

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We will be confessing our faith this morning using the words of the Nicene Creed. The Nicene Creed was originally written in 325 A.D. at the Council of Nicea, with additions being made in 381 at the Council of Constantinople, and at other times in history. The creed is a statement of the orthodox faith of the early Christian church in opposition to certain heresies, especially Arianism. The creed is one of the clearest, and most precise, statements of the doctrine of the Trinity and the person of Christ ever produced by the historic church. The Western church includes the "filioque clause" ("and from the Son") in the final section of the creed, while this clause is not accepted by the Eastern church.

Today, Pastor Heath will continue his series on "Miraculous Births in the Bible."

The adult choir Candlelight Carol service will be this evening at 5:00p.m.

The Youth will not meet this evening.

A bi-weekly women's Bible Study meets Tues. Dec. 16th, at 7:30PM in the church library led by Meri Eldridge and Jamey Willers. The group will be studying Colossians and Philemon. Email Meri [merim1027@gmail.com](mailto:merim1027@gmail.com) or Jamey [jameywil@gmail.com](mailto:jameywil@gmail.com) if you plan to attend.

The Youth Christmas party will be Sun., Dec. 21st, 6:00p.m., at the Moody's home, 5295 Shiloh Rd, Louisville. Please bring a \$10 gift for Dirty Santa exchange.

Upcoming December Events

- Sunday, Dec. 14th-Adult Choir Candlelight Christmas Carol Service
- Sunday, Dec. 21st– Evening Worship- Cherub Choir Performs
- Sunday, Dec. 21st-Evening Worship-Primary Choir Performs
- Wednesday, Dec. 24th-Christmas Eve Service

Upcoming dates on the Western church calendar:

- Advent (Sunday, November 30 - Wednesday, December 24)
- Christmas (Thursday, December 25)

Ushers for December

- Will Hill, Head Usher Jason Morgan
- Josiah Coleman Elijah Morgan
- Gideon Morgan

Nursery Schedule for December

- Sun., Dec. 14th-Edna Joy Prisock, Mary Grace Madison, Chad Chapman
- Sun., Dec. 21st-Beth Crawford & Anje Morgan
- Sun. Dec. 28th-Sara Chapman, Josiah Coleman, Breleigh Willers

Sunday School classes are available for all ages at 9:30a.m.

The nursery is available during the morning worship service for children ages 0 to 5years old, located in the Family Life Building.

To Our Visitors:

Thank you for joining us for worship today. If you have questions about the gospel, the Christian faith, or our church, our pastors will be happy to talk with you after the service.

FPC THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 14, 2025

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School.....Various  
(Adult Class #1 in Family Life Building: Mike Forster)  
(Adult Class #2 in Hallway Class Room, Family Life Building: Nick Hall & Weston Eldridge)
- 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service.....Sanctuary
- 5:00p.m. Candlelight Carol Service.....Sanctuary

Tuesday, December 16, 2025

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast.....Family Life Building
- 7:30p.m. Women's Bible Study.....Church Library

Sunday, December 21, 2025

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School.....Various
- 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service.....Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. Evening Worship Service.....Sanctuary  
Cherub Choir Performance  
Primary Choir Performance
- 6:00p.m. Youth Christmas Party.....The Moody's Home

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Order for the Worship of God  
December 14, 2025

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

10:30A.M.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Welcome and Announcements

The Instrumental Prelude

†The Responsive Call to Worship

*Psalm 95:1-7a*

*Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!*

*Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;*

*Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!*

*For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.*

*In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.*

*The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.*

*Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!*

*For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.*

*Let us worship God.*

†The Prayer of Invocation

Rev. Matt Miller

†The Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful

No.208

†The Nicene Creed

*We believe in one God,*  
*the Father almighty,*  
*maker of heaven and earth,*  
*of all things visible and invisible.*

*And in one Lord Jesus Christ,*  
*the only Son of God,*  
*begotten from the Father before all ages,*  
*God from God,*  
*Light from Light,*  
*true God from true God,*  
*begotten, not made;*  
*of the same essence as the Father.*  
*Through him all things were made.*

*For us and for our salvation*  
*he came down from heaven;*  
*he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,*  
*and was made human.*  
*He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;*  
*he suffered and was buried.*  
*The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.*  
*He ascended to heaven*  
*and is seated at the right hand of the Father.*  
*He will come again with glory*  
*to judge the living and the dead.*  
*His kingdom will never end.*

*And we believe in the Holy Spirit,*  
*the Lord, the giver of life.*  
*He proceeds from the Father and the Son,*  
*and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.*  
*He spoke through the prophets.*

*We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.*  
*We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.*  
*We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,*  
*and to life in the world to come. Amen.*

The First New Testament Reading

*Luke 1:5-17*

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

The Pastoral Prayer

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.*

†The Hymn

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

No.211

The Offertory

Choral Anthem

†The Doxology

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

†The Prayer of Dedication

The Second New Testament Reading

*Luke 1:39-45*

*The grass withers, the flower fades;*  
*But the Word of our God will stand forever.*

The Sermon

Rev. Heath Cross

*“The Prophet of Joy”*

†The Hymn

Joy to the World! The Lord is Come

No.195

†The Benediction

†The Choral Response

Threefold Amen

No.740

†The Postlude

CANDLELIGHT CAROL SERVICE

5:00P.M.