

**Communion invitation:** All are invited to share with us in the sacrament of communion this Sunday.

**Food Bank Sunday** will be recognized this Sunday for the food bank at Skyview High School We invite you to bring items for the Billings Food Bank on the first Sunday of each month.

**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 three Sundays. You can also e-mail Jeanne at [mainoffice@fpcbillings.org](mailto: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 Dec. 14. Questions? Talk to Sue Bentley or Pastor Dave.

**New Class:** Pastor Dave continues his class, *A 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 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 in the Fireside Room and will also be available online at [www.facebook.com/fpcbillings](http://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, Caroling** will be held on Sunday, December 20 at 2 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.

**Sanctuary flowers:** 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.

**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 6, 2020**

**Prelude** *Kerry Gruizenga, pianist*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship:**

*Leader: Come and worship,*

**People:** Christ who came to live among us.

*Leader: Come and worship,*

**People:** The One who came to take away our sins.

*Leader: Come and worship,*

**All:** Jesus, who invites us to a new way of life.

**\*Christmas Carol # 9** *“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”*

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

Holy God, Lord of power and might; heaven and earth are full of your glory. We come together this morning to worship you. Draw us into your presence so that we may know of your purpose and peace. Help us to grow closer to you during this Advent season and to rest in your holiness. We pray these things through God incarnate, Jesus our Lord. *(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 40:1-11** *pg. 667*

**New Testament Scripture: Luke 2:8-20** *pg. 58*

**Sermon Series: “Come to Bethlehem and See”** *See Sermon Helps Part 2 of 4: “Responding”*

**\*Christmas Carol** *“Emmanuel, Emmanuel”*

**Worshipping God With Our Offerings**

**The Offertory**

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

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Celebration of the Lord’s Supper**

**Invitation to the Table**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving & Lord’s Prayer**

**Words of Institution**

**Prayer Following the Lord's Supper**

**\*Christmas Carol** *“Do You Hear What I Hear?”*

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

*Kerry Gruizenga, pianist*

**\* 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. 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 6:00 PM

**Monday** Monday morning work crew 9:00 AM  
Better Together Preschool 9-1  
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  
ReFuel Nitrous Group meets in the Fireside Room 1:00 PM  
Special Presbytery Meeting 1:00 PM  
Session meeting in the Fireside Room 7:00 PM

**Wednesday** Better Together Preschool 9-1  
Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) Leaders’ meeting 9:00 AM  
PW Board meeting in the Fireside Room 9:30 AM  
Real Life Issues 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

**Friday** Better Together Preschool 9-1

**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

Last Sunday: Attendance: 97      Offering: \$5,002

## Church Staff Information:

Ministers: All Members  
Pastor: The Rev. Dave Thompson [pastordave@fpcbillings.org](mailto:pastordave@fpcbillings.org)  
Office Manager: Jeanne Raney [mainoffice@fpcbillings.org](mailto: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 2 of 4: “Responding”*

### A. Observations About Responding:

1. *“If there are a thousand \_\_\_\_\_ between us and God, He will take all but one. He will leave the final one for us. The choice is ours.”*  
-Max Lucado

2. Now is a good time to come \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

3. \_\_\_\_\_ is our most natural response to God.

### B. Responding to Bethlehem:

1. We are all \_\_\_\_\_ to come to Bethlehem.

2. Jesus was first \_\_\_\_\_ in a very common and approachable place.

3. We should be \_\_\_\_\_ when we come into God’s presence.

4. Meeting Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ a flame inside the shepherds to tell others what they had seen.

### C. Thought to Take With You:

*“Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in love.” —Joel 2:12*

*Sermon series: “Come to Bethlehem and See”*

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