

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
11:00AM

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

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659/2

Johann Sebastian Bach

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

Smith Sundry Family

*HYMN OF PRAISE 88

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

INVITATION TO SILENT PRAYER AND CONFESSION

Amy Martin

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.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalms 130 (OT, pg. 573)

Doug Marshall

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

Doug Marshall

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Jesus Comes to Those Who Wait

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 105

People, Look East

BESANÇON

*ADVENT CREED

We believe in one God, Who is Creator, maker of all we see and all we don't see.

Who is Ruler of the universe: Source of all creation!

We believe in one God, Who is Jesus Christ, God from God, Light from Light,

true God and true human. He is one with the Creator; the Word made flesh,
our Messiah: Savior of all creation!

We believe in one God, Who is Holy Spirit, Breath of God moving among us;
Who is one with the Creator; one with the Christ; our Comforter and our Guide:
Mentor of all creation!

***GLORIA**

Angels We Have Heard on High
Glo-ri-a, in excelsis Deo!
Glo-ri-a in excelsis Deo!

GLORIA

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

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

How Great Our Joy

arr. Hugo Jungst

*While by the sheep we watched at night, glad tidings brought an angel bright.
How great our joy! Great our joy! Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy!
Praise we the Lord in heaven on high! Praise we the Lord in heaven on high!*

*There shall be born, so he did say, in Bethlehem a child today.
How great our joy! Great our joy! Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy!
Praise we the Lord in heaven on high! Praise we the Lord in heaven on high!*

*There shall the child lie in a stall, this child who shall redeem us all.
How great our joy! Great our joy! Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy!
Praise we the Lord in heaven on high! Praise we the Lord in heaven on high!*

*This gift of God we'll cherish well, that ever joy our hearts shall fill.
How great our joy! Great our joy! Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy!
Praise we the Lord in heaven on high! Praise we the Lord in heaven on high!*

***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 DEDICATION 82**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

While We Are Waiting, Come
While we are waiting, come. While we are waiting, come.
Jesus our Lord Emmanuel; while we are waiting, come.

Don Carson

***POSTLUDE**

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

Karl Wolfrum

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* Please stand as you are able.

Participants Today

The Rev. Dr. Doug Marshall, Bridge Pastor (doug@fcpc.us)
Smith Sundy Family, Advent Wreath Ceremony
Amy Martin, Liturgist
Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir
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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 and in memory of Lucille Hopper by Paul Hopper.

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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