

Joy



Living Faith Together... We're Glad You're Here!

Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 15, 2024

10:00 am

FPC | **First Presbyterian Church** | myfpc.org

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Prelude	FPC Praise Band
Life at FPC	Christa Schmeelk, Director of Engagement
Welcome	Pastor Will Wilson
Musical Call to Worship: <i>Hungry</i>	FPC Praise Band
*Call to Worship: <i>Light the Candle of Joy</i>	Tardif Family
*Opening Hymn: <i>Savior of the Nations, Come</i> , Hymn #14	
*Prayer of Confession	Pastor Ben Ehrets
*Hearing the Good News of God	
*Passing the Peace	
Children's Moment	Christa Schmeelk
Anthem: <i>Come Lord Jesus</i>	FPC Praise Band
Today's Scripture Reading: Mark 6:45-52	Pastor Will
Sermon	
*Affirmation of Faith	Pastor Ben
Offertory & The Gift of Giving	
*Doxology: <i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i> , Hymn #592	
Farewell Celebration: For Christa Schmeelk	
	Pastor Will & Amy Chavez, Personnel Elder
Joys and Concerns	
Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer	
*Closing Hymn: <i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i> , Hymn #9	
*Benediction	Pastor Will
*Postlude	FPC Praise Band

Please join us after worship for
cake and coffee to celebrate Christa!

*Congregation is invited to stand at this time.

Call to Worship

Today we relight the candle of hope..... and the candle of peace. And for the first time, we light the candle of Joy! The Shepherds were joyful to hear that the Rescuer had come and we have this very same joy today.

Jesus has come into the world and has given us Joy that will fuel us and will overflow to others.

We rejoice in the hope of Christ's coming. Let us worship God together!

Prayer of Confession

God of salvation, in Christ you have done great things— our hearts are filled with joy. By your power you lifted us out of the wasteland of sin and brought us with joy and laughter into your kingdom. Salvation is your gift to us. But we confess that often we try to replace your gift with our own efforts. We try to complete what is already perfect; we try to add to what is already full; we try to earn what we already have. Forgive us for our foolishness. Help us to focus on your grace. Help us to live grateful lives in return. For Jesus' sake alone, Amen.

We want to pray for you.

Please send your prayer request via email to prayerlist@myfpc.org. It will be passed along to the Pastors and, if you would like, included in the FPC weekly prayer list.

We are a Stephen Ministry Church. If you would like to talk with a trained listener, please contact the church office at 608-949-9445 or info@myfpc.org.

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Welcome to Sundays at FPC

- 9AM** Sunday School age 3-Adult.
Available from September to May
- 10AM** Worship Service: Communion is served on the first Sunday of each month.
- 11AM** Following worship, join us for Fellowship and Coffee

Parents:

Help yourself to the **red Busy Bags** in the Lobby for our younger worshippers.

The Wiggle Room is available for any youngster needing it. It is located on the other side of the one-way glass and equipped with toys and books where you can also hear the sermon.

The Nursery (0-3 years) is available during service from 10-11am in room 200.

All are welcome here!

Pastor Will Wilson

Pastor Ben K. Ehrets

December 15, 2024

What's Happening at FPC

- All men are invited to gather with the **FPC Men's Ministry** for an evening of fellowship, dinner, and holiday cheer on Wednesday, **Dec. 18th at Lone Girl Brewing in Waunakee at 6:30 PM.** RSVP to David Sliwicki via email at david.sliwicki@gmail.com
- **Share the Joy!** This year, we'd like to share some Christmas cards with our congregation! If you are planning on sending Christmas cards this year, please bring one in for your church family. There is a display wall in the lobby, where you can hang it up for all to enjoy. We are looking forward to seeing all your smiling faces on our Christmas card display!
- **2025 Giving Envelopes are ready for pickup!** Find them on the table near the Christmas Tree in the lobby. Need envelopes? You can request them there, too!
- **FPC Church office will be closed** December 24, 25 & 26 for Christmas! And January 1 for New Year's Day!

Joys and Concerns

- **Bruce Schewe** had knee replacement surgery last Monday. Prayers for successful surgery and comfort in recovery.

Son of the HIGHEST

DECEMBER 15

Joy

DECEMBER 22

Love

Christmas Eve Services

December 24 | 4pm

Candlelight service with Communion

December 24 | 7pm

Candlelight service with

Choir, Joyful Noise & Yahara String Quartet



Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 18 | 7-8:15pm

All middle and high school students are invited to join us in the FPC Youth Space for an evening of fun, food, and friends. Feel free to dress festively!

Children's Nativity Service

Sunday, December 22 | 4-4:30pm

Kids can dress up, sing, narrate, or share musical talents. Rehearsal is during Sunday School on Dec. 22, 9-9:50am; performance is 4:00pm.

PARENTS: Please use the QR code above to sign up, but ALL are invited to come watch!

Epiphany Celebration!

Sunday, January 5 | 11:00am

We are hosting an Epiphany Celebration during our fellowship time after service in the Lobby. Come enjoy some "King's Cake" and see if you find a baby Jesus in your piece! Epiphany occurs after the 12 days of Christmas. This "Three Kings Day" celebrates the "Wisemen" part of the Christmas story. Kids can pick up an Epiphany Activity bag as well! All are welcome!



Live Nativity

Friday, December 20 | 6-8pm | Saturday, December 21 | 5-8pm

This beloved annual FPC tradition will be open to the community to come see this majestic scene of Christ's birth. This year, we will host a two-night event!

EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES in Student Ministry!

Winter Retreat



Get ready for an amazing weekend! Enjoy fun games, uplifting music, group time, and free time with friends sledding, playing broomball, a giant swing, and much more!

Register by Dec. 31 and save!

Feb 7-9



Confirmation Journey

This is chance for high school students to dig deeper in their faith, have fun doing it, and be surrounded with their peers who are doing the same!



Registration deadline is December 20th!

Jan 19 - April 29



Guatemala Mission Trip



Join us on a life-changing adventure, strengthening your relationship with God and our team while we build a house for a deserving family. Together, let's create hope and homes!

June 15-21



**Questions? Contact Ezra Schmeelk,
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