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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Carrie Everson, Rebecca Sweet, Rev. Dr. Joe Moore, Preston Miller, and Kyle Bowden

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The Church Offices will be closed from Monday, Dec. 25, 2023 through Monday, Jan. 1, 2024. Regular office hours will resume Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2024 and are Mon. - Fri., 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM. The doors are locked. Please press the security doorbell at the entrance to be let in.

NEW YEAR'S EVE SUNDAY SERVICE

Sunday, December 31

One combined service, 11:00 AM in Westminster Hall. No Sunday Schools. Nursery for 5 years and under only—Regular Sunday schedule resumes Jan. 7.

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Please visit fpcsanantonio.org/give for instructions on how to ensure your gifts are received for the appropriate tax year. The church finance office will be available by phone or email from **Dec. 27 - 29, 2023**. Christi Burrell: 210-271-2755 or christib@fpcsat.org Marie Nipp: 210-271-2756 or marien@fpcsat.org.

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REGULAR SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES

*9:30 & 11:00 AM - Traditional
9:30 & *11:00 AM - Modern

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5:00 PM CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY SERVICE

Please silence all electronic devices and do not take flash photos during the service.
As the prelude begins, we invite you into a period of quiet reflection as we prepare for worship.

† Please stand at these times if you are able to do so.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE | *Trumpet Tune on "Wachet Auf"*

Martha Sobaje

WELCOME AND GREETINGS

Rev. Becky Prichard

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Cole Family

Leader: Advent is a time to proclaim.

People: O come, let us adore him!

Leader: We proclaim a hope that is stronger than any trial.

People: O come, let us adore him!

Leader: We proclaim a victory that is stronger than any defeat.

People: O come, let us adore him!

Leader: We proclaim a peace that is stronger than any conflict.

People: O come, let us adore him!

Leader: We proclaim a freedom that is stronger than any bondage.

People: O come, let us adore him!

PRAYER OF ADORATION

† **CAROL** | *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

Chorus:

Go, tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and everywhere
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born!

(Verse 1)

While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night
Behold throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light

(Chorus)

(Verse 2)

Down in a lowly manger
Our humble Christ was born
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn

(Chorus)

THE FIRST LESSON | *Luke 2:1-7*

Hil Petty

¹ In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴ And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵ to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶ And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR ANTHEM | *Will You Be Ready?*

Mark Patterson

THE SECOND LESSON | *Luke 2:8-14*

Naomi Hager

⁸ And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. ¹⁰ And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, ¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

CAROL | *Away in a Manger*

(The congregation may remain seated)

(Verse 1)

Away in a manger, no crib for His bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

(Verse 2)

The cattle are lowing, the poor Baby wakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

THE THIRD LESSON | *Luke 2:15-20*

Bailey Turnbull

¹⁵ When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶ And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. ¹⁷ And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. ¹⁸ And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰ And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

CAROL | *Angels We Have Heard On High*

(The congregation may remain seated)

(Verse 1)

Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

(Verse 2)

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

OFFERTORY | *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*

Callan Brown, arr.

† CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE | *The First Noel*

Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
That hath made heaven and earth of naught,
And with His blood mankind hath bought.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

† PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

†CAROL | *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

(Verse 1)

Hark, the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King."

(Verse 2)

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Risen with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King."

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE | *Journey to Jesus*

Rev. Becky Prichard

THE RITUAL OF THE LIGHT

†CAROL | *Silent Night! Holy Night!*

(Verse 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,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

(Verse 2)

Silent night! Holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight!
Glories stream from heaven afar;
Heav'nly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ, the Savior, is born!
Christ, the Savior, is born!

(Verse 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;
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

†UNISON CHRISTMAS PRAYER

When the song of angels is stilled and the star in the sky is gone, when the Wise Men go home, and the shepherds are back with their flocks...the work of Christmas begins: to find the lost, to feed the hungry, to unbind the captive, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among all people, to sing for joy in the Lord. Gracious God, deliver us from fear, and may your will be ours. Amen.

†BENEDICTION

Rev. Becky Prichard

POSTLUDE | *Joy to the World!*

Callan Brown, Worship Leader

THE LIGHTS USED TONIGHT ARE IN MEMORY OF THE SPECIAL LIFE OF ANNA SCATES

The lights used tonight are in memory of the special life of Anna Elizabeth Scates, the daughter of Rev. Dr. Ron Scates and his wife Anne. Anna is their second child of five, who passed away at a young age while Dr. Scates was serving at FPC as the Associate Pastor of Youth Ministry. This little red-head loved "Jee-ha" (Jesus), life, First Pres, and especially the children's Christmas Eve service.

ENJOY THESE LIGHTS AT HOME AS YOU REMEMBER TO LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE!

