



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HASTINGS

SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST SINCE 1873

Sunday, December 28, 2025

GATHERING MUSIC

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”
Pianist Linda Vollweiler

arr. Melody Barber

WELCOME

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

*OPENING HYMN

“Love Has Come”

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*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rose Koepp

(based on *The Work of Christmas* by Howard Thurman)

When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone,

***When the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back
with their flock,***

The work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost, to heal the broken,

To feed the hungry, to release the prisoner,

To rebuild the nations, to bring peace among others,

To make music in the heart.

Let us join in the work of hope, peace, joy, and love.

*HYMN

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***We confess, O God, that we do not always choose the path that leads
us to you. We often prefer the road that leads us to wealth, the trail
that takes us towards popularity, the route that guides us toward
retribution and animosity. Like the magi, we have a choice of which
road we'll choose. Help us, O God, to choose as they did the
pathways of peace, hope, love, and joy. Amen.***

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God gives us that which we cannot earn and do not deserve.

God grants us mercy and forgiveness.

Though we often sin, God renews our hearts with love.

Praise be to God!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”
(verse 1)

*PEACE OF CHRIST

The Peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

(Greet one another by sharing the Peace of Christ with those
around you)

CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

REGATHERING MUSIC “Mary Did You Know”

Meredith Oliver

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Incline our ears to you, O God. Draw our hearts close to your
wisdom. Let your nurture and challenge be revealed to us in your
Word this day. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING – Matthew 2:1-12

HYMN “As with Gladness Men of Old”

150

MESSAGE Pick a Lane!

SPECIAL MUSIC “Coventry Carol”

Kade Jorgensen

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that Jesus _____ (fill in the blank).

We believe that God _____ (fill in the blank).

We believe that the Holy Spirit _____ (fill in the blank).

Inspired by Mary and Joseph, we will _____ (fill in the blank).

Inspired by the shepherds, we will _____ (fill in the blank).

Inspired by the magi, we will _____ (fill in the blank).



THE 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.***



HYMN

"Sing We Now of Christmas"
(Verses 1, 4, 5)

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*RESPONSE

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"
(verse 3)

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POSTLUDE

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

arr. Mark Hayes

*(*Indicates the congregation shall stand as they are able.)*

COME JOIN US FOR WORSHIP NEXT WEEK & INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS, FAMILY,
AND FRIENDS!

8:30 am: Contemplative Worship in the Chapel with Communion

NO Sunday School for all ages

10:30 am Traditional Worship Service in the Sanctuary

10:30 a.m. service will also be broadcast live on KICS 1550 AM Broadcast live on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/@FPCHastings>

THE FLOWERS are given by First Presbyterian Church of Hastings.

USHERS (Team #4) Captain - George Howard, Susie Graham, Dixie McDonald,
Gale McDonald, Lori Schroeder, Ted Schroeder

GREETERS Milrae & Harold Korb

Love Has Come

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Capo 3: (D) (Bm7) (Em7) (A)
F Dm7 Gm7 C

1 Love has come: a light in the dark - ness!
2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der.
3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us!

(D) (Bm7) (Em) (A7) (D)
F Dm7 Gm C7 F

Love shines forth in the Beth - le - hem skies. See, all
Love is God now a - sleep in the hay. See the
Love is life ev - er - last - ing and free. Love is

(A) (D) (Bm) (D) (A) (G) (D)
C F Dm F C B^b F

heav - en has come to pro - claim it; hear how their song of
glow in the eyes of his moth - er; what is the name her
Je - sus with - in and a - mong us. Love is the peace our

(Em7) (F#7) (G) (A) (Bm) (A7)
Gm7 A7 B^b C Dm C7

joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to you, a
heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the name she
hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the gift of

(D) (A) (G) (A) (D) (A) (A7) (Dsus) (D)
F C B^b C F C C7 Fsus F

Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.
whis - pers. Love! Love! Je - sus, Em - man - u - el.
Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

Here is a chance to sing a familiar French carol tune with new words, the most important clearly being "Love." The senses "seen and heard" (as in Acts 4:20 and elsewhere) organize the first two stanzas, while the third holds the summary statement: "Love is the gift of Christmas."

