



First Presbyterian Church

CHRISTMAS EVE DAY

December 24, 2023 at 10am | Fourth Advent Sunday

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

- PRELUDE** Tan Sang
- WELCOME** Pastor Larry Thorson
- *PRAISE SONG** "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" Praise Team
- LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES** The Bhattacharya Family
- *HYMN** "What Child is This?" #137 (1 & 3)
- PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)** Tom Perloff
God of tender mercies, we admit that sometimes we don't know what to do with ourselves. We anger at the slightest insult and imagine great vengeance upon those who wronged us. We laze about in the good news of our faith and do not consider the deep commitment of faith. We care for ourselves but not for others. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive us, help us to repent, and make us whole. Amen.
- SILENT TIME OF CONFESSION**
- ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Tom Perloff
Hear the good news of Christmas. Today God reveals to us the wonders of divine love. For unto us a Child is born; unto us a Son is given. His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.
- *SONG** "I Will Celebrate" Praise Team
- *PASSING THE PEACE** Tom Perloff
Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.
People: AND ALSO WITH YOU!
- SCRIPTURE READING** Psalm 130:1-8 Tom Perloff

***HYMN** "O Holy Night!" #148
SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:12-20 Tom Perloff
MESSAGE "O Holy Night!" Pastor Larry Thorson
***APOSTLES' CREED** Tom Perloff
RESPONSE TO GOD'S GOODNESS "Peace, Peace" Chancel Choir

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE OFFERING (Unison) Tom Perloff
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** "Angels We Have Heard on High" #132 (1 & 3)

***THE BENEDICTION**

*Please stand if you are able.

Serving in Worship

Bruce Edmundson, Greeter | Tom Perloff, 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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“Given in Memory of Loved Ones”

Today we wish to thank the following people that gave a beautiful plant(s) to bring cheer to a homebound person in our church family. Also, a donation was given for a new stand pulpit.

- Bruce Edmundson in memory of Carol Edmundson (poinsettia)
- Sandy Perloff in memory of Michael Perloff (poinsettia)
- Frank Pickens in memory of his mother, Helen Pickens (new pulpit)

Christmas Joy Offering

The offering has been a cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s. Special offering envelopes are available today. Please place your donation in the offering plate, or visit the church website and select "Christmas Joy offering".

Week at FPCMV

Today/Sunday	9:00am	Bible Study on Isaiah/Library & Zoom
	10:00am	Worship on Christmas Eve Day
	7:00pm	Candlelight Christmas Eve Service
Next Sunday	9:00am	Bible Study on Isaiah/Library & Zoom
	10:00am	Worship on New Year's Eve Day

*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.

