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**The Lord's Day**  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2018

*In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>And all went to be registered, each to his own town. <sup>4</sup>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, <sup>5</sup>to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. <sup>6</sup>And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. <sup>7</sup>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.*

*<sup>8</sup>And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, Who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup>And this will be a sign for you: you will find a Baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,*

*<sup>14</sup>"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!"*

*<sup>15</sup>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." <sup>16</sup>And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Baby lying in a manger. <sup>17</sup>And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this Child. <sup>18</sup>And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.*

*<sup>21</sup>And at the end of eight days, when He was circumcised, He was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.*

– Luke 2:1-21

**This Week at FPCC**

**Sunday, December 23**

10:30 AM Worship Service Sanctuary

**Monday, December 24**

*Offices Closed*

4:15 PM Choir Rehearsal Choir Room  
5:00 PM Christmas Eve Communion Service

**Tuesday, December 25**

*Offices Closed*

**Wednesday, December 26**

**Thursday, December 27**

**Friday, December 28**

8:30 AM Salvation Army Ministry  
12:00 PM Card-E-Ology, Tower 10<sup>th</sup> Floor

**Saturday, December 29**

**Sunday, December 30**

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**Prelude**

Judy Glass and Sigrid Luther

"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" arr. by John Innes

**Preparing Our Hearts and Minds for Worship**

Adult Choir

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel/Emmanuel" arr. by Bruce Greer

**†Call to Worship** (*To be read responsively*)

Rev. Tim Tinsley

*Isaiah 7:14, 9:2*

Leader: Therefore the LORD Himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

**People: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.**

**†Hymns**

No. 195 (vv. 1-4)  
"Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come"  
No. 214 (vv. 1-3)  
"Angels We Have Heard on High"

**†Prayer of Adoration**

Rev. Tim Tinsley

**The Lord's Prayer**

Rev. Tim Tinsley

**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**

No. 204 (vv. 1,3)  
"Away in a Manger"

## **Affirmation of Faith** *(To be read in unison)*

Elder Steve Dunn

*Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven; and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic (universal) church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **Confession of Sin** *(To be read in unison)*

Elder Steve Dunn

Lord God, our lives are filled with sin. We forget our neighbor's needs and do not love You above all else. We need You as our Savior today. Jesus, please help us to be ready for You in our own hearts. O come, O come, Savior of the world. Amen.

## **Private Confession**

## **Prayer for God's People**

Elder Steve Dunn

## **Offertory**

Adult Choir and Laurie Eismeier

“Mary, Did You Know?” arr. by Bruce Greer

Mary, did you know that your baby boy would one day walk on water? Mary, did you know that your baby boy would save our sons and daughters? Did you know that your baby boy has come to make you new? This Child that you delivered will soon deliver you. Mary, did you know?

Mary, did you know that your baby boy will give sight to the blind man? Mary, did you know that your baby boy would calm a storm with His hand? Did you know that your baby boy has walked where angels trod? And when you kiss your little baby, you have kissed the face of God? Mary, did you know?

The blind will see; the deaf will hear; the dead will live again! The lame will leap; the dumb will speak the praises of the Lamb!

Mary, did you know that your baby boy is Lord of all creation? Mary, did you know that your baby boy will one day rule the nations? Did you know that your baby boy was heaven's perfect Lamb? And the sleeping child you're holding is the Great I Am! I AM!

## **Baptism**

Rev. Tim Tinsley

*Meade Powell, son of Trey & Laurel Powell*

## **†Greeting of Peace**

*Children will remain in the sanctuary with their families for this special time together as a corporate body.*

## **†Advent Doxology**

The musical score is for the Advent Doxology, set in a key with two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature. It consists of four staves. The first two staves are for the vocal line, and the last two are for the piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord. A-men." The word "Refrain" is written above the first staff.

## **†Lighting of Advent Candle**

Woods Family

Leader: Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Leader: Today is the Fourth Sunday of Advent, and we lit the Candle of Joy.

## **†Scripture Reading**

Luke 2:1-21 (pg. 857 in pew Bible)

## **Sermon**

Rev. Tim Tinsley

“The Birth of Jesus, Who Is the Christ”

## **†Closing Hymn**

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

No. 208 (vv. 1,4)

## **†The Benediction**

Rev. Tim Tinsley

## **Postlude**

“In Dulce Jubilo” by J.S. Bach

Judy Glass, Organ

†The Congregation will please stand.

*The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. Lawrence H. Lassiter by Mrs. Lawrence Lassiter, Charlotte McNally, Lynn Lassiter-Kendrick, and Charles Lassiter. “For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.” Luke 2:11*

*(Flowers will NOT be arranged and delivered following the late worship service today, so that they can be enjoyed during the CHRISTmas Eve Communion Service.)*

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## **Sermon Notes:**