

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.*



A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

DECEMBER 21, 2025
10:00AM

Prelude	<i>Carol of the Bells</i> <i>Good King Wenceslas</i>	arr. Douglas Wagner arr. Jerome Malek
Welcome		The Rev. Dr. Doug Marshall
Moment for Ministry		Bill Follansbee
Introit 314	<i>Christ[Be Our Light</i> Congregational Refrain	arr. Joel Raney
	<i>Christ[be our light[shine in our hearts[shine through the darkness– Christ[be our light[shine in Your church gathered today–</i>	
Call to Worship	Advent Wreath Ceremony	Emily, Marcelo, Claire & Lucas Rocha
*Carol 140	<i>Once in Royal David's City</i> Children's Choir first verse	IRBY
Bidding Prayer & The Lord's Prayer		The Rev. Cheryl Khylllep
	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.	
Lesson	Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19 (OT, pg. 3)	Gretchen Oberlin
Anthem	<i>Walking In The Air</i>	Howard Blake
	<i>We're walking in the air, we're floating in the moonlit sky; the people far below are sleeping as we fly.</i>	<i>Children gaze open mouth, taken by surprise; nobody down below believes their eyes.</i>
	<i>I'm holding very tight, I'm riding in the midnight blue; I'm finding I can fly so high above with you.</i>	<i>We're surfing in the air, we're swimming in the frozen sky; we're drifting over icy mountains floating by.</i>
	<i>On across the world the villages go by like dreams; the rivers and the hills, the forest and the streams.</i>	<i>Suddenly, swooping low on an ocean deep; rousing up a mighty monster from its sleep.</i>
	<i>We're walking in the air, we're dancing in the midnight sky; and everyone who sees us greets us as we fly.</i>	
Lesson	Genesis 22:15-18 (OT, pg. 18)	Bennet Link
*Carol 82	<i>Come[Thou Long-Expected Jesus</i>	HYFRYDOL
Lesson	Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9 (OT, pg. 640)	Gigi Mettenburg
Anthem	<i>Jesus[Jesus[O What a Wonderful Child</i>	arr. Horace Boyer
	<i>Jesus, Jesus, O, what a wonderful child! Jesus, Jesus, so lowly meek and mild. New life, new hope, the child will bring. Listen to the angels sing: "Glory, glory, glory!" Let the heavens ring!</i>	
Lesson	Luke 1:26-35, 38 (NT, pg. 56)	Hannah Roth
Anthem	<i>O Come All Ye Faithful</i>	arr. Mack Wilberg
	<i>O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant! O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem. Come, and behold him, born the King of angels; O come, let us adore Him; O come, let us adore Him; O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord! Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation; sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above! Glory to God, all glory in the highest! O come, let us adore Him; O come, let us adore Him; O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord! Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n. Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! O come, let us adore Him; O come, let us adore Him; O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!</i>	

Lesson	Luke 2:1-7 (NT, pg. 58)	Anne Trabandt
*Carol 147	The First Nowell (Stanzas 1, 2, and 6)	HE FIRST NOWELL
Lesson	Luke 2:8-20 (NT, pg. 58)	Jay Thier
*Carol 119	Hark(The Herald Angels Sing	MENDELSSOHN
Lesson	Matthew 2:1-12 (NT pg. 2)	Wilberta Pickett
Anthem	Angels We Have Heard On High	arr. Alice Parker & Robert Shaw
	Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains; and the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.	
	Gloria in excelsis Deo!	
	Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing; come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.	
	Gloria in excelsis Deo!	
	See him in a manger laid, whom the choirs of angels praise; Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise.	
	Gloria in excelsis Deo!	
Offering	Please complete a Connect Card and place it in the offering plate—	
Offertory Anthem	All Is Well	Michael W. Smith & Wayne Kirkpatrick
	All is well. All is well. Angels and men rejoice; for tonight darkness fell into the dawn of love's light. Sing alle, sing alleluia!	All is well. All is well. Let there be peace on earth. Christ is come. Go and tell that He is in the manger. Sing alle, sing alle, alleluia! Alleluia!
	All is well! All is well! Lift up your voice and sing Noel! Born is now Emmanuel. Born is our Lord and Savior. Sing Alleluia! Sing Alleluia! All is well!	
*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(
*Prayer of Dedication	Rev. Khylllep	
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!	
Lesson	John 1:1-14 (NT, pg. 91)	Bob Ball
*Carol 134	Joy to the World	ANTIOCH
*Charge and Benediction	Dr. Marshall	
*Postlude	Postlude on Mendelssohn	David Willcocks

Participants Today

The Rev. Dr. Doug Marshall, Bridge Pastor (doug@fcpc.us)
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Scripture Readers:

Gretchen Oberlin, Bennet Link, Gigi Mettenburg, Hannah Roth, Anne Trabandt, Jay Thier, Wilberta Pickett, and Bob Ball

Festival Choir

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Children's Choir

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Worship Band

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For Children and Families during 10:00 AM 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 age 3 to 5th grade are encouraged to stay in the service to enjoy the music with their families. Children who need a break during the service are invited to stop in to the Chapel with a parent for Christmas crafts.

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.

Chancel Flowers

The chancel flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Katherine M. Stewart by the George Stewart Endowment.

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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