



Glorify God, grow disciples, and meet the needs of our neighbors.

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Claire de Lune

Claude Debussy

Katia Dinas

*I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"
For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good. Psalm 122:1,9*

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE

Frank Fehmel & Nancy Smith; Lighters

Readers: In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills.

People: **For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.**
(Lighting of the first candle)

Readers: The Lord shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

People: **Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!**

◆ OPENING HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

GTG 88

VENI EMMANUEL

CALL TO CONFESSION

Frank Fehmel, Lay Liturgist

We do not wait well. We are more interested in the season of holiday than a season of waiting.
Yet, God still comes to us in our stubbornness. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God of the future, O Giver of the way forward, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We have accepted lies as truth, we have been apathetic towards our neighbors, we continue to abuse the earth, we misunderstand your justice and peace. In your mercy forgive us. Grant us wisdom to wait, watch, and welcome your way, and to seek the things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world. In his name we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The God for whom we wait has birthed salvation for us and for our neighbors in Jesus Christ.
This is our way forward! Give thanks to the Lord! Call on God's name.

In the Spirit and with joy, we draw water from the springs of salvation.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, we have been found, we have been made whole.

◆ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GTG 582

GLORY TO GOD

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

HEARING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANTHEM

Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow

Mark Hayes

*Rise up, Rise up, Rise up, Rise up, Rise up, shepherd, rise up, shepherd,
Rise up, shepherd, rise up, shepherd, Rise up, shepherd, and follow.*

*There's a star, there's a star, there's a star. There's a star in the east on Christmas morn.
Rise up, shepherd, and follow. It will lead to the place where the Christ was born. Rise up, shepherd, and follow.*

*There's a star in the east on Christmas morn. Rise up, shepherd, and follow. It will lead to the place
where the Christ was born. Rise up, shepherd, and follow. Follow, follow, rise up, shepherd, and follow.
Follow the star of Bethlehem. Rise up, shepherd, and follow.*

*If you take good heed to the angel's words, Rise up, shepherd, and follow, You'll forget your flocks,
you'll forget your herds. Rise up, shepherd, and follow. Follow, follow, rise up, shepherd, and follow.
Follow the start of Bethlehem. Rise up, shepherd, and follow.*

*Rise up, rise up, rise up and follow. Shepherd, rise up, rise up, rise up and follow.
Follow the star of Bethlehem. Rise up, shepherd, and follow.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Matthew 24:36-44

SECOND READING

Romans 13:11-14

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Ken Ritchie

"Putting on the Light"

RESPONDING

◆ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Theological Declaration of Barmen, 8.17

The Christian Church is the congregation of the brethren in which Jesus Christ acts presently as the Lord in Word and Sacrament through the Holy Spirit. As the Church of pardoned sinners, it has to testify in the midst of a sinful world, with its faith as with its obedience, with its message as with its order, that it is solely his property, and that it lives and wants to live solely from his comfort and from his direction in the expectation of his appearance.

◆ HYMN OF MEDITATION

Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

GTG 97

ABERYSTWYTH

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you**

OFFERING

Offertory

La Tambourin

Jean-Philippe Rameau

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

GTG 606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

**Faithful God, your promises stand unshaken through all generations.
Renew us in hope, that we may be awake and alert as we watch for the glorious return of
Jesus Christ, our judge and Savior, through whom we pray. Amen.**

SENDING

◆ HYMN OF DEDICATION

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

GTG 132
IN DULCI JUBILO

◆ CHARGE & BENEDICTION

We will glorify God, grow disciples, and meet the needs of our neighbors.

◆ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (refrain only)

VENI EMMANUEL

◆ Stand as you are able

GTG-Glory to God Hymnal

Online giving is now available. Just scan the QR Code to the right with your smart phone or go to our website and click the "Give Now" button. www.FaithUnited-pc.com You will have the option to set up your giving profile. This will make it easy to login anytime you are ready to give, even designated giving like Special Offerings, Building Repairs or the Garage Fund.

You can also select to donate the 2% fee so Faith United does not incur it.



