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GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

Tan Sang

WELCOME

Pastor Larry Thorson

"Away in a Manger" Praise Team *SONG

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES Kathleen Jarvis and Ron Breedlove

"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" SONG Praise Team

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

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.

SILENT TIME OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Kathleen Jarvis 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.

SONG	"I Will Celebrate"	Praise Team
*PASSING THE PEACE Leader: May the pea People: AND ALSO	ice of Christ be with you. WITH YOU!	Kathleen Jarvis
SCRIPTURE READING	Psalm 98	Kathleen Jarvis
ORDINATION AND INSTA	Jerry Kixmoeller	

Kathleen Jarvis

SCRIPTURE READINGJohn 1:14-18Jerry KixmoellerSONG"Joy to the World"#125 (verse 1)MESSAGE"Joy! to the World"Pastor Larry ThorsonSONG"Joy to the World"Praise TeamAPOSTLES' CREEDKathleen Jarvis

RESPONSE TO GOD'S GOODNESS

"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

Chancel Choir

***THE BENEDICTION**

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

Serving in Worship

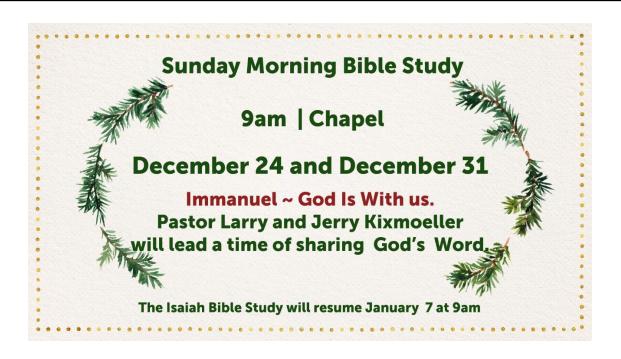
Marie Casey, Greeter | Kathleen Jarvis and Jerry Kixmoeller, Liturgists Janelle Hererra, Music Director, Praise Team Co-Leader Ian-Carl Floirendo, AV Director, Son Ringers Director, Praise Team Co-Leader Tan Sang, Pianist Team: Daniel Williams, Sophie Schoepp, Janelle Hererra, Ian-Carl Floirendo Benji Bhattacharya, AV Assistant

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		Week at FPCMV
Today/Sunday	9:00am	Bible Study on Isaiah/Chapel & Zoom
	10:00am	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 and Margie will place you on the list.





10am Worship Service 7pm Candlelight Worship Service

NEW YEAR'S EVE DAY

10AM WORSHIP SERVICE