

first presbyterian church



ORDER OF WORSHIP
Fourth Sunday of Advent // The Tree of Jesse
December 18, 2022 // 10:00am

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

INTROIT #137 *He Came Down*

LIFE AT FIRST

Please take this time to sign the red Friendship Pad found on the pew near you.

RINGING THE BELL

PRELUDE *In the Bleak Midwinter* music by Gustav Holst Arr. Douglas Romaine

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

One: The first candle is the candle of Hope.

All: We are waiting for our hopes to be fulfilled.

One: The second candle is the candle of Peace

All: We are waiting for peace to be the way of the world.

One: The third candle is the candle of Joy.

All: We are waiting for our joy to be complete.

One: The fourth candle is the candle of Love.

All: We are waiting for love to come down.

Sing: For you, O Lord, my soul in stillness waits; truly my hope is in you. (x2)
#89 Refrain

One: Watch and wait for Christ's coming!

All: Rejoice, for the light is near.

One: Come, let us worship God.

Gloria in excelsis Deo
Et in terra pax
Laudamus te
Gratias agimus tibi
Propter magnam gloria
Domine Deus
Domine, Fili unigenite
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei
Qui tollis peccata mundi
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris
Quoniam tu solus sanctus
Cum Sancto Spiritu

***PASSING THE PEACE**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Soon and Very Soon

Soon and very soon we are going to see the king (x3)

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we're going to see the king.

SCRIPTURE

Daniel 6:10-12, 16, 19-23

SERMON

The Jesse Tree: Daniel and the Lions

Rev. Paul Van Kempen

HYMN

#100

My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND LIVES

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

*HYMN #144 *In the Bleak Midwinter*

*BENEDICTION

Worship Leaders: Rev. Paul Van Kempen, Rev. Linda Male, Chuck Norris, FPC Choir,
Jean Olney, Beth Magennis, Jelina Wright, Candle Lighters, Andrew Plaisier, Erin Magennis,
Nick Norris, Gary Smith, Emily Grabinski Conklin.

Thanks to: Technical Support Team, Greeters and Ushers, Bus Drivers,
and M&M Café Providers

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Special Meeting of the Congregation // Today immediately following worship, a congregational meeting will be held for the purpose of electing incoming Elders and Deacons to begin a three-year term on February 1, 2023.

The slate of the Elders and Deacons to be elected are:

Elders: Carleen Bauer, Dean Kreps, and Bruce Rosensteel

Deacons: Tom Glover, Chris Olney, and Terri Schamper

Knitters Announcement // A reminder the Prayer Shawl Knitting/Crocheting Group will meet **Monday, December 19** from 1-3pm in the Ontario room.

Save the Date // December 21 at 7pm - Our wonderful FPC Trio (Flute, Piano, Cello) is offering a short concert of holiday selections. An offering will be collected to support the denomination's Christmas Joy offering. A light reception will follow.

Holiday Office Hours // The church office will be closed during the holidays:

Friday, Dec 23 - Monday, Dec 26 resuming normal office hours Tuesday, Dec 27 - 29.

Friday, Dec 30 - Monday, Jan 2 resuming normal office hours Tuesday, Jan 3, 2023

Thank you!

Christmas Joy Offering // Envelopes are available during Advent for the denominational offering for leaders past, present, and future. 50% of the offering goes to assist church workers who are in critical financial need due to illness or lack of resources. 50% goes to leadership development and educations for students of color at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges.

Hat and Mitten Tree // As we prepare for winter, please consider helping others stay warm by bringing in new hats, gloves, and mittens to be placed on the Mitten Tree near the M&M Café.

Support Resilience // Presbyterian Women are collecting *new* and *unwrapped* underwear and socks for women and children who are often without the basics if they must flee domestic violence. Imagine the lift of new, warm socks, tees, and underwear this winter. **Resilience** is one of our longest mission support projects. Please bring your donations - any sizes are fine - to church and PW will deliver them. Thank you for your support!

Who are Presbyterians? // Classes for anyone inquiring about membership here at First Presbyterian Church will be held in January. Please add your name to a list by calling the church office or emailing office@fpcholland.org or pastor@fpcholland.org. We will respond with more information soon.

Hello Busy Parents! // We know you're busy, but we also know that you want to make time to become a better parent! Join us for a discussion group where we'll learn from Dr. Becky Kennedy's book, *Good Inside* (@drbeckyatgoodinside).

Discussion led by Shanna and Paul Van Kempen.
Childcare provided (it's almost like a date night!)
Thursdays from 6-7pm, Jan 26-Feb 23 at FPC

Questions? Email paul@fpcholland.org
Want to register? Watch the Wednesday eWeekly for a link to register or call the church office.



Advent & Christmas

December 21 at 7pm – FPC Trio Concert

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December 24 – Christmas Eve Services

6pm – A family celebration for all ages, children's pageant and FPC Choir.

11pm – A Service of Holy Communion and candlelight inviting Christ into our hearts and lives.

December 25 – Christmas Day Service

A link to a pre-recorded service will be emailed to you on Christmas morning. The link also will be posted on the church website and Facebook page.

He Came Down

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He came down that we may have love; he

came down that we may have love; he came down that we may

have love; hal-le-lu-jah for-ev-er-more.

Leader: Why did he come?

Additional stanzas:

... that we may have light
 ... that we may have peace
 ... that we may have joy

100 My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

Canticle of the Turning



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2 Though I am small, my God, my all, you
 3 From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a
 4 Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 work great things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 jus - tice tears ev - ery ty - rant from his throne.
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread; ev - ery
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

Refrain



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the



fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the



dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

In the Bleak Midwinter 144



1 In the bleak mid-win-ter, frost-y wind made moan;
 2 Our God, heaven can-not hold him, nor earth sus-tain;
 3 An-gels and arch-an-gels may have gath-ered there;
 4 What can I give him, poor as I am?



earth stood hard as i-ron, wa-ter like a stone;
 heaven and earth shall flee a-way when he comes to reign:
 cher-u-bim and ser-a-phim thronged the air;
 If I were a shep-herd, I would bring a lamb;



snow had fall-en, snow on snow, snow on snow,
 in the bleak mid-win-ter a sta-ble place suf-ficed
 but his moth-er on-ly, in her maid-en bliss,
 if I were a wise man, I would do my part;



‡ in the bleak mid-win-ter, long a-go.
 the Lord God in-car-nate, Je-sus Christ.
 ‡ wor-shipped the be-lov-ed with a kiss.
 yet what I can I give him: give my heart.



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