



FOX CHAPEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

As a community of Christ's disciples, we joyfully participate in Christ's mission of love and peace, transformation and hope.

DECEMBER 7, 2025 - 8:15AM

THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

When spirituality is viewed as a journey, however, the way to spiritual wholeness is seen to lie in an increasingly faithful response to the One whose purpose shapes our path, whose grace redeems our detours, whose power liberates us from crippling bondages of the prior journey and whose transforming presence meets us at each turn in the road. — *Robert Mulholland* Invitation

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Doug Marshall

CALL TO WORSHIP

Advent Wreath Ceremony

Vijay & Christine Gulati

*HYMN 133

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

INVITATION TO SILENT PRAYER AND CONFESSION

Cheryl Khylllep

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, You are always with us, always coming; we confess that we do not know how to prepare for Your Advent. We have forgotten how to hope in miracles; we have ignored the promises of Your kingdom; we get distracted by all the busyness of this season, we don't stop to look for Your presence and listen for Your word.

Forgive us, God. Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds, the intelligent courage of the Magi, and the patient faith of Mary and Joseph, that we may journey with them to Bethlehem and find the good news of a child born for us. Now, in the quiet of our hearts, we ask You to make us ready for His coming. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Matthew 1:21-23

The angel told Joseph to name his son Jesus;

For He will save His people from their sins.

Jesus is our Savior!

Jesus is Emmanuel, God with us.

Through Jesus our sins are forgiven!

Hallelujah! Praise God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

All are invited to exchange signs of reconciliation and peace with others.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 12:1-9 (OT, pg. 10)

Luke 2:1-7 (NT, pg. 58)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Jesus Comes to Those On a Journey

Doug Marshall

OFFERING

Please complete a Connect Card and place it in the offering plate.

*DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(The prayer continues...)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, You have graciously accepted us as living members of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. You have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of His body and blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve You with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN 93

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

TRURO

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

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* Please stand as you are able.

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