THE UNISON CHRISTMAS PRAYER

The Unison Christmas Prayer, a beloved tradition in the Christmas Eve worship services at First Presbyterian Church San Antonio for decades, is adapted from the poem "The Work of Christmas" by Howard Thurman, an American author, theologian, educator and civil rights leader. Howard was Dean of the chapels at Howard University and Boston University for more than two decades, wrote 20 books, and in 1944 helped found the Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples in San Francisco, California. It was the first racially integrated, multicultural church in the United States. He served as spiritual advisor to the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.

THIS AFTERNOON'S OFFERING

Our Christmas Eve Offering will support mission partners working to advance Christ's kingdom in our neighborhoods and globally. Donations will enable **ThirdMill (Third Millennium Ministries)** to continue providing free, world-class seminary education in over 25 languages, benefiting over a million students annually in 160 countries. Locally, your contributions will aid **CUB (Communities Under the Bridge)** in meeting the spiritual and practical needs of the homeless and those in need in San Antonio. Your generosity will make a significant impact this Christmas season. Thank you for partnering with us to bring hope and love to those in need.



Christmas Poinsettias 2023

Given by... In honor of

Jenny and Vince Andermatt

- **Will, Jess, Violet, and Ward Jette**
- **The Koehler Andermatt Family**

The Greg Anderson Family

- **Mrs. Sheila Figueroa**
- **Mrs. Dianne Pool**

Madge Arnold and Dorothy Duhon

- **Downie and Bobby Mickler**

Michele and Jonathan Barker

- **Our daughters**
- **Our parents**
- **Our FPC pastors and staff**
- **Our Pathways Class**

Kay Beth and David Barr

- **Our children**
- **Our grandchildren**

Lynnda and Field Barnes

- **Blaire, Brandon, and Beyn Brimer**
- **Dinner 10**

Dana and Jeff Bourland

- **Loretta and Joe Bourland**

Ann and Chuck Bunn

- **Lillian Ann Lehr**
- **Our Faithful Explorers Class**

Darcy and John Collins

- **Our children and grandchildren**

Susan and Dirk DeKoch

- **Our children and grandchildren**

Jeannie and Bobby Dullnig

- **Our children and grandchildren**
- **Our pastors and staff**

Katie Zbinden Farrimond

- **Anne Zbinden and Betsy Z. Baker**

Sheila Figueroa

- **Staff of FPC**
- **Rev. Dr. Bob and Morgan Fuller**

A friend

- **Our pastors**

Your Grandchildren

- **Jan and Larry Fischer**

Myna Gathers

- **Jimbo Fisher in his career transition**

Andrew Glotzer

- **My grandma, Sue Glotzer**

Joella Gordon and Giselle

- **Linda and Richard Delano**

Joella Gordon

- **Carol and the Sanctuary Flower Committee**

Lilly and Alan Gretzinger

- **Lillian Ann Lehr**
- **Janie and Jim Worth**

Nona and Barry Hall

- **Our children**
- **Our KEYS family and friends**
- **The Sanctuary Flower Committee**

Janet and Boxy Hornberger

- **Our children and grandchildren**

Ashley and Jobe Jackson

- **Janie and Jim Worth**

Paula and Clyde Johnson

- **Our children and grandchildren**

Elizabeth Kreager

- **Ned Gretzinger**
- **Lillian Gretzinger**

Judy and Barry Kruger

- **Elise and Wesley Kruger**
- **Janis Kruger**
- **Our mothers, Lora Mae Kruger and Janis Spear**



Your loving family

- **Jeanne Lundren**

Amelita, David and George Mauzé

- **Christi and Tommy Moorman**
- **Mary Ellen and Jean Mauzé**

Joyce and Jess Mayfield

- **Our children and grandchildren**

The Meadows Family

- **Ashley and Jobe Jackson**
- **Kerri Napoli**

Liz and Chris Medley

- **Our children and grandchildren**
- **Gen. Pre Ball**

Carol and Bill Moore

- **Kelsey and Justin Barlow**

Diana Morehouse

- **Her grandchildren**

Jacque and Frank Patton

- **Their Gleneagles Small Group**

Emily Peeples

- **My PBS Group friends**

Her PBS Group

- **Emily Peeples**

Blair Perry

- **Paige, Peyton, and Ryan**

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- **Blair Perry**

Harriett Raney

- **My children and grandchildren**
- **Laura and Clay Page**

Nancy Rice

- **Morgan and Bob Fuller**

Kathy and Fred Shussler

- **Our grandchildren, Baker, and Ada**

Friends at Adante Sr. Living

- **The Reverend Scott Simpson**

The Gordon Smith Family

- **Bob Collins**

Barbara Anne Stephens

- **My Pastor's Bible Study Group**

The Ken Stephens Family

- **FPC Pastors and Staff**

Cheri and Russell Stith

- **Christina, Marshall, and Tripp Heins**
- **Maricarolyn and Taylor Mattingly**
- **Sutherland Stith**

