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Christmas Day
A Carol Sing
December 25, 2022
10:00 AM

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WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

SESSION NOTES

BELLS

The three tolls call us to worship and symbolize our belief in the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In quiet reverence, we prepare for worship.

PRELUDE

Christmas Day Medley
Justin Streletz, Pianist

Arr. Eugene Butler

+ CALL TO WORSHIP *(adapted from Isaiah 9:2, 6-7a)*

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders.

And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Of the greatness of his government and peace, there will be no end.

He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever.

Therefore, let us worship the newborn king!

READING

O Come, All Ye Faithful

+ CHRISTMAS CAROL

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Son of God, Child of Mary,
born in the stable at Bethlehem,
be born again in us this day
that through us the world may know
the wonder of your love.

In Christ's name we pray.

Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION *(Matthew 1:21)*

Hear the words of the angel to Joseph: 'You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' Therefore let us seek the forgiveness of God through Jesus, the Savior of the world, as we pray together. . .

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, we come to you this morning with great expectations. Expectations that your Son Jesus has been born, and that his life is a light for us and all people. We come with expectations that he can transform our often mundane, ho-hum lives into something different, something special. A life filled with faith, hope, and love. But often, we forget. We forget the good work you began in us, and instead of focusing on your coming, we focus on ourselves. We focus on gifts and parties and bonuses and all the other trappings that come with this season. Lord, may we return our expectations to your birth this morning, trusting that you are our messiah, our savior.

O Holy Child of Bethlehem, Word Become Flesh, our Savior and King, hear us as we humbly pray, cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today. . .

(A Time of Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Born that day was grace -

for the broken and bereft;

born that day was hope -

for the vulnerable and forgotten;

born that day was love -

for all of us!

Thanks be to God, we are forgiven!

We will go to tell others of all we have seen, heard, experienced, and know.

To God be the glory!

Alleluia, Amen!

+ RESPONSE

Love Has Come

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**Love has come: a light in the darkness!
Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it;
hear how their song of joy arises:
Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior!
Love! Love! Glory to God on high.**

Love is born! Come, share in the wonder.
Love is God now asleep in the hay.
See the glow in the eyes of his mother;
what is the name her heart is saying?
Love! Love! Love is the name she whispers.
Love! Love! Jesus, Emmanuel.

Love has come and never will leave us!
Love is life everlasting and free.
Love is Jesus within and among us.
Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.
Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas.
Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

+ **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

(Please share a sign of Christ's peace with those around you.)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

God of light, you have revealed your very self to us in your son Jesus Christ, your one Word made flesh, who lived among us, full of grace and truth. Open us to your revelation once again, that in the words of your holy scripture we might know your presence and follow in your light always.

Amen.

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 1:18-25 NRSV

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰ But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²² All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

²³ “Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,

and they shall name him Emmanuel,”

which means, “God is with us.” ²⁴ When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵ but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

READING

Away in a Manger

+ **CHRISTMAS CAROL**

Away in a Manger

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GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 2:8-14 NRSV

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹ to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.”

¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

READING

Angels We Have Heard on High

+ **CHRISTMAS CAROL**

Angels We Have Heard on High

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GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 2:15-20 NRSV

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what

the shepherds told them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

READING *What Child Is This?*

+ **CHRISTMAS CAROL** *What Child Is This?* 145

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

If you would like to speak with someone about becoming a Christian, about church membership, or about a special prayer need, please speak with Pastor Adam or someone at the Welcome Table right outside the sanctuary. For those worshipping online, please email Pastor Adam at adam.bowling@fupcdc.org. Know that ALL are welcome in this place!

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

READING *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

+ **CHRISTMAS CAROL** *O Little Town of Bethlehem* 121

SERVICE OF GIVING

Music at the Offering *O Come All Ye Faithful* Arr. David Lanz
Justin Streletz, Pianist

+ **DOXOLOGY** 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

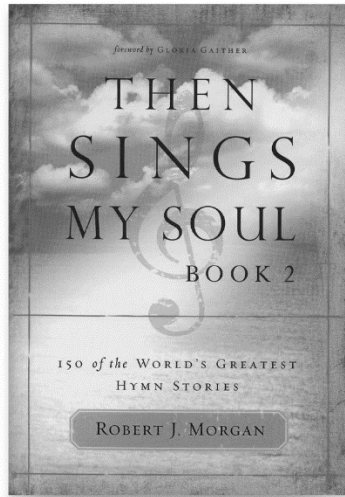
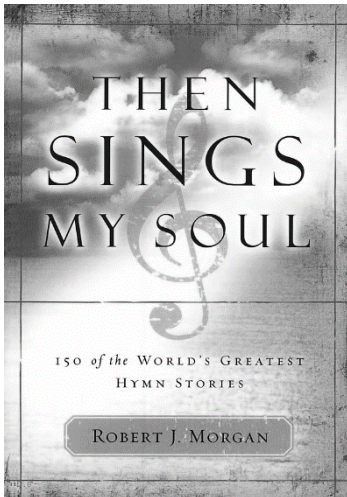
+ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

God of goodness and kindness, whose mercy is from everlasting to everlasting, all that we have are gifts of your grace. As the heavenly host sang of your glory, accept what we bring as offerings of praise. With the shepherds we have witnessed the birth of our Savior; our response is gratitude for the hope of new life we receive in Christ Jesus.
Amen.

