

SUN 11 AM
DECEMBER 29, 2024

Worship Service for THE LORD'S DAY
FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS



TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

FOX CHAPEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*As a community of Christ's disciples, we joyfully participate
in Christ's mission of love and peace, transformation and hope.*

Welcome to Worship

Words printed in **bold** are for the congregation to speak in unison.

* An invitation to rise in body or spirit.

PRELUDE

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

WELCOME AND INVITATIONS

Rev. Rebecca DePoe

INTROIT

On This Day Earth Shall Ring

PERSONENT HODIE

His the doom, ours the mirth; when he came down to earth Bethlehem saw his birth; ox and ass beside him from the cold would hide him. Ideo, ideo, ideo gloria in excelsis Deo!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Nikki Rosswog

Praise the Lord!
Let the heavens declare God's glory,
the sun, the moon, and the shining stars—
all creation sings God's praise!

**Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!
From the highest mountains to the deepest seas,
we join our voices with all that is.
Praise the Lord!**

Praise the Lord, you angels and all heavenly hosts,
praise the Lord, you sun and moon!
Praise the Lord, all you shining stars!
Praise the Lord, you waters above the skies!

**Let all creation, from the earth to the heavens,
echo the glory of our Creator!
Praise the Lord, all you creatures,
all you peoples, everywhere!**

*HYMN 147 (verses 1, 2, 5, 6)

The First Nowell

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INVITATION TO SILENT PRAYER AND CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You have called us to be your chosen people, holy and dearly loved. But we confess that we have not always lived up to this calling. We have failed to clothe ourselves in compassion, choosing judgment over mercy, and pride over humility. We have not shown kindness to those who need it most, and we have been quick to anger rather than slow to patience. Forgive us, O Lord. Clothe us again in your compassion and mercy. Teach us to bear with one another and forgive, as you have forgiven us in Christ. Fill our hearts with your peace, and let your word dwell richly within us, that we may sing with gratitude in our hearts, and live out the love of Christ in all that we do. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news: As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, we are forgiven in Christ. God clothes us with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

All are invited to exchange signs of reconciliation and peace with others.

SCRIPTURE READING

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 148 (OT, pg. 582)

Rich Lockwood

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children attending Kids' Church may follow Pastor Lori.

Rev. Lori Bass-Riley

SCRIPTURE READING

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Luke 2:41-52 (NT, pg. 59)

SERMON

Unusual Messengers

Rev. Rebecca DePoe

***HYMN 145**

What Child is This

GREENSLEEVES

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

Please complete a connect card and place it in the offering plate.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

***DOXOLOGY**

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN 136**

Go, Tell It on The Mountain

GO TELL IT

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Danish Amen
Amen, amen, amen.

***POSTLUDE**

Participants Today

Rev. Rebecca DePoe, Designated Associate Pastor (rebecca@fcpc.us)
Rev. Lori Bass-Riley, Minister of Children and Families (lori@fcpc.us)
S.C. Toe, Minister of Music (sc@fcpc.us)
Nikki Rosswog, Minister of Congregational Care (nikki@fcpc.us)
Rich Lockwood, Lay Scripture Reader
Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir
Wilberta Pickett, Guest Pianist
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Don Moyer, Caretaker (don@fcpc.us)

For Children and Families during 11:00 AM Worship

Children of all ages are welcome to remain in worship with their families, and we provide the following opportunities for children and families:

Children age 3 to 5th grade are invited to sign up for Kids' Church prior to worship near the entry to the Sanctuary. Children may join Pastor Lori at the front of the Sanctuary for a Children's Message during worship (except on the first Sunday of the month). Following the Children's Message, children are led to the Lowest Level, where parents/guardians can pick them up following worship.

Nursery care is available for ages 0-3 in Room 109 (near the main entrance).

The Comfort Space is available in Room 107 (next to the Nursery) to comfort or feed a child and watch the worship service via livestream.

HEARING DEVICES are available in the Sanctuary. Ask an usher for assistance.
If you have a hearing aid that has the T-Coil activated, please ask for a T-Coil neckloop receiver.

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