

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 18, 2026
11:00 AM

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

George Atkins

*Brethren, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God.
Will you pray with all your power while we try to preach the word?
All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down.
Brethren, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 100:1-2, 5

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.

**For the Lord is good; whose steadfast love endures forever
and whose faithfulness endures to all generations.**

*HYMN 379

We Shall Overcome

WE SHALL OVERCOME

In honor of The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

INVITATION TO SILENT PRAYER AND CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In Your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*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.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Sam Harding

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 63:1-8 (OT, pg. 527)

Mary Minor

Luke 13:1-9 (NT, pg. 76)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Gardener's Way

*HYMN 441

Hear the Good News of Salvation

NETTLETON

*THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended to hell. The third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Song of Aspiration

Craig Courtney

*May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me from day to day,
by His love and power controlling all I do and say.
May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour,
so that all may see I triumph only through His power.*

*May the peace of God my Father rule my life in everything,
that I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.
May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea;
Him exalting, self abasing, this is victory.*

*May I run the race before me strong and brave to face the foe,
looking only unto Jesus as I onward go.
May His beauty rest upon me as I seek the lost to win,
and may they forget the channel, seeing only Him.*

***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**

***HYMN 306**

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

The Lord Bless You

E. Fred Morris

*The Lord bless you, the Lord keep you, may His love ever, always surround you;
protect you and guide you in all that you do; our prayer for you. Amen.*

***POSTLUDE**

King of Kings

Setting, Ralph Simpson

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This Morning's Music: *Florence B. Price* was born in Little Rock, Arkansas on April 9, 1887. She composed over three hundred works and was the first black woman to have a symphony performed by a professional orchestra (Chicago Symphony Orchestra). Her songs were performed by some of the most admired voices of her day. Price died in 1953.

Ralph Simpson (1933-2024) was an organist, composer/arranger and retired from Tennessee State University as chairman of the Department of Music. A native of Birmingham, Alabama, he was the first African American to earn a Ph.D. in music from Michigan State University. He had also taught at Alabama State University, Dillard University, and Fisk University.

— *James Abbingdon*

** Please stand as you are able.*

Participants Today

The Rev. Dr. Jim Gilchrist, Bridge Pastor (jim@fcpc.us)
The Rev. Cheryl Khylllep, Covenant Associate Pastor (cheryl@fcpc.us)
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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 **Kids Kingdom** (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 2, 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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