

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

December 24, 2023 – 5:00 PM

Welcome

Prelude

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
Sanctuary Orchestra

Call to Worship

Luke 2:10–11, 14

Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord... “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

Invocation

*Hymn No. 208

O Come, All Ye Faithful

First Lesson

Genesis 3:8–15

And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.” The LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”

*Hymn No. 196

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Musical Offering

Let the Stable Still Astonish
FPC Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra

*Doxology No. 731

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

Sermon

The Lord Will Provide
Genesis 22

Dr. Barry

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Ed and Peggy Barnhill

*Hymn No. 210

Silent Night

*Benediction

*Please stand if you are able.

MINISTRY STAFF

Dr. David BarrySenior Pastor
Rev. John Moore.....Associate Pastor, Music/Pastoral Care
Eddie Diaz.....Director of Spanish Ministry
Seth Gesin.....Youth Director
Rebecca Gesin.....Children’s Ministry Director
Suzanne HernandezAdministrative Assistant/Nursery Director
Soo Jung KwonAccompanist

ELDERS

Ed Barnhill	Greg Misyko
Bob Demick	Jamey Poole
Ken Dowdall	Jim Raspolich
Carlton Lewis	Wills Ryan
Brian McKelligett	

DEACONS

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“HIM WE PROCLAIM, *warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.*”

Colossians 1:28

Second Lesson

Micah 5:2–4

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth.

Hymn No. 201O Little Town of Bethlehem***Third Lesson**

Luke 1:26–38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

Musical Meditation*My Father in Heaven (Mary's Song)*

Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra

Joy Poole, soloist

Fourth Lesson

Luke 2:8–14

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. 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. 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. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

Hymn No. 214Angels We Have Heard on High***Fifth Lesson**

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In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. 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, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. 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.

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