



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.

NOVEMBER 30, 2025 - 8:15AM

THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

When tragedy strikes, when trouble comes, when life disappoints us, we stand at the crossroads between hope and despair, torn and hurting. Despair cements us in the present; hope sends us dancing around dark corners trusting in a tomorrow we cannot see. Despair says that there is no place to go but here. Hope says that God is waiting for us someplace else. Begin again.

— Joan D. Chittister, O.S.B.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Doug Marshall

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Advent Wreath Ceremony

Sweringen Family

*HYMN 82

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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INVITATION TO SILENT PRAYER AND CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord Jesus Christ, we confess our willingness to be loved but also our reluctance to love; our readiness to accept Your forgiveness but also our refusal to forgive; our eagerness to receive Your redeeming love but also our resistance to follow You without question. During this Advent time forgive us for all the ways we fail to live as we should. Help us, as we wait for Your coming, to receive You with joy, as the shepherds; with gratitude, as Simeon; with obedience, as Mary; with love, as You have loved us. Even so: come, Lord Jesus .

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Isaiah 40:1-2

Comfort my people, says Your God.

Your sins are forgiven!

Jesus paid the price of our salvation!

Thanks be to God!

*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

Psalm 130 (OT, pg. 573)

Luke 2:22-38 (NT, pg. 59)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Jesus Comes to Those Who Wait

Doug Marshall

OFFERING

Please complete a Connect Card and place it in the offering plate.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

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

Now, Master, You are letting Your servants go in peace as You promised. Our eyes have seen the salvation that You prepared. We have seen the light of Your revelation for all people, that we may live in Your glory. We have received the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Help us to share Your love and to tell the world of Your salvation. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***HYMN 105**

People, Look East

BESANÇON

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

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* Please stand as you are able.

Participants Today

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