



# 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 – 8:15AM

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## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Cheryl Khylllep

## \*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 READINGS

Ephesians 1:3-10 (NT, pg. 192)  
John 1:10-18 (NT, pg. 91)

Rev. Jim Gilchrist

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## 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 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.**

## SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

## 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 132

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

IN DULCI JUBILO

## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## \*POSTLUDE

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*\* Please stand as you are able.*

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