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**First Presbyterian Church
December 10, 2023 | Second Advent Sunday**

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Pastor Larry Thorson

***HYMN**

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

#143

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Ken and Cindy Newman

***HYMN**

“We Come, O Christ, to You”

#117 (1&5)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Steve Nelson

Lord Christ, we confess our willingness to be loved but also our reluctance to love. We confess our readiness to accept your forgiving love but also our refusal to forgive. We confess our eagerness to grasp your offer of redeeming love but also our resistance to follow you without question. In this Advent time, forgive us our failure to respond as we should. Come to us anew, and by your grace, assist us to receive you with joy as the shepherds did long before us. Now search our hearts that nothing may separate us from you as we confess to you in silence.

SILENT TIME OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Steve Nelson

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who lives in Christ becomes a new creation. When the old life has gone; a new life begins. Friends, believe the gospel.

PRAISE SONG

“I Will Celebrate”

Praise Team

***PASSING THE PEACE**

Steve Nelson

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: AND ALSO WITH YOU!

SCRIPTURE READING

Micah 5:1-4

Steve Nelson

SONG

“The Little Drummer Boy”

Congregation & Praise Team

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2:1-12

MESSAGE "The Little Drummer Boy" Pastor Larry Thorson
SONG "The Little Drummer Boy" Praise Team
APOSTLES' CREED Steve Nelson
RESPONSE TO GOD'S GOODNESS "What Child is This?" Son Ringers

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE OFFERING (Unison) Steve Nelson
As we bring our offerings to you, we give back to you from the abundant blessings you have given us. May our gifts be acceptable in your sight, O Lord our God. Blessings and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honor, and power and strength, be unto you our God forever and ever. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SHARING OF PRAISES AND PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

***HYMN** "What Can I Give Him?" #154

***THE BENEDICTION**

*We invite all to stand either in body or in spirit.

Serving in Worship

Steve Nelson, Greeter and Liturgist

Janelle Herrera, Music Director, Praise Team Co-Leader

Ian-Carl Floirendo, AV Director, Son Ringers Director, Praise Team Co-Leader

Tan Sang, Pianist

Team: Daniel Williams, Sophie Schoepp, Janelle Herrera, Ian-Carl Floirendo

Benji Bhattacharya, AV Assistant

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Week at FPCMV

Today/Sunday	9:00am	Bible Study on Isaiah/Chapel & Zoom (TBA for December 17, IF they meet it will be in the Library.
	10:00am	Worship Gathering/informal gathering with Pastor Larry Son Ringers rehearsal
Thursday	7:30pm	Choir Rehearsal/Chapel
Friday	4:30pm	Little Acorn Party/Carols and Santa Claus
	5-7pm	Open House/Libby Boatwright
	7:00pm	Christmas Party/Manse

*The Zoom links are in the weekly emails. Contact the office at 650.968.4473 or firstpresbyterian@fpcmv.org and Margie will place you on the list.

Christmas Caroling | Today at 5pm | Hosted by the Deacons

Dress warm and let's give our neighbors some Christmas cheer. Meet at the chapel. We will walk to nearby neighborhood Sladky Avenue and end at the Church Manse (1110 Cuesta Avenue).

Open House | Friday, December 15 from 5pm-7pm Saturday, December 16 from 5pm-7pm

Libby Boatwright is inviting you to her home at 2420 Our Lane, Mountain View (cross street Eunice) to enjoy viewing 135 nativities from all over the world.

Please come and enjoy snacks, dessert and this remarkable collection.

Please RSVP to etboat2b@aol.com

Christmas Party at the Manse | December 15 at 7pm

Everyone is invited to a Christmas Party at the Manse (1110 Cuesta Avenue). We will enjoy games, the movie *White Christmas*, and refreshments.

