullay.

That child or man, who will or can
Be merry on my day,
To bliss Thou bring and I shall sing,
Lullay, by, by, lullay.

FOURTH LESSON *The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.* Adam DeVries
Isaiah 11:1–9

***HYMN** *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* CAROL

**For lo, the days are hastening on,
by prophet bards foretold,
when with the ever-circling years
comes round the age of gold;
when peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world give back the song
which now the angels sing.**

FIFTH LESSON *The angel Gabriel salutes the blessed Virgin Mary.* Sarah Bird
Luke 1:26–38

ANTHEM *Candlelight Carol* John Rutter

How do you capture the wind on the water?
How do you count all the stars in the sky?
How can you measure the love of a mother,
or how can you write down a baby's first cry?
Candlelight, angel light, firelight and starglow
shine on His cradle till breaking of dawn.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Angels are singing; the Christ child is born.
Shepherds and wise men will kneel and adore Him;
seraphim round Him their vigil will keep;
nations proclaim Him their Lord and their Savior,
but Mary will hold Him and sing Him to sleep.
Find Him at Bethlehem laid in a manger,
Christ our Redeemer asleep in the hay.
Godhead incarnate and hope of salvation:
a child with His mother that first Christmas Day.

SIXTH LESSON *St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.* (8:00) Emily Stone
Luke 2:1–7 (11:00) Alex Vorhaus

ANTHEM *My Lord Has Come* Will Todd

Shepherds, called by angels, called by love and angels;
no place for them but a stable.
My Lord has come.
Sages, searching for stars, searching for love in Heaven;
no place for them but a stable.
My Lord has come.
His love will hold me, His love will cherish me, love will cradle me.
Lead me to see Him, sages and shepherds and angels;
no place for me but a stable.
My Lord has come.

SEVENTH LESSON *The shepherds go to the manger.* Stuart Gordon
Luke 2:8–21

ANTHEM *A Child Is Born in Bethlehem* Philip Stopford

A child is born in Bethlehem, Alleluia, Alleluia.
And joy is in Jerusalem, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Rejoice, rejoice, sing high sing low, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Benedicamus Domino, Alleluia, Alleluia.
To Thee O Lord be glory paid, Alleluia.
Thou Son of Mary, Mother maid, Alleluia.
To Holy Trinity give praise, Alleluia, Alleluia.
With Deo gracias always, Alleluia, Alleluia!