TEXT: Ken Bible, 1996

MUSIC: French melody; arr. Eric T. Myers, 2012

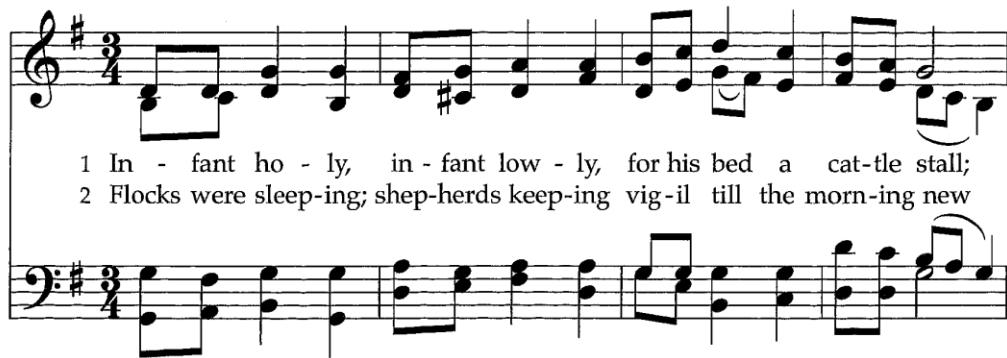
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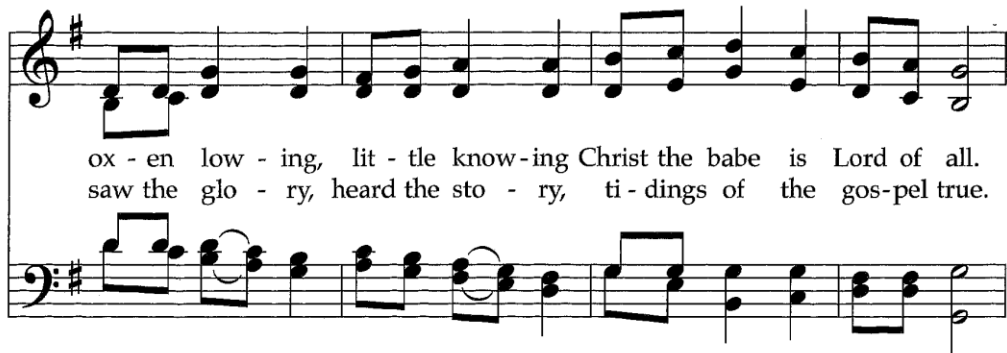
BRING A TORCH

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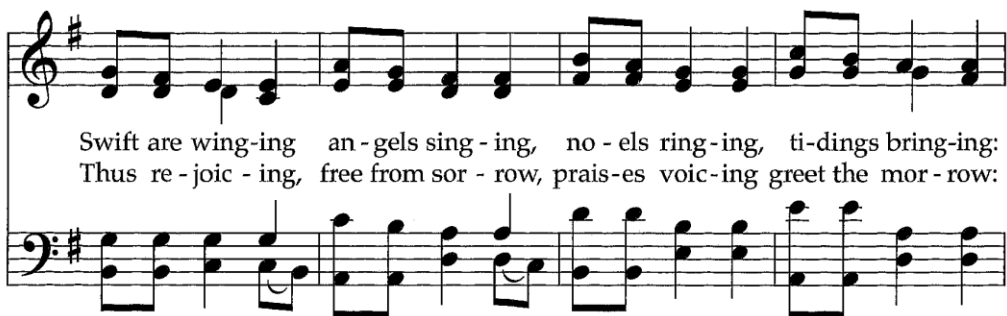
128 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly



1 In - fant ho - ly, in - fant low - ly, for his bed a cat-tle stall;
2 Flocks were sleep-ing; shep-herds keep-ing vig-il till the morn-ing new



ox - en low - ing, lit - tle know-ing Christ the babe is Lord of all.
saw the glo - ry, heard the sto - ry, ti - dings of the gos-pel true.



