

# First Presbyterian Church

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**GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

<b>PRELUDE</b>		Tan Sang
<b>WELCOME</b>		Pastor Larry Thorson
<b>*SONG</b>	“Away in a Manger”	Praise Team
<b>LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES</b>	Kathleen Jarvis and Ron Breedlove	
<b>SONG</b>	“God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen”	Praise Team
<b>PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)</b>		Kathleen Jarvis
<p>Lord Jesus Christ, at your birth the angels gave glory to God in the highest heaven, and offered peace on earth to all humankind. We struggle to follow the heavenly host. All too often we focus on giving glory to ourselves, trying to impress our friends, coworkers, and family. We make no move to further peace in our polarized world; we forget that you have called us to be ambassadors of reconciliation. Forgive us for these and all our sins, and strengthen us to join the angels' song. Hear us as we continue to confess in silence now.</p>		
<b>SILENT TIME OF CONFESSION</b>		
<b>ASSURANCE OF PARDON</b>		Kathleen Jarvis
<p>The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.</p>		
<b>SONG</b>	“I Will Celebrate”	Praise Team
<b>*PASSING THE PEACE</b>		Kathleen Jarvis
<p><b>Leader:</b> May the peace of Christ be with you. <b>People: AND ALSO WITH YOU!</b></p>		
<b>SCRIPTURE READING</b>	Psalm 98	Kathleen Jarvis
<b>ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION</b>		Jerry Kixmoeller

<b>SCRIPTURE READING</b>	John 1:14-18	Jerry Kixmoeller
<b>SONG</b>	“Joy to the World”	#125 (verse 1)
<b>MESSAGE</b>	“Joy! to the World”	Pastor Larry Thorson
<b>SONG</b>	“Joy to the World”	Praise Team
<b>APOSTLES’ CREED</b>		Kathleen Jarvis
<b>RESPONSE TO GOD’S GOODNESS</b>		Chancel Choir
	“Do You Hear What I Hear?”	

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE OFFERING (Unison)** Kathleen Jarvis  
**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**

**\*HYMN** “Go Tell it on the Mountain” Praise Team

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

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

**Serving in Worship**

Marie Casey, Greeter | Kathleen Jarvis and Jerry Kixmoeller, Liturgists  
 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 10:00am	Bible Study on Isaiah/Chapel & Zoom Worship Gathering/informal gathering with Pastor Larry Cookie Exchange/Chapel Worship Committee Meeting/Library Son Ringers rehearsal/timing shared in service.
Thursday	7:30pm	Choir Rehearsal/Chapel

\*The Zoom links are in the weekly emails. Contact the office at 650.968.4473 or [firstpresbyterian@fpcmv.org](mailto:firstpresbyterian@fpcmv.org) and Margie will place you on the list.

### Sunday Morning Bible Study

9am | Chapel

December 24 and December 31

**Immanuel ~ God Is With us.**

Pastor Larry and Jerry Kixmoeller  
will lead a time of sharing God's Word.

The Isaiah Bible Study will resume January 7 at 9am

## CHRISTMAS EVE

10AM WORSHIP SERVICE

7PM CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP SERVICE

## NEW YEAR'S EVE DAY

10AM WORSHIP SERVICE