



FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 27, 2009

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Noel
March of the Magi
Fantasy on Christmas Carols

D'Aquin
Hosted
Purvis

CHIMES

GREETING The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

PRELUDE Song of Mary Titcomb

†CALL TO WORSHIP

†HYMN 28 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

†PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God,
**you wonderfully created,
and yet more wonderfully restored,
the dignity of human nature.
In your mercy,
let us share the divine life of Jesus Christ
who came to share our humanity,
and who now lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Silent prayer

†HYMN 29 Go, Tell It on the Mountain

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

LESSON Psalm 148
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM The Jesus Gift Martin

CONVERSATION WITH CHILDREN

SERMON The Things We Do for Love Rob Lohmeyer

Silence and stillness

SOLO

In the Bleak Midwinter

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Gesu Bambino

Yon

†HYMN 23

Angels We Have Heard on High

†PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

God of all creation, of all people, and all nations,
we praise you, O Lord of life,
for the presence of Jesus among us.

**Prepare us O God, to serve your people near and far
through the giving and sharing of all good gifts.
In the name of the One we celebrate this day,
Amen.**

†HYMN 40

Joy to the World!

†CHARGE AND BLESSING

†POSTLUDE

Merry Christmas and a Happy Year

Templeton

Worship Notes

The bulletin cover is taken from our stained glass window "Nativity." Many thanks to Ed Wilbourn for providing the photography.

Large print bulletins are available from an usher. †Please stand if able. **Bold** type indicates unison response.

Serving Today

MUSICIANS

Sally Ritch, Kathlene Ritch

SCHEDULED GREETERS

I—Donna Lewis, Beverly Fisher, Karen Morris

II—Ann and Jerry Huie, Theresa Holloman, Louise and Tony Larson, Donna Kellogg

SCHEDULED USHERS

I — R.W. Hutcherson
Jeanne and Jeff Thompson

II—Don Priour, Jim Dobie, Ron Peterson, Betty Pelton, Phil Zimmer, Prissy and Charlie Dobbins, Karen and Andy Andersen

ACOLYTES

Esther Bowers
Christopher Jones

READER

Karen Morris

NURSERY AND EXTENDED CARE VOLUNTEERS

Cristy/David Jackson
Ann Ogle

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Cathy Long, Janet Packard, Joan Craft, Marilyn Sinclair, Stuart Lohmeyer, Julie Land, Rita Odom, Amy Billeiter

VIDEO TAPING

Dayton Baublitt

SOUND RECORDER

Bill Scott

Acknowledgements

The Prayer of the Day is from the *Book of Common Worship* W/JKP 1993.

Let Us Pray ...

...for those in the hospital this week: Luke Schreiner

...for family and friends of Robert Ramsey, who died last week, in Kerville.

...in celebration for the birth of Sophia Marie Vargas, born on Dec. 14 to Ardie and Paul Vargas, sister to Harley and Olivia, and granddaughter to John and Candi Bervinkle.

...for Greg Garcia, Bill Alexander, and Alejandrina Shackelford.

Staff

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Let Us Worship God...

Christmas services continue, as follows:

- **January 3**, 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
- **January 6**, Chapel Epiphany service, 6:00 p.m.

Children in Worship

Children of all ages are always welcome in worship. Special Children's Worship Bags are available in the narthex. Parents are encouraged to use the things found in the Worship Bags to help their children prepare for and participate in worship.

Childcare is available for infants through children who are in Kindergarten. The childcare room for infants and children up to the age of three years is room 106, which is located at the back of the educational building. Children three years old through Kindergarten are cared for in room 501 in Family Life Center. An usher can direct you to these rooms.

Many of our young children participate in worship until after the Conversation with Children. After the Conversation with Children, a member of our child care staff will meet the children in the narthex and take them to the appropriate room for extended care. Parents can pick up their children in room 504 or 106 after worship.



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Welcome to Worship



We are grateful that you have chosen to worship with us this Sunday. If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to join our church family. After worship, elders present will gather near the communion table to meet with those who have an interest in uniting with us. Welcome brochures are in the pews and on the table in the narthex, where you will also find a walking-tour guide describing the art of this church.

FPC Community Briefs

Please note that the **church office will be closed** on Monday, Dec. 28, and again Dec. 31 through Jan 3.

If you would like to place **flowers in the sanctuary** for Sunday services next year, sign up in the narthex or call the church office.

Calendar for Dec. 27–Jan. 3

Sunday, Dec. 27

10:00 Worship

Monday, Dec. 28

Youth depart for ski trip
Church offices closed

Tuesday, Dec. 29

No River Hills Bible study
9:15 Staff

Wednesday, Dec. 30

Children's Corner closed

Thursday, Dec. 31

Children's Corner closed
Church offices closed

Friday, Jan. 1

Plaza on the River service moved to
January 8
Children's Corner closed
Church offices closed

Saturday, Jan. 2

11:00 HOPES Kitchen

Sunday, Jan. 3

8:30 Worship
9:45 Sunday school begins
11:00 Worship
11:00 Ordination / Installation service
2:30 Divide worship
NO "The Well"

Adult Sunday School Classes—Winter Term starting Jan. 3

SPIRITUAL PRACTICES IN EVERYDAY LIVING focuses on how we practice reverence in our daily lives. That is what we *do*, not just *think* about in our longing for God in our everyday living. Our discussion will be facilitated by Meg Scott-Johnson, DASD. Come join the journey! Room 204.

TALKING THEOLOGY, led by Eric Rhoda. This discussion class will tackle multiple theological and scriptural topics using selections from the NOOMA video series which are short films that seek to give a fresh look to the teachings of Jesus by presenting them in a way that is relevant today. Room 206.

HERE'S THE CHURCH, led by Sam Junkin.

What does the New Testament say about "church"? Each week we will listen to a different passage from the New Testament speaking to us about "church"—and watch in some awe as Scripture paints for us a picture, or sculpts for us a discernable form—of the church/life that claims us. Led by Sam Junkin. Ryan Hall.

ISAIAH CONTINUED! led by Ben Doerries.

We will pick up where we left off last year and begin with what some scholars call "Second Isaiah. Emphasis will be placed on what Isaiah said then and how it applies to us now. Note: You DO NOT have to have taken First Isaiah to attend this class. Room 208.

