

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 7, 2025
11:00AM

THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

When spirituality is viewed as a journey, however, the way to spiritual wholeness is seen to lie in an increasingly faithful response to the One whose purpose shapes our path, whose grace redeems our detours, whose power liberates us from crippling bondages of the prior journey and whose transforming presence meets us at each turn in the road. — *Robert Mulholland* [Invitation](#)

PRELUDE

Carol of the Bells
Good King Wenceslas

arr. Douglas Wagner
arr. Jerome Malek

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Doug Marshall

INTROIT HYMN 314

Christ, Be Our Light
Congregation to join the refrain.

arr. Joel Raney

Christ, be our light, shine in our hearts, shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light, shine in Your church gathered today.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Advent Wreath Ceremony

Tom & Katie Walker

*HYMN 133

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

INVITATION TO SILENT PRAYER AND CONFESSION

Fay Powell

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, You are always with us, always coming; we confess that we do not know how to prepare for Your Advent. We have forgotten how to hope in miracles; we have ignored the promises of Your kingdom; we get distracted by all the busyness of this season, we don't stop to look for Your presence and listen for Your word.

Forgive us, God. Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds, the intelligent courage of the Magi, and the patient faith of Mary and Joseph, that we may journey with them to Bethlehem and find the good news of a child born for us. Now, in the quiet of our hearts, we ask You to make us ready for His coming. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Matthew 1:21-23

The angel told Joseph to son Jesus;

For He will save His people from their sins.

Jesus is our Savior!

Jesus is Emmanuel, God with us.

Through Jesus our sins are forgiven!

Hallelujah! Praise God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit!

*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.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 12:1-9 (OT, pg. 10)

Cheryl Khylllep

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Sam Harding

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

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

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Jesus Comes to Those On a Journey

Doug Marshall

OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

A Litany for Advent

arr. Shirley McRae

*Lord Jesus come to us, we pray. Bring us Your truth show us Your way.
As once the prophets did foretell. Oh, come to us, Emmanuel.*

*The universe is in our care. Help us protect, help us to share.
Send us Your peace, Your glad Noel. Oh, come to us, Emmanuel.*

*Our world is torn in war and sin. Our people hurt, with-out, with-in.
Your healing love will make us well. Oh, come to us, Emmanuel.*

*Prepare our hearts, tell all the earth. That we may celebrate Your birth.
Oh, enter in our lives to dwell. Oh, come to us, Emmanuel.*

*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

*HYMN OF PREPARATION 347

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

PICARDY

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S 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 & CUP

*Today we will receive communion by **intinction**. After the choir receives communion, everyone is invited to come forward by the center aisle, take a piece of bread from the basket, dip it into the juice and eat. If you prefer pre-sealed, gluten-free elements, they are available from the servers on the far sides. After partaking of the Lord's Supper please return to your seat by the outer aisles. If you prefer to be served communion in your seat, please let the servers know and they will bring the elements to you.*

COMMUNION HYMN 108

Of the Father's Love Begotten

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Cheryl Khyllep

Eternal God, You have graciously accepted us as living members of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. You have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of His body and blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve You with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN 93

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

TRURO

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

While We Are Waiting, Come

Don Carson

***While we are waiting, come. While we are waiting, come.
Jesus our Lord Emmanuel; while we are waiting, come.***

*POSTLUDE

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Malcolm Archer

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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 Khyllle, Covenant Associate Pastor (cheryl@fcpc.us)
Tom & Katie Walker, Advent Wreath Ceremony
Fay Powell, Liturgist
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S.C. Toe, Minister of Music (sc@fcpc.us)
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Barbara Patterson, Kids' Church Leader
Howard Havlicsek, Audio Engineer
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 age 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 the **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 5, 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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