**Participating in the Services**

Ryan Moore, Pastor  
Stuart Gordon, Executive Pastor  
Sarah Bird, Associate Pastor for Discipleship and Engagement  
Adam DeVries, Associate Pastor for Youth and Their Families  
Sandra Randleman, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care and Missions  
Josh Rodriguez, Associate Pastor for Young Adults  
Raphael Bundage, Director of Music  
Peter Rogahn, Organist  
Rhonda Swanson, Assistant Organist  
McKenzie Garey, Soloist  
Ike Cooper, Acolyte (8:00)  
Sabrina Russell, Acolyte (11:00)  
McKenzie Cooper, Angel Messenger (8:00)  
Elizabeth Fitzpatrick, Angel Messenger (11:00)  
Jackson Stone, Cross Bearer  
FPC Sanctuary Choir

**Prelude Musicians**

Peter Rogahn, Organist  
FPC Handbells: Don Fisher, Director  
(Bekah Caruso, Don Fisher, Lewis Frost, Bill Girard  
Dee Ann Stone, Emily Stone, and Jackson Stone)

Sara Crigger, Mezzo-Soprano  
Rhonda Swanson, Organist  
McKenzie Garey, Soprano

**Readers of Scripture (in order)**

8:00 Service:  
Sandra Randleman, Josh Rodriguez,  
Braden Zeigler, John Musgrave, Adam DeVries,  
Sarah Bird, Emily Stone, Stuart Gordon,  
Bob Loftin, and Ryan Moore

11:00 Service:  
Sandra Randleman, Josh Rodriguez,  
Anna Kate Rader, Mary Lee Bartlett, Adam DeVries,  
Sarah Bird, Alex Vorhaus, Stuart Gordon,  
David Thomas, and Ryan Moore

**Pre-Service Music**

**Noël**  
Louis-Claude Daquin

**Es ist ein Ros’ entsprungen, Op. 122, No. 8**  
Johannes Brahms

**Two Settings of “Away in a Manger”**  
arr. Martha Lynn Thompson, and Frances L. Callahan

**Watts’s Cradle Song**  
Bryan Kelly

Hush! My dear, lie still and slumber; Holy angels guard thy bed!  
Heav’nly blessings without number gently falling on thy head.  
How much better thou art attended than the Son of God could be  
When from heaven he descended and became a child like thee!  
Soft and easy is thy cradle; Course and hard thy Saviour lay,  
When his birthplace was a stable and his softest bed was hay.  
May’st thou live to know and fear him, trust and love him all thy days;  
Then go dwell forever near him, see his face and sing his praise!  
(text: Isaac Watts)

Sara Crigger, Mezzo-Soprano

**Away in a Manger (Cradle Song)**  
The Rocking Carol  
arr. Thompson and Callahan

**Trio on In dulci jubilo**  
Johann Michael Bach

**Gesu Bambino**  
Pietro Yon

When blossoms flower e’er ‘mid the snows, upon a winter night,  
Was born the child, the christmas rose, the king of love and light.  
The angels sang, the shepherds sang, the grateful earth rejoiced;  
And at his blessed birth the stars their exultation voiced.  
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.  
Again the heart with rapture glows to greet the holy night,  
That gave the world its christmas rose, its king of love and light  
Let ev’ry voice acclaim his name, The grateful chorus swell  
From paradise to earth he came That we with him might dwell.  
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

McKenzie Garey, Soprano
CHRISTMAS LITANY
Ryan Moore

Leader: The Word was made flesh,
People: Alleluia, Alleluia!

Leader: and dwelt among us,
People: Alleluia, Alleluia!

Leader: Jesus, Son of the living God, splendor of the Father, Light eternal:
People: Glory to you, O Lord!

Leader: Jesus, King of glory, Sun of righteousness, born of the Virgin Mary:
People: Glory to you, O Lord!

Leader: Jesus, Wonderful Counselor, mighty God, everlasting Lord:
People: Glory to you, O Lord!