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

- READING** *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*
- + **SENDING CAROL** *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* 136
- + **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**
- + **BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *Go, Tell It on the Mountain (Reprise)* 136
- + **POSTLUDE** *Angels We Have Heard on High* GLORIA, Arr. Philip Kern
Justin Streletz, Pianist
- + *Please stand, in body or in spirit.*

Note: The readings before our Christmas Carols this morning come from two books by the Rev. Robert J. Morgan, *Then Sings My Soul* and *Then Sings My Soul: Book 2*. In these books, the author shares the incredible stories behind the beloved traditional hymns of faith. These devotional-style stories show the emotion and drama behind the hymns that have changed many lives throughout history—from the people whose faith led them to write these wonderful hymns, to the people whose faith was affected by reading, hearing, and singing them.



Worship Notes

- * **WELCOME!** Whether you are new in the area, a resident of the community, or visiting, we are delighted you joined us in worship. Please come to the Welcome Table at the rear of the sanctuary after the service to fill out an info card and to receive a special gift. To find out more about this church, please call the Church Office at 703-670-7834 or speak with Pastor Adam, adam.bowling@fupcdc.org.
- * **WORSHIP ASSISTANT:** Pam Cox

Connect with Us

- * **WE ARE ON FACEBOOK:** If you use Facebook, become a Facebook friend, and become a fan of First United Presbyterian. Make friends with others from the church.
- * **WE ARE ON INSTAGRAM:** Find us on Instagram @fupcdc.
- * **FUPCDC WEBSITE:** For detailed news and information, visit the church website at <https://fupcdc.org>.
- * **FUPCDC YOUTUBE CHANNEL:** To view worship services and videos, visit the FUPCDC Youtube channel, <https://www.youtube.com/c/FUPCDC>. You can also find our channel by searching for "FUPCDC Video".
- * **TEXT ALERTS:** Remind is a free text messaging service that will help our church communicate quickly and efficiently. On your cell phone, start a new message to **81010**. In the message, type @fupcdc and send. You can unsubscribe at any time.

Ministry in Action

- ✚ **DISCOVER FIRST UNITED PROGRAM AND LUNCH:** We invite you to prayerfully consider attending our Discover First United lunch and program **Sunday, January 8, 2023** in Room 27 from **12:15 PM until 1:30 PM**. This event is designed to introduce you and your family to the church and is open to anyone interested in learning more about our worshiping community and/or membership. We also promise to honor your time and end the program by 1:30 PM. If you are new to FUPCDC, are interested in possibly joining the church, or becoming an official “Friend of the Church,” the Discover First United Program is for you! Please register for this event, <https://forms.gle/quBs1WzHwizwDrid9>. Email the church office at office@fupcdc.org if you have questions.
- * **FLOWER SIGN UP FOR 2023:** **New dates have been added to the Flower Sign Up Genius for 2023. It filled up quickly last year!** To sign up, you may click on the link on the FUPCDC Thursday News or if you have signed up in the past, an email may be sent to you. When signing up, please indicate who the flowers are in honor or memory of in the comment section. In addition, after the service the flowers are used by the deacons for the Flower Ministry and are given to a congregational member who is in need of feeling some love from the congregation. If you wish to keep the flowers instead, just indicate this in the comment section or email me. The cost for purchasing flowers continues to be **\$40.00**. You may pay for them by sending a check into the office made out to FUPCDC. Please write flowers and the Sunday you signed up for in the memo section. You may also pay online on the church website. If you have any trouble signing up, please email me at gailzcobb@gmail.com and I will be happy to help you!
- * **252 KIDS CHILDREN’S MINISTRY:** For more information contact Erin Bowling at erinkbowling@gmail.com. There will be no Sunday School TODAY, December 25th and on January 1st we will meet at 9:00 AM.
- * **ADULT BIBLE STUDY:** Please join at 9:45 AM in Rooms 23, 25 and 27 (Triple Room) on Sundays. There will be no class TODAY, December 25th and January 1st.