The Stith Family and Extended Family

- **Brinkley Stith**

Marti and Richard Taylor

- **Martha McCulloch**

Jane Ann and Devereaux Temple

- **Our grandchildren, Carter and Harper**

Kathy Timberlake

- **My grandchildren**

Janet Wernli and family

- **Ministers and Staff of FPC**

Carol White

- **Martha Smith**

Sidney Wilkins

- **Tom, Jae, and the choir**
- **Our pastors and staff**

Janice and Richard Wilson

- **Our family**

Your daughters and grandkids

- **Mary and Dan Wofford**

Mrs. Jess Womack

- **Mrs. George Kampmann**

Holly and David Youngquist

- **Our grandchildren**
- **Thomas and Jack Youngquist**
- **Baby Diepenhorst due June**

The Zbinden Children

- **Kip Zbinden**

Given by... In memory of

Jenny and Vince Andermatt

- **Victoria and Alvin Koehler**

Barbara and Dennis Anderson

- **Our son, Christopher Anderson**

The Greg Anderson Family

- **Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Anderson**
- **Dr. James E. Bauerle**
- **Mrs. Hazel Dyer**
- **Mr. Raymond Figueroa**
- **Dr. Jack Pool**

The Archer Family

- **Robert R. Archer**
- **Anita N. Lindsay**
- **Pearl N. Nordan**

Anna C. Armstrong, MD

- **Mr. and Mrs. Raymond H. Armstrong**

Madge Arnold and Dorothy Duhon

- **Calvin Mickler**

Michele and Jonathan Barker

- **Our Grandparents**

Lynnda and Field Barnes

- **Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Sparks**
- **Judge and Mrs. Robert F. Barnes**

Lecy and Tom Benke

- **Our parents**

Dana and Jeff Bourland

- **Sally and Duard Brooks**

Debby and J.D. Bowen

- **Dr. and Mrs. Richard G. Ryan**

Laura Moore Brusenhan

- **Harry H. Brusenhan, Sr.**
- **Estella and Charles Moore**

His loving family

- **John Buchek**



Ann and Chuck Bunn

- **Mary and Charles Bunn**
- **Ralph Lehr**

Mrs. George V. Burkholder

- **Dr. George V. Burkholder**
- **Mr. and Mrs. Richard B. Schneider**
- **Dr. and Mrs. Theodore M. Burkholder**
- **Mrs. Margaret Wetzel**

George Case Family

- **George Dewar Case, MD**

Caroline Clanton

- **My parents, Mary and John Clanton**

Bob Collins

- **Elizabeth "Betty" Collins**

Kay and Pat Cowles

- **Lucille and Alvin Cowles**
- **Joan and Bob Jackson**

Kelly and Jim Daniell

- **Lisa Stieren Cox**
- **Arthur T. Stieren**
- **Barbara E. Stieren**
- **Barbara W. Daniell**
- **Richard and Cora Correll Wilson**

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- **Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Davis, Jr.**

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Lucy and Josh Diepenhorst

- **Josh's mother, Cindee**

Jeanne Douglas

- **Gary E. Douglas**
- **George A. Knapp**

Jeannie and Bobby Dullnig

- **Our Parents**
- **Don Beeler**

Eva and Jim Eckburg

- **Jane and Bob Eckburg**
- **Maria and Hans Wiedemann**

Her daughters and their families

- **Sallie W. Embs**

His daughters and their families

- **Lowell D. Embs**

Aimee and David Everett

- **Michael M. Everett**
- **Gerald "Don" Poe**

Sheila Figueroa

- **Raymond Figueroa**

Jan and Larry Fischer

- **Fischer, Gibson, and Glotzer family members**

Ellen E. Frazier

- **My parents**
- **My husband, Donald**

Charlotte and George Gates

- **Matthew Gates**
- **Elizabeth Dee Pappas**

Joella Gordon

- **John R. Gordon**

Lilly and Alan Gretzinger

- **Ralph Lehr**

Nona and Barry Hall

- **The Three Ladies**
- **Our parents**

Larry Hamner

- **Hudson B. Hamner**
- **Callie "Memama" Hamner**

Mrs. T. Maxey Hart, Jr.