Leader: Jesus, Prince of Peace, Shepherd of souls, perfect in holiness:
People: Glory to you, O Lord!

Leader: Jesus, Friend of sinners, Jesus Lover of our souls:
People: Glory to you, O Lord!

Leader: Jesus, Good Shepherd, inexhaustible Wisdom, the Way, the Truth, and the Life:
People: Glory to you, O Lord!

Leader: Jesus, joy of the angels, and crown of all the saints:
People: Glory to you, O Lord!

Leader: Christ is born! Give him glory!
People: Sing to the Lord all you peoples!
Praise Him in joy all you nations, for He has been glorified! Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Once in Royal David's City
IRBY

Stanza 1: Solo
Once in royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for His bed.
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.

Stanza 2: Choir Only
He came down to earth from Heaven
Who is God and Lord of all,
and His shelter was a stable,
and His cradle was a stall.
With the poor and mean and lowly
lived on earth our Savior holy.

Stanza 3: All
And through all
His wondrous childhood
He would honor and obey,
love and watch the lowly maiden,
in whose gentle arms He lay:
Christian children all must be
mild, obedient, good as He.

Stanza 4: All
For He is our childhood's pattern,
day by day like us He grew,
He was little, weak, and helpless,
tears and smiles like us He knew:
and He shareth in our gladness.

Stanza 5: All
And through all
His eyes at last shall see Him,
through His own redeeming love;
for that Child so dear and gentle
is our Lord in heaven above;
and He leads His children on
to the place where He is gone.

Stanza 6: All
Not in that poor lowly stable,
with the oxen standing by,
we shall see Him; but in heaven,
set at God's right hand on high;
when like stars
His children crowned
all in white shall wait around.

HYMN

Silent Night, Holy Night
STILLENACHT

Stanza 1
Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and Child!
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace.

Stanza 2
Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing: "Alleluia:
Christ the Savior is born."

Stanza 3
Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from Thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Stanza 4
Silent night, holy night!
Wondrous star, lend thy light;
with the angels let us sing
Alleluia to our King:
Christ the Savior is born.

BENEDICTION

Ryan Moore

CLOSING HYMN

Joy to the World
ANTIOCH

Stanza 1
Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare Him room,
and heaven and nature sing.

Stanza 2
Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!
Let us our songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
repeat the sounding joy.

Stanza 3
No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
far as the curse is found.

Stanza 4
He rules the world
with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of His righteousness
and wonders of His love.

May the peace and joy of this Christmas fill every heart and home.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

In dulci jubilo
J.S. Bach
**CHRISTMAS PRAYER**

Sandra Randleman

With quietness, O God, our hearts stand near the simple stall where Jesus was born to Mary. The noise of the world is stilled, and the peace of this night descends upon all people of goodwill, whether they be wise or simple. Help us to think on the meaning of this night, to ponder in our hearts the wonder of Your love for us. Fill us with gladness, that hearing again the Christmas story, we may journey in its light, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who taught us to pray. . .

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

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**FIRST LESSON**

Adam and Eve rebel against God.

Genesis 3:8–15

Josh Rodriguez

**ANTHEM**

In the Stillness

Sally Beamish

In the stillness of a church where candles glow, In the softness of a fall of fresh white snow, In the brightness of the stars that shine this night, In the calmness of a pool of healing light, In the clearness of a choir that softly sings, In the oneness of a hush of angels' wings, In the mildness of a night by stable bare, In the quietness of a lull near cradle fair, There's a patience as we wait for a new morn, and the presence of a child soon to be born.

**SECOND LESSON**

God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall the nations of the earth be blessed.