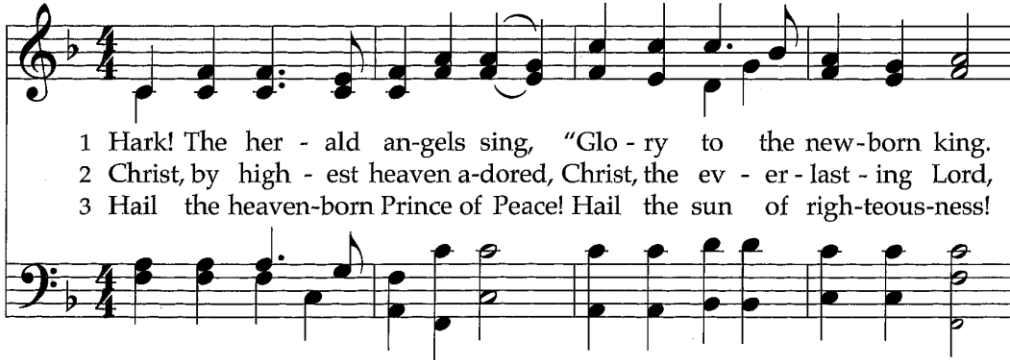
Swift are wing-ing an - gels sing - ing, no - els ring-ing, ti-dings bring-ing:
Thus re - joic - ing, free from sor - row, prais-es voic-ing greet the mor - row:



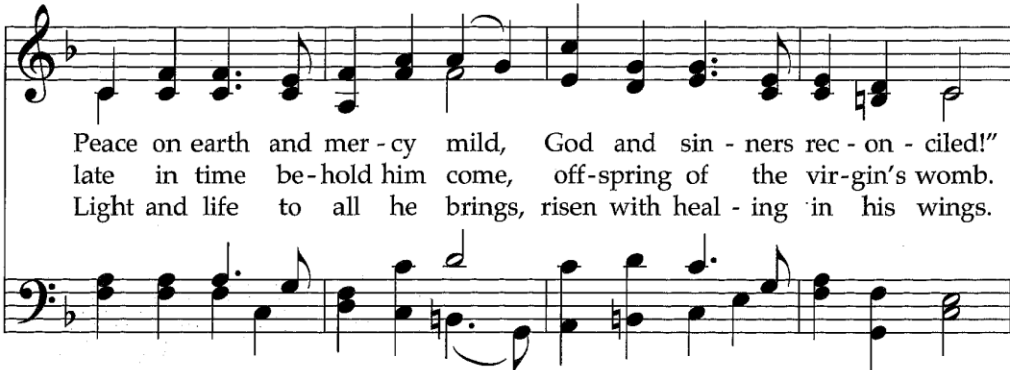
Christ the babe is Lord of all! Christ the babe is Lord of all!
Christ the babe was born for you! Christ the babe was born for you!

The English text of this 13th- or 14th-century Polish carol does not try to tell a story but to offer verbal snapshots of the well-known Nativity narrative of Luke 2:6-20. The tune name quotes the opening of the Polish text and means "He lies in a cradle" or "In manger lying."

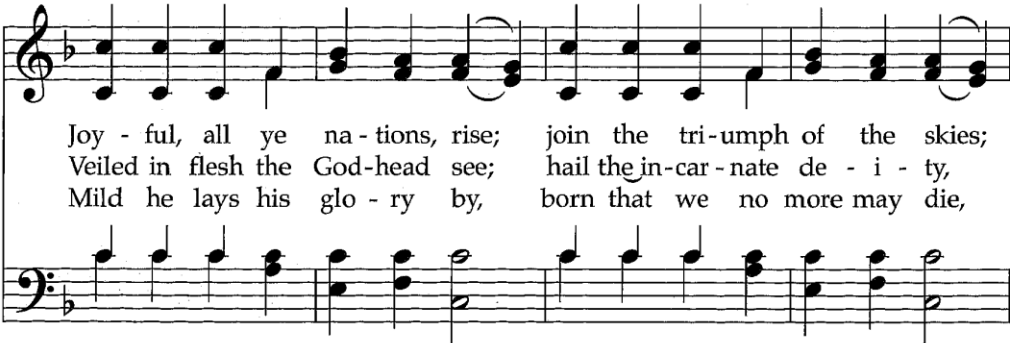
119 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



