

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE *Fantasia on Christmas Carols* Alan Gray

WELCOME Rev. Dr. Fairfax Fair

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE
Jimmy and Donna Gilchrest Family

†HYMN #133 *O Come, All Ye Faithful* Adeste Fidelis

PRAYER OF ADORATION

CHANCEL TIME WITH CHILDREN

SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 9:2-7 *Margaret Bardin*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN #129 *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

SECOND LESSON Micah 5:2-5a *Brett Coe*

†HYMN #140 *Once in Royal David's City*

THIRD LESSON Luke 2:1-7 *Rhonda Haskins*

HYMN #121 *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

FOURTH LESSON Luke 2:8-14 *Jason Reed*

ANTHEM *Sing We Noel* Noel Goemanne

FIFTH LESSON Luke 2:15-20

HOMILY The Rev. Dr. Fairfax Fair
“The Face of God”

ANTHEM *Mary, Did You Know* Mark Lowry and Buddy Greene

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: A CHRISTMAS CREED

I believe in Jesus Christ and in the power of the gospel begun in Bethlehem; in the One whose spirit glorified a small village and for whom there was no room at the inn; in the One whose life changed the course of history, over whom the rulers of the earth have no power, and who is not understood by the proud.

I believe in the One who gives welcome to the oppressed, the discouraged, the sick, and the blind; the One who changes hearts with love and who with his life shows that it is better to serve than to be served, and that the greatest joy is giving one's life for others.

I believe in peace, which is justice among all people and nations and love among all. I believe in reconciliation, forgiveness, and the transforming power of God, and in the strength and majesty of Jesus Christ.

†HYMN #113 *Angels We Have Heard on High*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC *I Have Seen the Light*
Chris Machen and Robert Sterling Steve Haskins and James Taylor, tenors

HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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.

BREAKING, POURING, SHARING

Please note during The Lord's Supper both wine and grape juice are served. To distinguish between the two, the wine is red and the grape juice is white.

HYMN MEDLEY *(sing during distribution of elements)*

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king.
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful all ye nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king!”

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come, offspring of the virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate deity,
pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king!”

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king!”

Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing; the poor baby wakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;
oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Swift are winging angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the babe is Lord of all! Christ the babe is Lord of all!

Flocks were sleeping; shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new
saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of the gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing greet the morrow:
Christ the babe was born for you! Christ the babe was born for you!

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold:
“Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heaven's all-gracious King”:
the world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come, with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world:
Above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hovering wing,
and ever o'er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.

And you, beneath life's crushing load, whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow,
Look now, for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing:
O, rest beside the weary road, and hear the angels sing.

For lo, the days are hastening on, by prophets seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold,
When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world give back the song which now the angels sing.

What Child is This

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!

Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you.
Hail, hail, the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary!

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high. The virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

TAKING THE WORD OF GOD INTO THE WORLD

†LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

†*Silent Night, Holy Night*

Stille Nacht

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright
'round yon virgin mother and child! Holy Infant, so tender and mild.
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia:
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!"

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light;
radiant beams from thy holy face with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;
with the angels let us sing Alleluia to our King:
Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born!

†BENEDICTION

†RESPONSE: *Joy to the World*

George Frederick Handel

†POSTLUDE: *Toccata in G Major*

Théodore Dubois

†*Please stand, as you are able.*



Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

Here at FPC we take those words to heart.

Families with young children

are invited to sit on the

front and right side of the sanctuary (if desired)

so that their children may do quiet activities

at our "Pray Ground" tables during worship.

We are delighted that you and your children are here!

Christmas Resources are available in the narthex on the glass table

Informal Christmas Morning Worship in the Narthex...for Everyone!

Wednesday, December 25 @ 10:30 a.m.

*On Christmas morning, come celebrate with songs, scripture,
stories, and prayers as we gather round the manger in the
narthex for this cozy FPC tradition.*

***A Peek into the New Year...See Newsletter or Website
at fpcpasadena.org
about these ministries and more....***

- ***Sunday School Classes for All Ages*** each Sunday at 9 am.
- ***Worship for All Ages*** each Sunday at 10:30.
- ***Yoga Classes*** on December 26 and January 2. On January 7, resume regular schedule each Tuesday & Thursday at 5 & 6:15 pm.
- ***Brown Bag Bible Study*** resumes Wednesday, January 8, from noon to 1 p.m.
- ***Decluttering Group*** meets on Wednesday, January 8, from 6-7 pm in Room 11.
- ***Prayer Shawl Ministry*** each Tuesday at 2.
- ***Brunch & Book Group***, Saturday, January 18, from 10-12. "Upheaval" by Jared Diamond.
- ***Installation of Rev. Dr. Fairfax Fair***, Sunday, January 19, during Worship. BBQ lunch celebration after worship.

***May the peace and promise of Christmas live in our hearts
throughout the coming year.***

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A CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS AND HOLY COMMUNION

DECEMBER 24, 2019

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PASADENA, TEXAS

The Rev. Dr. Fairfax Fair, Pastor, Head of Staff

Marilyn Wilkins, Director of Music

Ron Ollis, Organist

FPC Chancel Choir

Jamie Taylor, Director of Handbells

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Barry Webb, Audio-Visual Ministry