Genesis 22:15–18

(8:00) Braden Zeigler

(11:00) Anna Kate Rader

**ANTHEM**

Wexford Carol

John Rutter

Good people all, this Christmastime, consider well and bear in mind what our good God for us has done, in sending His beloved son. With Mary holy we should pray to God with love this Christmas Day; In Bethlehem upon that morn there was a blessed Messiah born. The night before that happy tide the noble Virgin and her guide were long time seeking up and down to find a lodging in the town. But mark how all things came to pass: from every door repelled alas! As long foretold, their refuge all was but an humble oxen stall. Near Bethlehem did shepherds keep their flocks of lambs and feeding sheep; to whom God's angels did appear, which put the shepherds in great fear. “Prepare and go,” the angels said, “To Bethlehem, be not afraid; for there you'll find, this happy morn, a princely babe, sweet Jesus born.” With thankful heart and joyful mind the shepherds went the babe to find, and as God's angel had foretold, They did our Saviour Christ behold. Within a manger He was laid, and by His side the virgin maid, attending on the Lord of life, Who came on earth to end all strife.

**EIGHTH LESSON**

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

Matthew 2:1–11

(8:00) Bob Loflin

(11:00) David Thomas

**HYMN**

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

ST. LOUIS

Stanza 1

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by. Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light; the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

Stanza 2

For Christ is born of Mary; and gathered all above, while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love. O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth! And praises sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth.

Stanza 3

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given! So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heaven. No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin, where meek souls will receive Him, still the dear Christ enters in.

Stanza 4

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glads tidings tell; O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

**NINTH LESSON**

St. John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

John 1:1–14

Ryan Moore

**LIGHTING THE CANDLES OF CHRISTMAS**

Greg Thomas, Tenor
THIRD LESSON  
Christ’s birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah.  
Isaiah 9:2–7  
(8:00) John Musgrave  
(11:00) Mary Lee Bartlett

ANTHEM  
This Endris Night  
Malcolm Archer

This endris night I saw a sight,  
A star as bright as day;  
and ever among a maiden sung  
‘Lullay, by, by, lullay, lullay, by, by, lullay.’

This lovely lady sat and sang,  
And to her child did say:  
‘My son, my brother, father, dear,  
Why liest Thou thus in hay?’

My sweetest bird thus ‘tis required,  
Though Thou be King veray;  
but nevertheless I will not cease  
To sing, by, by, lullay, to sing by, by, lullay.

That child or man, who will or can  
Be merry on my day,  
To bliss Thou bring and I shall sing,  
Lullay, by, by, lullay.

FOURTH LESSON  
The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.  
Isaiah 11:1–9  
Adam DeVries

*HYMN  
It Came Upon the Midnight Clear  
Carol

For lo, the days are hastening on,  
by prophet bards foretold,  
when with the ever-circling years  
comes round the age of gold;  
when peace shall over all the earth  
its ancient splendors fling,  
and the whole world give back the song  
which now the angels sing.

FIFTH LESSON  
The angel Gabriel salutes the blessed Virgin Mary.  
Luke 1:26–38  
Sarah Bird

SIXTH LESSON  
Luke 2:1–7  
(8:00) Emily Stone  
(11:00) Alex Vorhaus

ANTHEM  
My Lord Has Come  
Will Todd

Shepherds, called by angels, called by love and angels;  
no place for them but a stable.  
My Lord has come.

Sages, searching for stars, searching for love in Heaven;  
no place for them but a stable.  
My Lord has come.

His love will hold me, His love will cherish me, love will cradle me.  
Lead me to see Him, sages and shepherds and angels;  
no place for me but a stable.  
My Lord has come.

SEVENTH LESSON  
The shepherds go to the manger.  
Luke 2:8–21  
Stuart Gordon

ANTHEM  
A Child Is Born in Bethlehem  
Philip Stopford

A child is born in Bethlehem, Alleluia, Alleluia.  
And joy is in Jerusalem, Alleluia, Alleluia.  
Rejoice, rejoice, sing high sing low, Alleluia, Alleluia.  
Benedicamus Domino, Alleluia, Alleluia.

To Thee O Lord be glory paid, Alleluia.  
Thou Son of Mary, Mother maid, Alleluia.  
To Holy Trinity give praise, Alleluia, Alleluia.  
With Deo gracias always, Alleluia, Alleluia!