

# FARRAGUT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



## FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION...

*There's room for every story*

1st Sunday of Advent

Sunday, November 27, 2022 ~ 9:00 am

## Welcome to Worship!

We are glad to have you here. Be sure to grab a cup of coffee with your bulletin.

\*indicates standing, if able.

This service is being recorded by video and audio means.

### ~We Gather~



Welcome

Rev. Matt Nieman

Prelude

*The Lord is My Light*  
Musical Ensemble

Lillian Bouknight

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Voices of Advent

The Candle of Hope  
Isaiah, The Prophet ~ played by Ron Pevey

Voices of Advent by Jeri L. Shumate. Produced by special arrangement with Contemporary Drama Service

\*Call to Worship

Come all who seek truth—let us go up to the Lord's house,  
**that we might learn holy ways and follow right paths.**  
Come—all nations, all peoples—stream through open gates,  
**that we might gather in the hallways of justice, the courts of peace.**  
Come—children of God—let us walk in the light of the Lord!  
**With hope in our hearts, let us worship God.**

\*Opening Songs

*We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise*  
and  
*Thank You, Lord*  
(See following pages for music and lyrics)

\*Song

# We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise

Kirk Dearman

We bring the sac-ri-fice of praise in-to the house of the  
 Lord. We bring the sac-ri-fice of praise in-to the  
 house of the Lord. And we of-fer up to  
 you the sac-ri-fic-es of thanks-giv-ing; and we  
 of-fer up to you the sac-ri-fic-es of-joy.

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\*Song

# Thank You, Lord

African-American

1 Thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord, thank you,  
 2 Been so good, been so good, been so  
 3 Been my friend, been my friend, been my

Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ I just want to thank you, \_\_\_\_\_ Lord.  
 good, \_\_\_\_\_ I just want to thank you, \_\_\_\_\_ Lord.  
 friend, \_\_\_\_\_ I just want to thank you - Lord.

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\*Prayer of Confession

God of today and God of tomorrow, you say, "Bring your full self. There's room for you here."

**But we say, "Our lives are too messy."**

You say, "Bring your hopes and your dreams. There's room for you here."

**But we say, "It's too risky to hope."**

You say, "Bring your grief and your prayers. There's room for you here."

**But we say, "Some things are easier to forget."**

God of today and God of tomorrow, we know in our hearts that there's room for us here.

**Forgive us for withholding our full selves from you.**

**Forgive us for giving only our Sunday best.**

Help us remember, today and tomorrow,

**There's room for every story.**

*(please continue in silent prayer)*

\*Declaration of Forgiveness

\*The Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

**~We Proclaim~**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 2:1-5

Matthew 1:1-17

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

"There's Room for Every Story"

Rev. Matt Nieman

**~We Respond~**

Song of Affirmation ~ *Through the Ages* sung to the tune of "Away in a Manger"

- 1. Oh down through the ages and generations  
From God in the garden to Jesus the son  
Each story was woven, each one has a place  
With-in the great tapestry telling God's grace.**
- 2. From Abraham, Isaac, and Israel's line  
How Rahab and Ruth and Bathsheba survived  
From exile in Egypt to Babylon far  
Christ's lineage shows how complex stories are.**
- 3. And still through the ages  
our stories will find  
Belonging in God's story of human-kind  
From God in the garden to eternity  
We're woven together as one tapestry.**

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Musical Reflection

*Waiting Here for You*

Chris Tomlin

Musical Ensemble

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Call for the Offering

## Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

### 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.**

### ~ We Go Out Into the World ~

\*Song

#### *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*

Dufner



1. The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we  
2. We go to com - fort those who mourn and  
3. We go to be the hands of Christ, to  
4. Then let us go to serve in peace, the



go in Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings  
set the bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to  
scat - ter joy like seed and, all our days, to  
gos - pel to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.  
share a dream and help the blind to see.  
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.  
pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

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\*Charge and Benediction

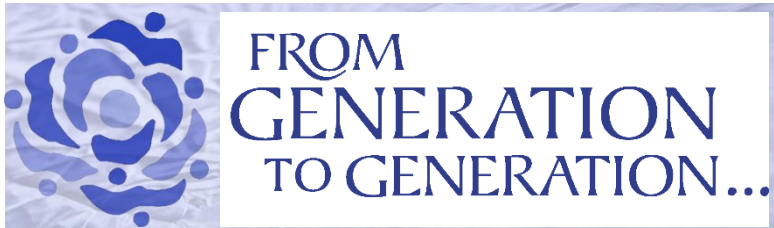
### Special thanks to our Music Ensemble:

Dr. Kyle Wooten, piano ~ Joey Nieman, guitar



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- Scan this QR code and click on the generated google doc link, or
- Go to <https://tinyurl.com/record-FPC-attendance>, or
- Email the office at [office@fpctn.org](mailto:office@fpctn.org)



## FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION...

### FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION... ADVENT STUDY 2022

The stories, scriptures, and traditions of the Christmas season have been passed down to us throughout the generations. Many of us enter this season with a swell of memories and emotions as vast as the cultural and religious rituals this holiday holds. Like a tapestry woven throughout time, the Christmas story weaves us in—to remember how God has shown up in the past, to continue the work of collective liberation, to behold the presence of God in flesh and bone.

