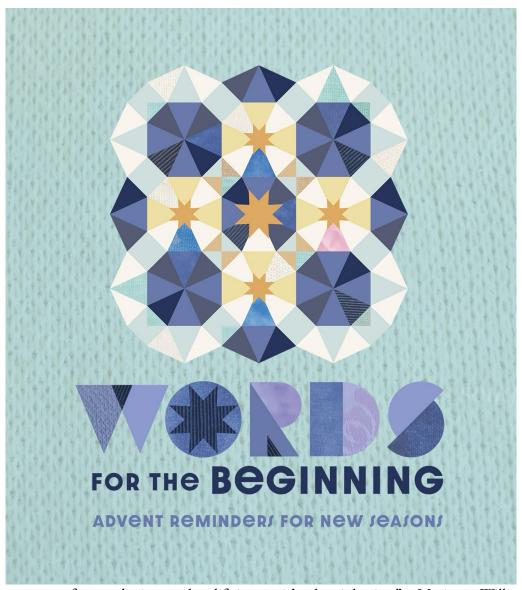


SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY January 5th, 2025 Epiphany



"The moment of surrender is not when life is over, it's when it begins." - Marianne Williamson

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Order of Worship

Prelude See, Amid the Winter's Snow Noel Rawsthorne

Donald W. Anderson, organ

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Derek Starr Redwine

Introit Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light J. S. Bach

Chancel Choir

*Call to Worship

One: A new day has dawned, a new year begun.

All: Call to us so we can hear your voice.

The world turns to hopes and dreams of the future.

Keep us in your ways and on your path.

We enter this new year with hope in our hearts.

Remind us that you lead us.

Together, let us worship God, who is with us every step of the way.

*Hymn 150 "As with Gladness Men of Old" DIX

*Prayer of Confession Rev. Josh Andrzejewski

Gracious and loving God, we come before you acknowledging our weaknesses, our failures, and the burden of our pride. We confess to resisting vulnerability, seeking strength in our own power rather than resting in your grace. Forgive us for hiding our brokenness, for building walls to protect ourselves, and for failing to extend your love to others in their weakness. In our surrender, pour out your grace. In Jesus' name, we pray, amen.

*Passing the Peace

Time for Young Disciples Cate Jobe

Children ages 3 years through 5th grade are invited to Children's Chapel.

They will return to the sanctuary for the Lord's Supper.

Hymn 110 (vv. 2 & 3) "Love Has Come" BRING A TORCH

Prayer for Illumination Rev. Derek Starr Redwine

Scripture Reading 2 Corinthians 12:9-10 NT p. 175
Matthew 5:3 NT p. 4

Sermon "Powerlessness"

Introduction of New Members

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

Call to Offering Rev. Josh Andrzejewski

Anthem Messiah Now Has Come
Chancel Choir

Nolan Williams, Jr.

From his throne above Refrain:

The King of love So we sing, we sing, the heavens ring,

Came down to set us free. Hail God's anointed one!

With his gift of life, Nowell, Nowell, glad tidings tell,

He sacrificed Messiah now has come.

From a manger to a tree.

In his life we find In the hearts of all, New hope sublime, Salvation's call

His kingdom will fulfill Is answered evermore.
God's mandate for peace, God's redemption tale,

All conflicts ceased, Emmanuel,

On earth only good will. (Refrain) We worship and adore. (Refrain)

*Doxology (Prayer of Thanksgiving)

THE FIRST NOWELL

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Communion Prayer

Rev. Derek Starr Redwine

Rev. Josh Andrzejewski

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.

Words of Institution

Receiving Communion by Intinction

Music During Communion Pastorella on "Divinum Mysterium" Stanley Vann

Prayer after Communion Rev. Josh Andrzejewski

*Hymn 136 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" GO TELL IT

*Charge and Benediction Rev. Derek Starr Redwine

Postlude Der Tag, der ist so freudenreich J. S. Bach

Welcome New Members!

Joined in August, October, and November of 2024



Katie and Jim Conschafter



Alex Jobe (with Cate Jobe)



Sharon McCarthy



Dan and Deborah Pora



Wit Robertson (with Mimi and Tate Robertson) Not pictured: Bill Warren



Ema Simpson

Sister Stories premiered at FPC in 2005 with inspirational stories of women in our church. This year, two of our members will be sharing their stories. Join us on Sunday, January 12 at 11:45am for the program and an optional luncheon. A free will offering will be taken up at the event. Registration is required.



Elders at the doors: Heather Cooper, Jim Irby, LaMont Noble

This week's usher team includes: Ken Horton, Jon Morris,

If interested in serving as an usher, contact Ken Horton

Please keep in your prayers those with special concerns:

- Michael Bland, recovering from knee replacement surgery
- Vernon Glenn, health concerns
- Pat Lintner (Christa Santos' father), health concerns
- John Miller, in treatment for brain cancer
- Barbara Mitchell (Judy Noble's mother), in hospice care
- Jane Neer, health concerns

Elizabeth Saunders, Pete Winters

(ksmmfour@aol.com)

- Byrd Newton (Emily Laux's father), health concerns
- Sue Parrish (Kathy Nelson's mother), health concerns
- Betty Proffitt (Jenny Morris' mother), health concerns
- Sandra Putbrese (Cortland Putbrese's mother), health concerns
- Yvonne Robertson (Michelle Call's mother), health
- Sharon Spencer, health concerns
- Percy Wootton, health concerns

