

We welcome to the waters of baptism this Sunday Izabella Grace Lafko, infant daughter of Ryan Lafko and Mariah Martinez

Advent devotionals are available for free in the gallery. Titled *Prepare Ye*, these devotionals include a daily scripture verse, meditation, and prayer. You can stop by and pick one up anytime. If you would like to have one mailed to you, please contact the church office.

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 Dec. 14. Questions? Talk to Sue Bentley or Pastor Dave.

New Class: Pastor Dave will begin a new Sunday school class titled, *A Turning Point* on Sunday, December 6. 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 600 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 at 9:15 AM 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!

Pay It Forward Campaign continues as we are giving out \$10 to anyone who would like the money. We ask that you use the money as seed money to pay-it-forward by helping an individual, family, or group. For those who are not attending church, money is available in the church office if you would like to stop in or we can bring it to you if you would like.

Sanctuary flowers this Sunday are given by Bruce and Bernice Phillips in celebration of their 61st wedding anniversary on November 28. Our flower sign-up sheet is 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. Let Pastor Dave know if you would like to be included in this 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 29, 2020

Prelude *Sandi Rabas, accompanist*

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship:

Leader: "Come to Bethlehem and see;

People: Him whose birth the angels sing;

Leader: Come, adore on bended knee;

All: Christ, the Lord, the newborn King." We come into your presence with joy and thanksgiving.

*Christmas Carol # 23 *"Angels We Have Heard in High"*

*Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

Bill Lorentz

Holy God, stir into our lives something new during this advent season. It is easy to become set in our ways and get into the same routines. Draw us into this amazing story of your birth and the new life you bring. Help us to repent and open ourselves to your leading. Stir our hearts and move us to action through the redeeming nature of Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Please continue in silent personal 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

Bill Lorentz

Old Testament Scripture: Isaiah 64:1-9 *pg. 694*

New Testament Scripture: Luke 2:1-7 *pg. 58*

Sermon Series: *"Come to Bethlehem and See" See Sermon Helps Part 1: "Recognizing"*

*Christmas Carol # 31 *"Hark! The Herold Angels Sing"*

Baptism of Izabella Grace Lafko

Worshipping God With Our Offerings

The Offertory

*The Doxology *pg. 592*

*Prayer of Dedication

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (Debts/Debtors)

*Christmas Carol # 29 *"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"*

*Benediction

*Postlude

Sandi Rabas, accompanist

* 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 (Nov. 29)

No Sunday school class
Worship service 10:30 AM
Baptism of Izabella Grace Lafko during worship
No ReFuel Diesel Group
No ReFuel High Octane Group

Monday

Monday morning work crew 9:00 AM
Better Together Preschool 9-1
Kiwanis group meets in the Fellowship Hall 9:30 AM
ReFuel Ethanol Group meets in the Fireside Room 2:00 PM
Deacons meeting in the Fireside Room 6:00 PM

Tuesday

Men's Bible study meets in the C & S Room 9:00 AM
Property Committee meeting in the Library 12noon
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
Grief Support Group meets in the Conference Room 10:00 AM
InterVarsity College Ministry meets downstairs 5:30 PM
Youth Group 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
Christian Education meeting in the Fireside Room 7:00 PM

Friday

Better Together Preschool 9-1

Sunday (Dec. 6)

Food Bank Sunday– bring items for the food pantry
A Turning Point class begins in the Fireside Room 9:15 AM
Worship service 10:30 AM
Communion served during worship
ReFuel Diesel Group meets in the Fireside Room 6:00 PM
ReFuel High Octane Group in the Conference Room 6 PM

Last Sunday: Attendance: 68

Offering: \$ 7,972.65

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 1 of 4: "Recognizing"

God's Plan for Bethlehem:

1. God choreographed this plan using _____ political, social, and economic factors.
2. The Lord works best in _____ and unassuming ways.
3. God enters our world through an _____ couple in the form of a vulnerable baby.
4. Regardless of who we are, we are _____ to Bethlehem to meet our Savior.

Thought to Take With You:

"My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, says the Lord." —Isaiah 55:8

Sermon series: "Come to Bethlehem and See"

Date	Theme	Scripture
December 6	Responding	Luke 2:8-20
December 13	Rejoicing	Luke 2:21-32
December 20	Returning	Matthew 2:1-12