Our Advent theme is also a call to action: what are we being called to generate or bring forth? What have your ancestors and those who have come before you passed on for you to continue? Considering the many ways we embody, remember, and tell the story of Christ's birth, which rituals hold the most meaning for you? What about this season will you pass on to the next generation?

*From Generation to Generation...* reminds us of the ways our lives, histories, actions, and stories are interconnected and woven together. The work of God is always unfolding—in and through us. This Advent, may you remember that you belong—to a story etched into the wrinkles of time, to generations that have come before and will come after, to a love that won't let you go. Creators of this Advent program at *A Sanctified Art* have provided a special e-reader version of this year's Advent devotional, which you can access on your computer and mobile devices:

<https://online.flippingbook.com/view/261712895/>

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### HOLIDAY PARTY AND GIFT STEAL

Join us for an evening of fun and festivity on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6-9 pm at the Trussells. This adults night out event is for all singles and couples, but please RSVP so we know how many are attending. The attire is casual, bring a dish to share (anything goes), and DON'T FORGET – bring a wrapped unisex gift (approximately value \$10 - \$20) per person for the gift steal. Please RSVP to Jenny Trussell at [cedarstudios4@gmail.com](mailto:cedarstudios4@gmail.com) who will provide an address and directions.

### CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT

Bring the little ones in their pajamas and join us for *Mickey's Once Upon a Christmas* at our Christmas movie night event on Saturday, December 10th from 3 – 5 pm. We'll have a series of shorter films and wonderful Christmas activities for children ages preschool – 5th grade. We understand Santa will make an appearance with photo opportunities on the Polar Express! Please RSVP to Mason Warren at [masonwarren@fpcfn.org](mailto:masonwarren@fpcfn.org).



EVENING ROCKERS are coming back! Finally! The first dining out will be at Connor's Steak House on December 2, 2022. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Questions? Call Irene Rice at 865-675-4804.

Please join Presbyterian Women as they COLLECT WINTER HATS, SCARVES, AND GLOVES/MITTENS. The items will be available to anyone who needs them November through

February at no charge. Deadline to donate is Sunday, Dec 4<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to our volunteers who helped feed the homeless at VMC earlier this month: Kent & Joyce Williams, Greg & Carol Kraft, and Jean Peretz. The **VMC LUNCHEON** for Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> is being coordinated by Carol Kraft. Look for a sign-up sheet on the narthex table. We are in need of a VMC Meal Coordinator effective January 1<sup>st</sup>. Gloria Purjet has stepped down after several years of outstanding service and we need to find her replacement. The position involves informing FPC membership of the need for monthly assistance and scheduling volunteer coordinators each month to recruit servers. This is a very worthwhile and rewarding opportunity to serve those in need. If you have any questions, please contact Kirk Morris or Jean Peretz.



**It's not too late to pledge!** The consecration theme this year is **“Taking Care of Each Other, Our Church, Our Community.”** If you would like to indicate your pledge for 2023, please fill out an estimate of giving card found throughout the church, or use this QR code to pledge electronically. We hope to successfully wrap up this stewardship campaign within the next week or so.



**SUNSET GAP CHRISTMAS:** We are sponsoring 40 children this year and have both on-site sign-ups in the narthex, and online sign-ups at: <https://tinyurl.com/SunsetGapChristmas2022>. The deadline to return your wrapped gifts will be Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. Grab a tag and sign-up on the narthex board, or go to the link above to get started! Let's embrace God's love and give less fortunate children a wonderful Christmas!

**REMEMBERING OUR MISSION WORKERS:** Mailing Christmas cards each year shows our mission workers in a small, but very real way, our interest and commitment to them. Cards need to be mailed as soon as possible. 1 USA Global Forever stamp (\$1.40) will cover the postage, or you can use 3 regular first class postage stamps and mark Air Mail on the envelope. Addresses are:

**Mark Hare and Jenny Bent (Keila & Annika)**  
c/o Mauricio Chacon-UBL  
APDO 901-1000  
San Jose  
Costa Rica

**Cobbie and Dessa Palm**  
c/o Divinity House  
14 Mack Street, Bantayan  
Dumaguete City 6200  
Philippines



### *Service of Lessons and Carols*

On **Sunday, December 04 at 6:00 p.m.** we will participate in our TWENTY-FIFTH annual **Service of Lessons and Carols** in the sanctuary. The Service of Lessons and Carols is a traditional seasonal service of scripture and music. It is a very special and intimate service celebrating the true meaning of the season. We will also have a **Holiday Dinner** at 4:30 pm in Fellowship Hall prior to the service. RSVP at: <https://tinyurl.com/FPCHolidayMeal2022>.