Student Ministry News

- * **YOUTH CALENDARS:** Youth calendars are available online and in the Welcome Center.
- * **STUDENT MINISTRY EMAILS:** Sign up to receive Student Ministry emails. Ask Pastor Adam how to do this, or go to the FUPCDC website.
- * **TEXT MESSAGES:** Sign up for Text Messages: Text @youthfupc to 81010.

Joys and Concerns

All those who are ill or facing difficulties, including:

✝ George Riling	* Bill and Laura Parris	* Cherie Sankey	Leigh Anderson
✝ Kwabena	* Amanda Peck	* Mark Stewart	Linda Ford
✝ Margaret Nuernberger	* Pat Greenhalgh	* Alex Martin	Norman Cox
* Nathan Johnson, III	* Debbie Niederriter	* Nancy Lanza	Nate Johnson
* Leslie	* Tommy and Deb	* Amanda	Ann Randles
* Jenny N.	* Sandra D'Imperio	* Baby Raphael	Rick Bockes
* Karen Gundel	* Frank Coniglio	* Tanya	Norman Cobb
* Baby Louisa Wolstenholme	* Marjorie Lawrence	* Kath Purcell	Jeannine Menzie
* Jason, Azena, Mikhail Corbin	* Doug Godfrey	* Nancy Hoagland	Deborah Folly
* Lee and Giselle Watenpaugh	* R. Rizzo		

✝ Thank you to Dana Van Slyke and all the singers and musicians for the beautiful cantata last Sunday, December 18th. - Jean Peterman

All those serving in our military who are stationed away from home, including from our church:

✝ Kelsey Gibson (Affiliate Member of FUPCDC)
✝ Elizabeth Batista (Ana Batista Caporaletti's daughter)
✝ David Cornelius, Jr. (Debbie Cornelius' son)

The churches of National Capital Presbytery, especially:

✝ Hermon Presbyterian Church - Bethesda, MD
✝ Hope Presbyterian Church - Mitchellville, MD

Calendar

December 25, 2022 - January 1, 2023

SUNDAY, December 25

Christmas Day

Carol Sing

10:00 AM Worship - one service

2:30 PM Bereaved Parents of USA

No PM Youth

MONDAY, December 26

Church Office Closed

10:30 AM Holy Fitness

8:30 PM Production Meeting via Google Meet

TUESDAY, December 27

8:30 AM TOPS

1:00 PM Al-Anon

7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 964 B

7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 964 G

7:30 PM AA

7:30 PM Bull Run Troubadours

WEDNESDAY, December 28

10:30 AM Holy Fitness

7:00 PM Chancel Choir

7:00 PM FUPCDC Praise Team

THURSDAY, December 29

3:00 PM Prayer and Praise Small Group

8:00 PM AA Support Group

FRIDAY, December 30

Church Office Closed

10:30 AM Holy Fitness

SATURDAY, December 31

SUNDAY, January 1

Epiphany Sunday - Star Words

9:00 AM 252 Kids Children's Ministry

10:00 AM Worship - one service - Communion

No PM Youth

Church Office Hours: 10AM -2:30PM, weekdays, 703-670-7834

*Poinsettias were given
to the Glory of God . . .*

*Barbara Baker and Chic Milam, in memory of
Donald Baker and Nellis Milam
Bob and Sandy Chamberlin, in honor of
our four daughters and their beautiful families
Bob and Sandy Chamberlin, in memory of
our parents, Joe and Ruth Chamberlin and Ed and Georgie Stratton
Jeff and Kathy Cobb, in memory of Charles Irvin
Jeff and Kathy Cobb, in honor of our family
Pam Cox, in loving memory of Lisa Chrzan
Claudia Cunningham, in memory of my parents,
Florence and Sam Cunningham and my sister, Anne C. Woodfin
Caroline Garrett Diaz, in loving memory of
my dad, Robert and my sisters, Carol and Cathy
Tom and Karen Elliott, in memory of
Tom Elliott, Sr. and our son, Mark
Brian and Diane Fulton, in memory of
Jacob and Scott Fulton
Sofie Garrett, in loving memory of
my husband, Robert and my daughters, Carol and Cathy
Bruce and Betsy Gilbert, in honor of our families
Jeanette Gregory, in memory of my parents and John
Kathy McNeely, in honor of
Cathy Albrecht and Jeannie Scott
(for helping me with my home infusions)
Bob and Sara Porter, in memory of
The Reverend William N. Clark, Jr. and Jane Clark
Doug and Ann Randles, in honor of
our children and their families
Melissa Reidy Nordstrom, in loving memory of
my parents, Carol and Pat Reidy
Melissa Reidy Nordstrom, in loving memory of
my father-in-law, Ron Glass
Barbara Wilson, in memory of Lynn P. Wilson*

Your poinsettias may be picked up after the 10 AM worship service TODAY. Thank you!