

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 24, 2025
7:30 PM & 10 PM**

THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

I will light candles this Christmas,
Candles of joy despite all the sadness,
Candles of hope where despair keeps watch,
Candles of courage for fears ever present,
Candles of peace for tempest-tossed days,
Candles of grace to ease heavy burdens,
Candles of love to inspire all my living,
Candles that will burn all year long.

— Howard Thurman

PRELUDE

An Angelic Celebration

arr. Joel Raney

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Steve & Juli Huntington (7:30)
The Boyd Family (10:00)

*CAROL 133

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Cheryl Khyllep

THE CHRISTMAS STORY

Matthew 1:18-25 (NT, pg. 1)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we have filled our lives with the abundance of your blessings, yet sometimes we are so full that there is no room for Jesus. You sent Jesus as the light of the world, yet we choose to live in the shadows and darkness. Jesus is the Prince of peace, yet we fear living as peacemakers. You call us to love our neighbors, yet we are afraid of sharing our lives with others. You sent Jesus as the Savior of the world, yet too often we try to save ourselves.

Forgive us Lord, and help us to receive the gift of your grace and peace. Transform our lives and help us to live as your beloved children. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, your only Son. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

John 3:16-17

God did not send Jesus to condemn the world,

But to save the world through him.

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,

So that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

People of God, believe the good news:

In Jesus we are forgiven! Alleluia! Amen.

*CAROL 121

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

THE CHRISTMAS STORY

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

Dr. Doug Marshall

*CAROL 119

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Galatians 4:4-7 (NT, pg. 189)

Rev. Cheryl Khyllep

ANTHEM

Away in A Manger

arr. Mack Wilberg

*Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.*

*The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky, and stay by my side until morning is nigh.*

*Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care, and fit us for heaven, to live with Thee there.*

THE CHRISTMAS STORY

Luke 2:8-20 (NT, pg. 58)

Doug Marshall

HYMN OF GLORY 113Angels We Have Heard on High*

GLORIA

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 130 (OT, pg. 573)

CHRISTMAS MEDITATION

The Waiting is Over

ANTHEM*O Holy Night*

arr. Richard Nichols

*O holy night, the stars are brightly shining; It is the night of the dear Savior's birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining, till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices, for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!*

*Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices! O night divine! O night when Christ was born!
O night divine! O night, O night divine!*

*Truly He taught us to love one another; His law is love and His gospel is peace.
Chains shall He break, for the slave is our brother, and in His name all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we, let all within us praise His holy name.*

*Christ is the Lord! O praise His name forever! His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim!
His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim!*

CHRISTMAS PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Cheryl Khylle

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**OFFERTORY***Please complete a Connect Card and place it in the offering plate.****DOXOLOGY***Angels We Have Heard on High
Glo - ri - a in excelsis Deo!
Glo - ri - a in excelsis Deo!***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Doug Marshall

***CANDLELIGHT CAROL 122**

*Silent Night, Holy Night
Tilt your unlit candle into the flame of a lit candle to share the light.
Once your candle has been lit, please do not tip it.*

STILLE NACHT

*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, Sleep in heavenly peace.*

*Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight
Glories stream from heaven a-far, Heavenly hosts sing: "Alleluia:
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born."*

*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, Jesus, Lord at Thy birth.*

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

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**HYMN OF JOY 134***Joy to the World*

ANTIOCH

***POSTLUDE**

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* Please stand as you are able.

Participants Today

The Rev. Dr. Doug Marshall, Bridge Pastor (doug@fcpc.us)
The Rev. Cheryl Khyllep, Covenant Associate Pastor (cheryl@fcpc.us)
Steve and Juli Huntington, Lighting of the Candles (7:30)
The Boyd Family, Lighting of the Candles (10:00)
Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir
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Howard Havlicsek, Audio Engineer
Nellie Boehm, Caretaker (nellie@fcpc.us)

For Children and Families

Children of all ages are welcome to remain in worship with their families, and we provide the following opportunities for children and families at the 7:30 service:

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

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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