PRAYER LIST

Dale Durcholz, Mike Jones, Dennis Van Deventer, George & Mozelle Mills,
Greg Kaut (George & Moselle's son-in-law, David Duell

Homebound or Recovering: Charley Rae Furrh (Terri Russell's cousin)

Brighten a *child's* holiday.

TOY DRIVE

Each donated toy gives hope to a child of opening up at least one gift this holiday season.

Help by donating new unwrapped toys for children ages 1-18. Collect toys based on what you think a child or teenager would like or refer to our Most-Needed Toy list below.



Metrocrest Santa Store 2022!

Bring your New unwrapped gifts and put them in the designated location at the church.

If you cannot participate this way, call the church office for assistance. We will deliver the gifts to the Store on or shortly after Monday, 12/12.

Thank you for your donations!

MOST-NEEDED TOY ITEMS

- Sports & college apparel
- Electronics, video & board games
- Gym bags & sports equipment
- Wallets, jewelry, & watches
- Leggos
- Hair dryer, flat & curling irons
- Nail & cosmetic sets
- Perfume/cologne sets (AXE sets)
- Wal-Mart & Amazon gift cards
- Disney themed items
- Marvel themed items





LIVING IN HOPE

Pastor Ken will be offering a new midweek video devotional series throughout Advent based on the Advent readings from Isaiah, beginning November 30. Isaiah's messianic prophecies offer a lasting hope as we journey through these chaotic and uncertain days. This hope is based not in our ability to master our days and times, but in God who finds what is lost. This hope empowers us to wait for the God who is God in faithfulness. Each Wednesday during Advent a new episode will be posted on the church's Facebook page and YouTube channel. Invite your friends and neighbors to check out this new series!



Poinsettias 2022

As of 11/15/22

Deadline for ordering extended to 12/1/22

(Please notify church office if names or dedications are incorrect)



Given by

Dedication

Lorna Acker

- 1) In loving memory of Charlie Acker
- 2) In loving memory of Don Acker

Brenda Burkham

- 1) In memory of Lynn Echols
- 2) In memory of Jeff Wallace

Frank Fehmel

- 1) Jennifer Fehmel
- 2) Kathie Jo Babisak Fehmel
- 3) Grandparents

Kathleen Ferguson (2)

All Glory to God

Jeanne Haben (2)

In memory of Paul Haben

Joe & Amy Hinkle

- 1) In memory of Bob Hinkle
- 2) In memory of David Rutland
- 3) In memory of David Rutland

Courtland & Rich Lewis

- 1) In memory of our parents
- 2) In honor of our grandchildren

Sharon Meurer

- 1) In memory of John Marxer
- 2) In memory of David Youngstrum
- 3) In memory of Jack Walden

Kevin, Katie, & Nathan Miller

- 1) In memory of Doc & Nina Mecum
- 2) In memory of Carole Miller

David Pierce

- 1) In memory of John Marxer
- 2) In memory of Jane Louise McGee
- 3) In memory of Bob Hinkle

Richard & Diane Royer

In memory of Kenny Royer

Geraldine Shotswell

- 1) In remembrance of all my family members
- 2) Remembering my Faith United family

Nancy Smith

To the Glory of God



Order Form for Poinsettias/Deadline extended to Thursday, 12/1

Time to decorate for Advent! And time to place your order for Poinsettias. Please **print** your **specific** dedication/sentiment. You may mail this form with payment attached to the church office by **Thursday, 12/1**. Or complete an order card and place in the box in the Narthex. Please note **"Poinsettia"** in the memo section. Mail form & checks to **Faith United Presbyterian Church**, 12717 Marsh Lane, Farmers Branch, TX 75234.

I (we) wish to order _____ poinsettias at \$12.00 each. **Please check one:** _____
Quantity Payment (check #) Wish to pay later

Name(s): _____

Please print the following dedication(s) for my (our) Poinsettias.

1. _____ 2. _____

Faith United Presbyterian Church and Iglesia Presbiteriana Emmanuel

Join us for Knights of the North Castle VBS 2022!



