

Announcements

Poinsettia orders will be received through December 21. If you would like to designate a poinsettia in honor or in memory of a loved one, please fill out the form which will be in the bulletin the next two Sundays. You can also e-mail Jeanne at mainoffice@fpcbillings.org or call the church at 252-3434. The cost is \$15 per poinsettia and a list of donors will be published on Christmas Eve and also in the January newsletter.

Angel Tree: Our Angel Tree is in the gallery with various tags to help people during this Christmas season. We will be helping three groups this Christmas through our Angel Tree: low income kids in our community, those served through the Presbyterian Mission Agency, and some of our shut-ins who have been isolated during this pandemic. We invite you to take a tag and then return the items before December 15. Questions? Talk to Sue Bentley or Pastor Dave.

Turning Point: Pastor Dave continues his class, *Turning Point* on Sundays at 9:15 AM. This three week class will be looking at the Old Testament book of Isaiah and discover why it provides a turning point in our faith. Although written 700 years before the birth of Jesus, the prophet Isaiah had the wonderful gift of being able to look ahead to what awaits us. Amid our pandemic, what can we learn from this book that enables us to look forward to what God has in store for us? This class will be held in the Fireside Room and will also be available online at www.facebook.com/fpcbillings.

Staying Encouraged: Our church is here to help you through this pandemic. Pastor Dave, Stephen Ministers, and Deacons are available to talk, pray, or read scripture with you via the telephone or in person. Feel free to use these resources as we want to help and encourage one another.

Pledge cards continue to be received. If you have yet to receive a pledge card, you can pick one up at the church or request that one be mailed to you. Thanks!

Zoom, Zoom, a Caroling will be held on Sunday, December 20 at 2:00 PM. Join Sandi Rabas and others for 45 minutes as we sing and share some of our favorite Christmas carols via Zoom. Watch for the Zoom link.

Christmas Eve services will be held on Thursday, December 24 at 5 PM and 10 PM. Due to the pandemic, we are asking people to attend just one service. Both of the services will include carols, candle lighting, and a message of hope. Both will also be streamed on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/fpcbillings.

Sanctuary flowers: Our flower sign-up sheet for 2021 is now available to designate flowers in memory or honor of someone. Please find the sheet as you enter the sanctuary. Suggested donation is \$25.

Kids' Sunday School: Our children's Sunday school program is being offered on-line. Jaki Harada, a student at MSUB, is putting together a weekly lesson that is being sent out via e-mail.

Church Columbarium: Our church will be installing a columbarium next spring. There will be 30 niches available for purchase at \$1,000 per niche. Each niche can contain up to two urns. Please contact Sandi Schoenberger at 647-5685 if you are interested in learning more about this opportunity.



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December 13, 2020

Prelude *“Silent Night”* *Sandi Rabas and Joe Roy*

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: Come and see;

People: The One who comes to us as a baby in a manger.

Leader: Come and see;

People: The One who comes to bring us new life.

Leader: Come and see;

All: The One who comes to provide forgiveness and salvation. Let us come and worship the Lord!

***Christmas Carol # 41** *“O Come, All Ye Faithful”*

***Prayer of Confession (In Unison)**

Mighty and merciful God, you know us better than we know ourselves. You know our past sins and lingering faults. You know how we have hurt others with our words and actions. Yet, even in spite of these things, you have come to bring us new life. Through your grace we are renewed and restored. We praise you for this gift and seek your redemption. We ask these things through Jesus our Savior, Redeemer, and Friend. *(Continue in silent confession)*

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Song # 44** *“O Little Town of Bethlehem”* *(verse 4 only)*

Passing the Peace of Christ

L: May the peace of Christ be with you. **All: And also with you.**

Children’s Time

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Scripture: Isaiah 61:1-4 *pg. 691*

New Testament Scripture: Luke 2:21-32 *pg. 59*

Sermon Series: “Come to Bethlehem and See” *See Sermon Helps Part 3 of 4: “Rejoicing”*

***Christmas Carol # 40** *“Joy to the World”*

Worshipping God With Our Offerings

The Offertory *“He Shall Feed His Flock”*

***The Doxology** *pg. 592*

***Prayer of Dedication**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer (Debts/Debtors)

***Christmas Carol # 38** *“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”*

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Sandi Rabas and Joe Roy
“Angels We Have Heard on High”

*** Indicates to stand, if able and comfortable.**

Music license for use in worship and live streaming is provided via CCLI #20735174

Giving Mobile App: Check out our mobile giving app. You can simply text fpcbillings to 77977 and give a one-time gift or set up reoccurring gifts. If you have any questions, you can talk with Jeanne or Pastor Dave. We appreciate your generosity to our ministry!

This Week @ FPC

This Sunday (Dec. 13) *A Turning Point* class in the Fireside Room 9:15 AM
Worship service 10:30 AM
ReFuel Diesel Group meets in the Fireside Room 6:00 PM
ReFuel High Octane Group in the Conference Room 6:00 PM

Monday
Monday morning work crew 9:00 AM
Better Together Preschool 9-1
Worship Committee meets in the Fireside Room 10 AM
Men's Group meets in the Fireside Room 12noon
ReFuel Ethanol Group meets in the Fireside Room 2:00 PM

Tuesday
Men's Bible Study meets in the C & S Room 9:00 AM
Grief Support Group meets in the Conference Room 10 AM
ReFuel Nitrous Group meets in the Fireside Room 1:00 PM

Wednesday
Better Together Preschool 9-1
Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) Leaders' meeting 9:00 AM
PW Women's Groups meet at the Church 9:15 AM
PW Women's Groups meet at the Church 1:00 PM
InterVarsity College Ministry meets downstairs 5:30 PM
Youth Group Christmas Party for grades 6-12 6-8 PM
Young Adult Group at Trina White's 7:00 PM

Thursday
Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) 9:00 AM
Mission Committee meets in the Fireside Room 7:00 PM

Friday
Better Together Preschool 9-1

Sunday (Dec. 20) *A Turning Point* class in the Fireside Room 9:15 AM
Worship service 10:30 AM
Zoom, Zoom, a Caroling 2:00 PM
No ReFuel groups

Last Sunday: Attendance: 77 Offering: \$52,719.30
(Gift from the FPC Foundation: \$36,965)

Church Staff Information:

Ministers: All Members
Pastor: The Rev. Dave Thompson pastordave@fpcbillings.org
Office Manager: Jeanne Raney mainoffice@fpcbillings.org
Music Accompanist/Organist: Sandi Rabas
Choir Director: Janie Sutton
Custodian: Kent Fellingham

Sermon Helps

Designed to help you get the most out of the sermon

Sermon Series: "Come to Bethlehem and See"

Part 3 of 4: "Rejoicing"

A. Observations About Joy:

1. Where happiness is fleeting, joy is _____.
2. "Joy is the _____ that flies over the castle when the King is in residence." —Charles Swindoll
3. We cannot cure the world of sorrows, but we can _____ to live in joy.

B. Experiencing the Joy of Christmas:

1. Joy comes when we remember the _____ for Christmas. (v. 21)
2. Joy is found when we experience _____ in the eternal arms of Christ. (v. 29)
3. Joy is realized when we see _____ with our own eyes. (v. 30)

C. Thought to Take With You:

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope."

—Romans 15:13

Sermon series: "Come to Bethlehem and See"

Date	Theme	Scripture
December 20	Returning	Matthew 2:1-12