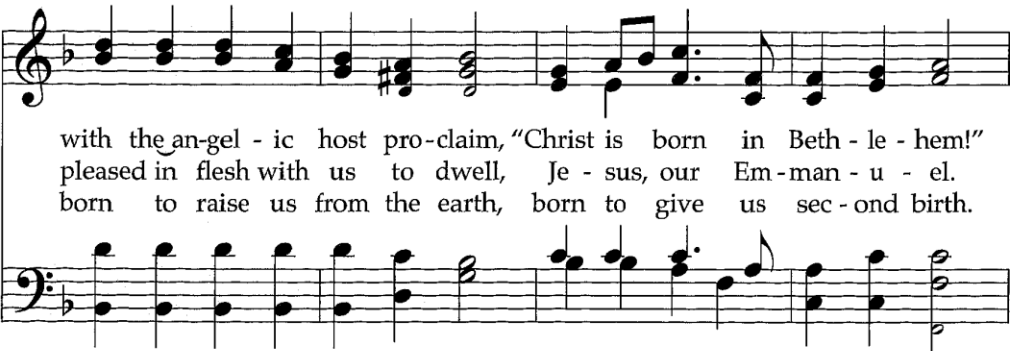
1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king.
 2 Christ, by high - est heaven a-dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
 3 Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righ-teous-ness!



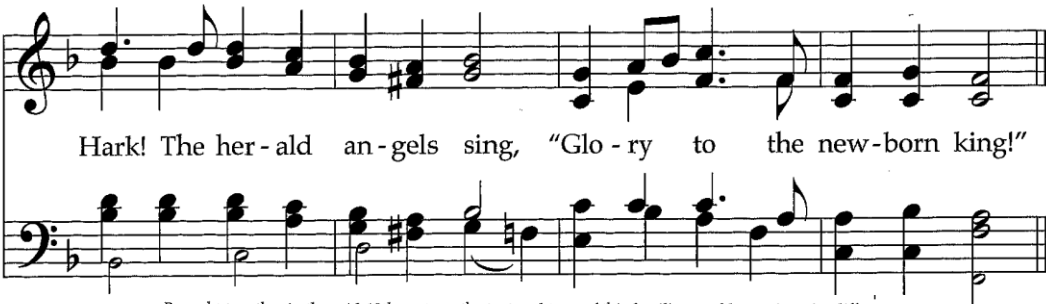
Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
 late in time be-hold him come, off-spring of the vir-gin's womb.
 Light and life to all he brings, risen with heal - ing in his wings.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise; join the tri-umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the in-car - nate de - i - ty,
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



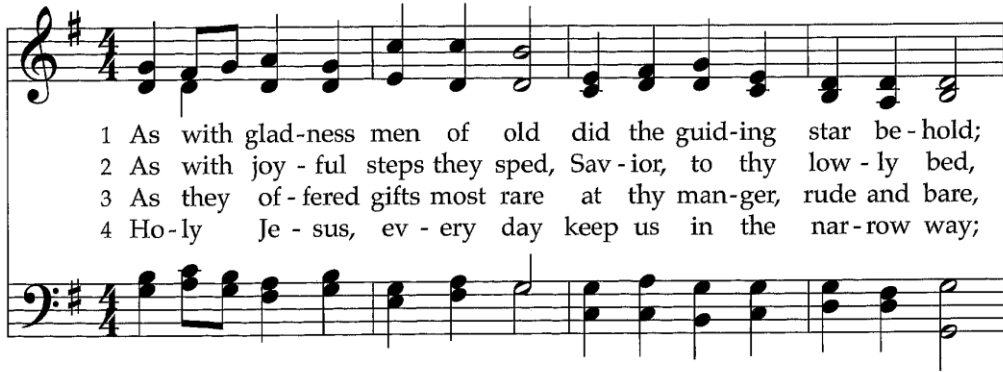
with the an-gel - ic host pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
 pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em-man - u - el.
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.