**SHEPHERD OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY** will be distributing December food bags again this holiday season to those less fortunate, and ask if we can contribute specific items for the meals. They need Boxed Potatoes (mashed or au gratin), Cake Mix & Icing and Stuffing Mix. Collection will run

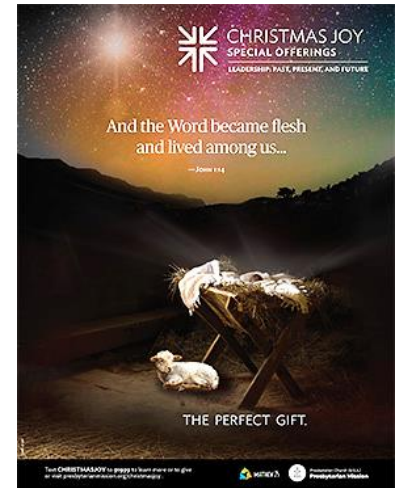
through December 10 and items can be placed on a table in Room A. *Thank you for your support!* **FAMILY PROMISE** has announced that the in-person hosting of guest families by congregations will be delayed until April 2, 2023. Westside/FPC have signed up for 3 weeks in 2023. I hope you will consider attending a training session at the day center on December 5 at 4:00 pm. There is also online training available at the following site: <https://family-promise.coassemble.com/unlock/yytVdB>. Contact Beth Loyless for more information.

## **Christmas Joy Special Offering**

### **Supporting Past, Present, and Future Leaders**

The Christmas Joy Offering has been a cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s. The Offering distributes gifts equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. The Assistance Program provides critical financial support to church workers and their families. Presbyterian-related schools and colleges provide education and leadership development while nurturing racial and ethnic heritage. This has been a Presbyterian commitment for nearly 140 years. The final Special Offering for 2022 is the annual Christmas Joy Offering which will be collected between now and December 18.

**To Donate:** Use an envelope provided at the church or  
Send a check to FPC with *Christmas Joy Special Offering* on the memo line or  
Submit a gift through e-giving at [fpcn.org](http://fpcn.org)



### **2022 Year-End Giving Reminders**

- To be counted as a **2022** contribution:
  - Checks or cash must be received at FPC or mailed items postmarked **by 12/31/22**.
  - Donations by credit card are deductible in the year the donor makes the charge (transaction posting date).
  - ACH, EFT, stock transfers or other online donations are deductible in the year the bank transfers the stock or funds to FPC. Please make sure your online giving is initiated by Tuesday, Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> in time for the transaction to post on Friday, Dec. 30, 2022. The donation confirmation page on our website will confirm the date your account is debited for online giving transactions.
- Don't file your 2022 tax return before receiving your FPC 2022 year-end giving statement, so that you have IRS-compliant documentation of any gifts of cash or checks to FPC that are \$250 or more.
- Year-end donations statements will be mailed by Jan 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

### **PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY:**

Candice Blake, Lois Burris, Patricia Dail, Chuck Foriska, Susan Harbin, Sandi Keagy, Gloria Lay, Bron Lewis, Mike and Janet Murphy, Tami Newsom, Larry Roberts, Nancy Signer, Steve Tinder, Helen Weaver, George White, Kent Williams, Khyle Wooten



## This Week at FPC

Sun, Nov 27	9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship		
Mon, Nov 28	9:00	a.m.	KidZone/Room 10
	10:00	a.m.	Growing Families Small Group/Room 5
	6:00	p.m.	Youth Group/FH
Tues, Nov 29	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex
	6:15	p.m.	STEM Scouts/Fellowship Hall
Wed, Nov 30	10:00	a.m.	PW Coordinating Team/Library and Zoom
	11:00	a.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry/Parlor
	11:30	a.m.	Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
Thur, Dec 01	7:00	p.m.	Boy Scouts #444/FH, Narthex, Room A
	11:30	a.m.	Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
Fri, Dec 02	7:30	p.m.	Chancel Choir/Sanctuary
	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex
Sat, Dec 03	6:30	p.m.	Cub Scout #444/Fellowship Hall
	7:00	p.m.	Thursday Night Bible Study/Zoom
	11:30	a.m.	The Friday Book Club/Room A
	6:00	p.m.	<b>Evening Rockers</b> /Connor's Steakhouse
	7:00	p.m.	Gentle Yoga Class/Fellowship Hall
	9:00	a.m.	Rehearsal for Lessons & Carols/Sanctuary
	6:00	p.m.	<b>Holiday Party and Gift Steal</b> /Trussell home

### Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.

Class	Room	Topic
Adult Bible Study	Outside or in the Parlor in bad weather	This class discusses the Lectionary text from the sermon, and still meets under the trees in good weather and in the parlor in bad weather.
Monday Connection	Zoom and Room A	Starting 12/4, this group will discuss the book <i>Everything Happens for a Reason: And Other Lies I've Loved</i> , an autobiography by Kate Bowler who is facing cancer and the prospect of her own mortality.
Intergenerational Advent Study for Adults and Youth	Library	Starting TODAY 11/27 thru Sunday 12/18 youth and adults are invited to join together to study "The Heart That Grew Three Sizes: Finding Faith in the Story of <i>The Grinch</i> ." Contact Mason Warren for more information at <a href="mailto:masonwarren@fpcn.org">masonwarren@fpcn.org</a> .



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### Church Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday 9am-3pm; Friday 9am-1pm

*Praising God ~ Serving Others ~ Growing in Faith*

