

DECEMBER 9, 2018

❖ **Gathering Song: O Come All Ye Faithful**

**ENTERING HIS PRESENCE**

**\*Call to Worship** **I Chronicles 16:23-25**

*Leader: Sing to the Lord, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day.*

**Unison: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!**

*Leader: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and he is to be held in awe above all gods.*

**\*Prayer of Invocation**

❖ **Song of Praise**

**What Child is this**

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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, peasant, king, 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.

**RECEIVING HIS ASSURANCE**

**Confession of Sin**

Father in heaven, we confess that sin is our malady, our monster, our foe. It is born in our birth, follows us as a shadow, and intermingles with all our thoughts and intentions. Yet your compassions yearn over us, your love endured our curse, and your mercy bore our justice. Enable us to walk in humility and obedience, bathed in your blood, living as citizens of heaven. We ask this through Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon** **Jeremiah 32:39-41**

"I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear me forever, for their own good and the good of their children after them. I will make with them an everlasting covenant, that I will not turn away from doing good to them. And I will put the fear of me in their hearts, that they may not turn from me. I will rejoice in doing them good, and I will plant them in this land in faithfulness, with all my heart and all my soul."

**SINGING HIS PRAISE**

**Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

*Robinson, Wyeth*

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
Sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
Mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;  
Hither by thy help I come;  
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wand'ring from the fold of God:  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
Interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be;  
Let thy grace, Lord, like a fetter,  
Bind my wand'ring heart to thee.  
Prone to wander—Lord, I feel it—  
Prone to leave the God I love:

*Here's my heart, Lord take and seal it,  
Seal it for thy courts above.*

**Your Great Name**

*Nordhoff, Neale*

Lost are saved find their way, at the sound of Your great Name  
All condemned feel no shame, at the sound of Your great Name

Ev'ry fear has no place, at the sound of Your great Name  
The enemy he has to leave, at the sound of Your great Name

*Jesus worthy is the Lamb that was slain for us  
The Son of God and man you are high and lifted up  
And all the world will praise your great Name*

All the weak find their strength, at the sound of Your great Name  
Hungry souls receive grace, at the sound of Your great Name

Redeemer my Healer Lord Almighty  
Defender my Savior You are my King

Sing the Name of Jesus  
We worship the Name of Jesus  
We bow before Jesus  
There is no other Name but Jesus

**ADVENT READING: THE SUTTON FAMILY**

❖ *(Children ages 4 – 3rd grade may leave for Children's Church)*

**PRAYING FOR HIS KINGDOM**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Max Isastia**

**GIVING HIS TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**Offertory**

**Joy Has Dawned and  
Angels We Have Heard on High**

**LISTENING TO HIS WORD**

**\*Scripture Reading**

**Philippians 3:12-4:1**

**Sermon**

**Citizens of Heaven**

**Steve Lammers**

**RESPONDING TO HIS WORD**

**\*Song of Response**

**On Jordan's Stormy Banks**

*Miner, Stennett*

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,  
And cast a wishful eye.  
To Canaan's fair and happy land,  
Where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains,  
Shines one eternal day.  
There God the Son forever reigns,  
And scatters night away.

*I am bound (I am bound)  
I am bound (I am bound)  
I am bound for promised land,  
I am bound (I am bound)  
I am bound (I am bound)  
I am bound for promised land.*

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath  
Can reach that healthful shore;  
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death,  
Are felt and feared no more

When shall I reach that happy place,  
And be forever blessed?  
When shall I see my Father's face,  
And in his bosom rest?

**\*Benediction**

**\*Doxology**

**\*Greeting One Another**

**\* Please stand, but feel free to sit when needed.**

**All Songs: CCLI #275827**

**VISITING FPC? WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!**

If you're new to our church and would like more information, please pick up a visitor packet at the Welcome Center and check out our website at [faithgainesville.org](http://faithgainesville.org).

**CHRISTMAS CHOIR TODAY**

Today we will present during the offertory of the service in the Worship Center. The piece is a medley of "Joy Has Dawned" & "Angels we have heard on high."

**SUNDAY SCHOOL & SMALL GROUP BREAK**

We will be taking a break for the month of December and will resume at the beginning of January. We hope you enjoy the holidays and we look forward to seeing you all when we start back.

**LIVE NATIVITY FINAL SET-UP**

Join us immediately following the service on today to add the final touches to our Live Nativity sets! All ages are welcome to help and all you will need is to bring a change of work clothes. Food will be provided. So, if you are willing and able, come on out and help us get ready for an unforgettable night!

**LIVE NATIVITY TONIGHT**

Our annual Live Nativity will take place tonight from 6-8pm. This event is a great way to share the good news of the birth of our Savior and the gospel message with Gainesville, and to focus our hearts on Him during this hectic time of year! There are many ways to serve during this event, including being a character, being a greeter, helping keep the refreshment area stocked, helping in the Children's Corner, baking cookies, set up, clean up and MUCH MORE! Sign up in the Welcome Center and contact Michelle Carter (352-339-5734) if you have any additional questions. So, mark your calendars, invite your friends, neighbors, and join us as we take a "walk" through Bethlehem!

**MULTIPLE WAYS TO GIVE**

Aside from checks and cash, you can give at [faithgainesville.org](http://faithgainesville.org). You can also text to give at (352) 577-0195 as well as set your Amazon account so that Faith gets a portion of the money you spend there. To explore this go to [smile.amazon.com/about](http://smile.amazon.com/about). Lastly, you can donate stock, by visiting [pcafoundation.com/churches/gift-processing](http://pcafoundation.com/churches/gift-processing) and specifying our church. Thank you so much for your contributions.

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**

This year we will be having a special Christmas Eve Candlelight Service on Monday, December 24th from 6-7pm. We warmly invite you and your family to join us as we celebrate Christmas together. If you have any questions, please contact the office at [faith@faithgainesville.org](mailto:faith@faithgainesville.org)

**FAITH FRIDAY EMAILS**

Our office sends a weekly email with updates and announcements regarding everything going on in the life of our church. If you would like to be added to the email list, please email our office at [faith@faithgainesville.org](mailto:faith@faithgainesville.org).

**OUR SCHEDULE THIS WEEK  
(NOT INCLUDING SMALL GROUPS)**

<p><b>Sunday</b> 9:15 AM 10:00 AM 6:00 PM</p> <p><b>Tuesday</b> 10:00 AM</p> <p><b>Wednesday</b> 11:00 AM</p> <p><b>Thursday</b> 7:00 PM</p>	<p><b>12-9-2018</b> Christmas Choir Worship Live Nativity</p> <p><b>12-11-2018</b> Women's Bible Study</p> <p><b>12-12-2018</b> Empty Nesters</p> <p><b>12-13-2018</b> Prayer Meeting</p>
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For more information and details about these events, please visit our website at [faithgainesville.org/whats-happening](http://faithgainesville.org/whats-happening)

**Budgeted Weekly Tithes/Offerings: \$7,827**  
**Last Week's Tithes/Offerings: \$5,171**  
**This Year's Average Tithes/Offerings: \$7,536**  
**Last Week's Attendance: 175**

**Local Efforts**

<p>Presbytery of North Florida Florida Church Planting Network Church Plant in Gainesville RUF at UF</p>	<p>RUF Intern at UF RUF at UNF Service and Mercy Gainesville Community Ministries</p>
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