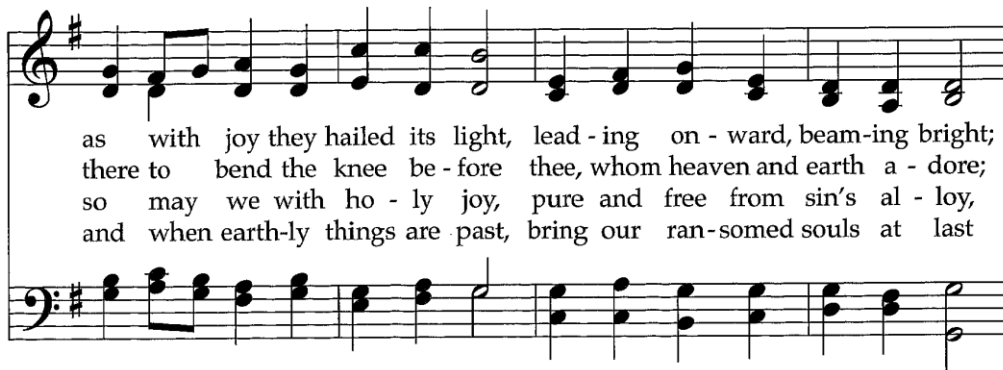
Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king!"

Brought together in the mid-19th century, the text and tune of this familiar carol began in quite different forms. The text had ten stanzas and began, "Hark, how all the welkin rings." The tune was created for a festival celebrating Gutenberg's introduction of moveable type.

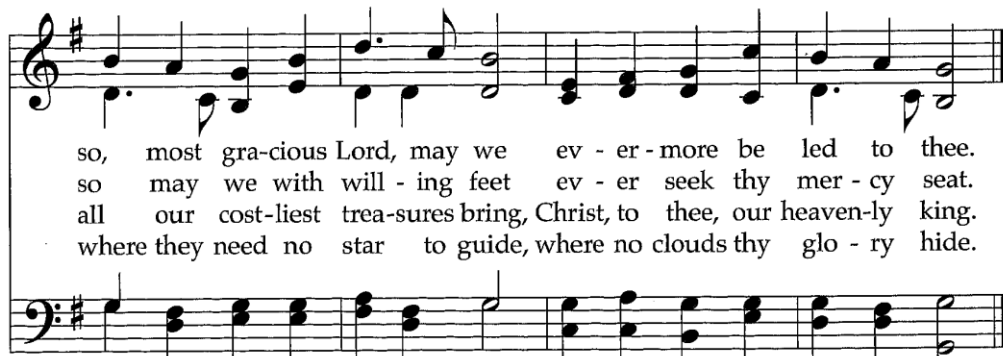
As with Gladness Men of Old 150



1 As with glad-ness men of old did the guid-ing star be-hold;
 2 As with joy-ful steps they sped, Sav-ior, to thy low-ly bed,
 3 As they of-fered gifts most rare at thy man-ger, rude and bare,
 4 Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-ery day keep us in the nar-row way;



as with joy they hailed its light, lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;
 there to bend the knee be-fore thee, whom heaven and earth a-dore;
 so may we with ho-ly joy, pure and free from sin's al-loy,
 and when earth-ly things are past, bring our ran-somed souls at last



so, most gra-cious Lord, may we ev-er-more be led to thee.
 so may we with will-ing feet ev-er seek thy mer-cy seat.
 all our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heaven-ly king.
 where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo-ry hide.

The first three stanzas here use an as/so structure to draw parallels between the coming of the Magi and the spiritual lives of the singers, summed up in the prayer of the fourth stanza. Even though this adapted German tune was named for him, the author did not care for it.

TEXT: William Chatterton Dix, c. 1858

MUSIC: Conrad Kocher, 1838; abr. William Henry Monk, 1861; harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

DIX
7.7.7.7.7.7

GO & SERVE SOUP LUNCHEON

Sunday, January 11, 2026
 Following the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
 in Fellowship Hall

Free Will Donation

Sing We Now of Christmas

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1. Sing we now of Christ-mas, No-el, sing we here!
2. An-gels called to shep-herds, "Leave your flocks at rest,
3. In Beth-le-hem they found him; Jo-seph and Ma-ry mild,
4. From the east-ern coun-try came the kings a-far,
5. Gold and myrrh they took there, gifts of great-est price;



Hear our grate-ful prais-es to the babe so dear.
 jour-ney forth to Beth-lehem, find the child so blest."
 seat-ed by the man-ger, watch-ing the ho-ly child.
 bear-ing gifts to Beth-lehem, guid-ed by a star.
 there was never a sta-ble so like par-a-dise.

*Refrain*

Sing we No-el, the King is born, No-el!