- **T. Maxey Hart, Jr.**

Georgia Khym-Heath

- **June and Frank Khym, Mike R. Heath**

Christina, Marshall and Tripp Heins

- **John Weldon Heins**

Patricia and Reagan Houston

- **Sarah J. Stephens**

The Jackson Family

- **Liz Jackson**

Lauren and Tom Klender

- **Aunt Kay**

Judy and Barry Kruger

- **Our fathers, Clifford Kruger and Harrison Spear**

Courtney Young Grace

- **Donald Howard Grace, Jr.**

Catherine Grace Kridel

- **Donald Howard Grace, Jr.**

William Hudson Kridel

- **Donald Howard Grace, Jr.**

Patricia and Richard McCleary

- **Our Beloved Parents**

Milt McFarland

- **Dr. Charlie Robinson**
- **Dr. Kaye Wilkins**

The Meadows Family

- **Frances and Joe Warrick**
- **Luke Ramsey Warrick**

Liz and Chris Medley

- **Patty M. Ball**
- **Rosemary and David Medley**

Rinda and Ken Miller

- **Frances and Basil Atkinson**

Diana Morehouse

- **Loved ones**

Laura, Clay, Darden, and Josie Page

- **John Buchek and Kathleen Page**

Meredith and John Park

- **Mrs. Caughey, Meredith's mother**

Emily and David Peeples

- **Anne and Paul Smith**

Dolores Perrine

- **Robert Perrine, my husband**
- **Mike DeFilippo, my son in law**

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS 2023



Blair Perry

- **June Sargent and Jimmy Youngquist**

Phyllis Pickard

- **My husband, John E. Pickard**

Phyllis Pickard and grandchildren

- **Our Grandpa, John E. Pickard**

Dianne Pool and family

- **Dr. Jack W. Pool**

Harriett Raney

- **My husband, Doug Raney**

Nancy Reed

- **Sherman Macdaniel**

Nancy Rice

- **Nancy and Ashby Rice, my parents**
- **Raymond Figueroa**

Linda and Mark Rittenhouse

- **Dr. and Mrs. Norman H. Jacob, Jr.**

Connie Rodriguez

- **Refugia Kutnic**

Linda Ruhmann

- **Bill Ruhmann**
- **Brad Ruhmann**

Anne and Ron Scates

- **Anna Elizabeth Scates**

Molly and Eric Schluter

- **Beverly "Poppy" Slimp**

Sara, Adam, Sarita and Anna Sharpe

- **Carolyn Sharpe**

Sichan Siv

- **Martha Pattillo Siv**
- **Barbara and George Bush**
- **Helen K. Groves**
- **George Sturch**

Carson and Mary Anne Smith

- **Kay Johnson**

The Gordon Smith Family

- **Betty Collins**

Helen Smith

- **Betty Anderson**

Martha and Gordon Smith

- **Shelly and Marshall Harrell**

Martha Smith

- **Shirley Kline**

Marie and Paul Smith

- **Anne and Paul Smith**

Barbara Anne and Ken Stephens

- **Our beloved granddaughter, Sarah**
- **Jack Pool**

Cheri and Russell Stith

- **John Weldon Heins**

Sutherland, Maricarolyn and Taylor

- **John Weldon Heins**

Chaney and Tripp Stuart

- **Mike Barnes**
- **Triple Fuhrmann**
- **Hans White**

Suzanne and John Thomas

- **Thomas Burns**
- **Elaine and Carroll Thomas**
- **Sally and Hank Hadigian**

Your loving family

- **Ingwald and Aaget Teigen**

Kathy Timberlake

- **Patricia and Martin Allday**

Jane Ann Temple

- **My dear friends, Liz and Marcia**

Jane Ann and Devereaux Temple

- **Our parents**

His Family

- **Walter Walthall III**

Jane, Robert, and Liam Warren

- **Spence Warren**
- **Bryan Warren**
- **Hale Misha Warren**

Janet Wernli and family

- **Fritz Wernli**

Carol and David West

- **Olive and Bond Davis**
- **Margarite and W.G. West**

Carol and Craig White

- **Shirley and Bob Kline**

Paige White

- **Shirley Kline**

Sidney Wilkins

- **Kaye Wilkins**

Anonymous

- **Dr. Kaye Wilkins**

Your Loving Family

- **Emilie and Alonzo Wofford**

Lisa, Jim, Barrett, and Carson Wolff

- **John and Beverly Carson Buddy Wolff**

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- **Mr. Jess Y. Womack II**
- **Mr. and Mrs. Henry Edward Stumberg, Sr.**
- **Mrs. Helen Morris Williamson**
- **Mr. and Mrs. Clark Munroe**
- **Mr. Henry Edward Stumberg, Jr.**
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- **Dr. Leroy Yarbrough**

Holly and David Youngquist

- **June and Jack Sargent**
- **Jerry and Jimmy Youngquist**

The Zbinden Children

- **Rev. Dr. Louis H. Zbinden, Jr.**