

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.*



**JANUARY 4, 2026
11:00 AM**

PRELUDE

*'Vom Himmel hoch, da komm' ich her'
'I Wonder as I Wander'
Cradle Song*

Johann Pachelbel
arr. Jan Sanborn
Malcolm Archer

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Cheryl Khyllep

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

On this day of good news, we come,
dazzled and awe-struck, ready to sing alongside the angels.
On this day of good news, we come,
eager and hopeful, ready to journey alongside the shepherds.
On this day of good news, we come,
quietly and tenderly, ready to worship alongside Mary.
On this day of good news, we come,
singing, trusting, believing, proclaiming: good news is louder than fear.
Let us worship our God, Emmanuel.

***HYMN 143**

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

REGENT SQUARE

INVITATION TO CONFESSION**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of angel choruses, You hang the stars in the sky, but we do not look up.
You fill the night with angelic song, but we do not listen.
You send shepherds to tell the good news, but we do not believe them.
You bring love into the world, but we do not seek it.
Quiet the fear in us that works to rationalize, minimize, and distract
from the good news You put forth into the world.
Tune our hearts back to Your song.
With hope we pray, amen.**

(Silent prayer of confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Family of faith, when the angels arrived in the field that night, the shepherds were afraid.
But the angels said:

"Do not be afraid. I am bringing you good news of great joy for all people."

This good news is:

**love freely given,
grace radically extended,
welcome always offered,
belonging never restricted.**

Friends, we are seen, loved, welcomed, forgiven, called, and sent to serve.
Thanks be to God for a love like that.

***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 READING

Ephesians 1:3-10 (NT, pg. 192)

Fay Powell

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children attending Kids' Church may meet Mrs. Patterson in the Narthex.

Sam Harding

SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:10-18 (NT, pg. 91)

Rev. Jim Gilchrist

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Grace Upon Grace

Jim Gilchrist

HYMN 128Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

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OFFERING**OFFERTORY ANTHEM***Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella*

arr. Joel Raney

***DOXOLOGY**

***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!***

PRAYER OF DEDICATION*INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE****GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION**SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP**

Today we will receive communion by **intinction**. After the choir receives communion everyone is invited to come forward by the center aisle, take a piece of bread from the basket, dip it into the juice and eat. If you prefer pre-sealed, gluten-free elements, they are available from the servers on the far sides. After partaking of the Lord's Supper please return to your seat by the outer aisles. If you prefer to be served communion in your seat, please let the servers know and they will bring the elements to you.

COMMUNION HYMNS**HYMN 141***On This Day Earth Shall Ring
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
I Come with Joy*PERSONENT HODIE
PICARDY
DOVE OF PEACE**HYMN 347****HYMN 515****PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Loving God, in a world racked with fear, You gather us together. You set the table. You meet us here. You nourish our bodies as You nourish our spirits. You remind us that this is a joyful feast, and that fear cannot win every time. So, with renewed courage, with renewed hope, with renewed conviction, send us out into the world. Help us to feed others as You have fed us. With gratitude we pray, amen.

HYMN 132Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

IN DULCI JUBILO

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**POSTLUDE***'In dulci jubilo'*

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J.S. Bach

* Please stand as you are able.

Participants Today

The Rev. Dr. Jim Gilchrist, Bridge Pastor (jim@fcpc.us)
The Rev. Cheryl Khyllep, Covenant Associate Pastor (cheryl@fcpc.us)
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Sam Harding, Director of Christian Education and Youth Ministry (sam@fcpc.us)
Barbara Patterson, Kids' Church Leader
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Nellie Boehm, Caretaker (nellie@fcpc.us)

For Children and Families during 11:00AM Worship

Children of all ages are welcome to remain in worship with their families, and we provide the following opportunities for children and families:

Children ages 3 to 5th grade are invited to sign up for Kids' Church prior to worship near the entry to the sanctuary. Children may join a pastor at the front of the sanctuary for a Children's Message during worship. Following the Children's Message, children will be led to the **Lowest Level**, where parents/guardians can pick them up following worship.

Nursery care is available for ages 0-3 in Room 109 (near the main entrance).

The Comfort Space is available in Room 107 (next to the Nursery) to comfort or feed a child and watch the worship service via livestream.

See Highlights, page 3, for information about how you can get involved with Children's Ministry and be a Kids' Church volunteer.

Chancel Flowers

The chancel flowers today are given to the glory of God.

HEARING DEVICES are available in the sanctuary. Ask an usher for assistance.

If you have a hearing aid that has the T-Coil activated, please ask for a T-Coil neckloop receiver.

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