Sing we now of Christ-mas, sing we now No-el!



ORDS: Trad. French carol (Lk. 2:8-20; Mt. 2:1-12)
 MUSC: Trad. French carol; harm. by Martin Shaw, 1928

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Sunday 12/28	NO Contemplative Worship Service		
		NO Sunday School	
	10am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Worship and brunch	Fellowship Hall
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library
Monday 12/29	<i>Church Office Open 9am-3pm</i>		
	9-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	6-9pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
Tuesday 12/30	<i>Church Office Open 9am-3pm</i>		
	9am-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	6-9pm	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
Wednesday 12/31	<i>Church Office Open 9am-12pm</i>		
	9am-11am	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	12-1pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	6:30pm-9pm	Woodcarvers Meet	Basement
Thursday 1/1	<i>Church Offices Closed-New Years</i>		
Friday 1/2		Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	10am-12pm	Mahjong	Basement Youth Room
Sunday 1/4	8:30am	Contemplative Worship Service	Chapel
		NO Sunday School	
	10am-10:30am	HAW Store Open	Library
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Radio, You Tube
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Library
	11:30am	Removal of the Greens	

Please pray for

Elaine Schumacher	Carl Utley	Carter Johnson
Tarah Davis & family	Barry Thomson	Alyssa Donley
Matt Campbell	Greg Howard	Ken Fisk
Janey Nottage-Tacey	Lexi Longshore	Jean Stinnette
Bob Wolf	family of Dave Henderson	Gary & Connie Whitcomb
KyMani Riek	Zsuzsanna Fazakas	Sammy Nahorny
Janelle Baideme	The Unger family	Mary Lewis
family of Jim Harrenstein	Judd Carrier	Bruce Batterson
family of Gayle Struss	Nytha & Dave Glass	family of Yvonne Ziemba
Carole Pedersen	Cynthia Sheppard Jordan	
Charles Hermes	Elladee Ronhovde	
Tony Glenn	Carol Harrenstein	
Molly Kammerer and family	Pam Canady	
Willis Horton	Francisco Diaz (Beto)	

In memory of

Dave Henderson, who passed away on November 2, 2025

Gayle Struss, who passed away on November 7, 2025

Yvonne Ziemba, who passed away on November 13, 2025

Removal of the Greens

Sunday, January 4
following the
10:30 a.m. Worship
Service

The joy of Christmas continues on
Sunday, January 4, following the 10:30 a.m.
Worship Service with removal of the
greens. Please join in the fellowship
and important time and effort with your
church family.



Jens Korndörfer, Organ

Concert: Saturday, January 24 @ 3:00 pm
Worship: Sunday, January 25 @ 10:30 am



Dr. Jens Korndörfer is the Bowden Professor of Music and Associate Professor of Organ at [Baylor University](#) in El Paso, Texas and is regularly invited to perform and teach at prestigious venues and festivals around the world. Praised as “a virtuoso in the grand Romantic tradition” who creates “performances that are deeply musically satisfying as well as exciting” (The American Organist).

Korndörfer’s performances include Davies Symphony Hall, the Cadet Chapel in West Point, Duke University Chapel, Cathedral-Basilica, Montreal Bach Festival, Cathedrals in Washington, Berlin, Bremen, Paris, Salzburg, Oslo, and Moscow, Westminster, the Royal Chapel in Versailles, the Frauenkirche in Dresden.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25 AT 11:30AM, FPC SANCTUARY

Annual Congregational Meeting

ANYONE CAN ATTEND, ALL MEMBERS CAN VOTE



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Head of Church: Jesus Christ
Senior Pastor: Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett
Organist and Music Director: Linda Vollweiler
Chancel Choir Director: Dr. Robin Koozer
Chancel Bells & Calvin/Westminster
Bells Director: Dr. Byron Jensen
Calvin/Westminster Choir Director: Linda Johnson
Praise/Alleluia Choir Director: Teresa Canady
Praise/Alleluia Bells Choir Director: Dr. Susan Oliver
Accompanist and Music Coordinator: Mary Plock

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Director of Children & Family
Ministries: Rose Koepp
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Facilities Manager: Tony Calhoun
Bookkeeper: Deb Hamburger
Scholar in Residence: Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh
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