The theme for this VBS is **Knights of the North Castle**. In their 2 weekend experience, campers will discover Ephesians 6:10, “Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His power” and put on the armor of God. Campers will armor up with Truth, Justice, Peace, Faith and Salvation.

The VBS program is setup for 2 continual Saturdays as a “parents’ day out” to allow the parents time for holiday shopping, decorating or a winder break. Children from 5 yrs to 10 yrs will participate in activities to deepen their faith and introduce them to the various types of armor God provides us to stand.

When

Saturday, December 3rd and Saturday, December 10th

From 9:30 am – 5:00 pm

Where

12717 Marsh Ln
Farmers Branch, TX 75234

Contact

Katie Miller
214-458-5212
katiemiller3540@gmail.com

How Can I help with VBS?

We are looking for joyful helpers to assist with crafts, snack and lunch time, decorating, and registration.

OPENING HYMN

88 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
 4 O come, thou Root of Jes - se, free thine own from



cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 all things might - i - ly: to us the path of knowl - edge
 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
 Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple



here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 show; and teach us in her ways to go. Re-joice! Re-joice!
 law in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
 save and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

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| <p>5 O come, thou Key of David, come,
 and open wide our heavenly home;
 make safe the way that leads on high,
 and close the path to misery.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 shall come to thee, O Israel.</p> | <p>6 O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
 our spirits by thine advent here;
 disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
 and death's dark shadows put to flight.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 shall come to thee, O Israel.</p> |
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- 7 O come, Desire of nations, bind
 all peoples in one heart and mind;
 bid envy, strife, and discord cease;
 fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 shall come to thee, O Israel.

One stanza of this paraphrase of the great O Antiphons may be sung on each of the last days of Advent as follows:

Dec. 17: O Wisdom (2)

Dec. 20: O Key of David (5)

Dec. 23: O Emmanuel (1)

Dec. 18: O Lord of might (3)

Dec. 21: O Dayspring (6)

Dec. 19: O Root of Jesse (4)

Dec. 22: O Desire of Nations (7)

These titles of the coming Christ appeared in daily Vesper antiphons sung during the week before Christmas; their roots date at least to the reign of Charlemagne. Both text and tune are the fruit of 19th-century efforts to reclaim Christian treasures from pre-Reformation sources.

Watchman, Tell Us of the Night 97

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 1 Watch-man, tell us of the night, what its signs of prom-ise are.
 2 Watch-man, tell us of the night; high-er yet that star as-cends.
 3 Watch-man, tell us of the night, for the morn-ing seems to dawn.

Trav-eler, what a won-drous sight: see that glo-ry-beam-ing star.
 Trav-eler, bless-ed - ness and light, peace and truth its course por - tends.
 Trav-eler, shad-ows take their flight; doubt and ter-ror are with-drawn.

Watch-man, does its beau-teous ray news of joy or hope fore - tell?
 Watch-man, will its beams a - lone gild the spot that gave them birth?
 Watch-man, you may go your way; has-ten to your qui - et home.

Trav-eler, yes; it brings the day, prom-ised day of Is - ra - el.
 Trav-eler, a - ges are its own; see, it bursts o'er all the earth.
 Trav-eler, we re - joice to - day, for Em - man - u - el has come!

*May be sung antiphonally.

This unusual dialogue hymn alternates between the voice of a traveler and that of a watchman, setting up an exchange that creates parallels between the coming of dawn and the birth of Christ. The tune is named for a Welsh town whose name means "mouth of the bending river."

132 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

1 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
 2 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
 3 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
 now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
 now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man-ger now.
 He has o-pened heav-en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Carols using two languages, like this one dating from at least the 14th century, belong to a special group called "macaronic," the original languages here being German and Latin. Though the present version is only in English, it is sung to the traditional German folk melody.

FUPC Choir and Music leadership

David Pierce, Director of Music

Katia Dinas, Pianist

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Marissa Guerrero
Lois Norton
Barbara Ritchie
Gerry Shotswell
Katelyn Spivey

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Patti Sloey
Jessica Stottlemeyer
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Tenor

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Kyle Feather
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Bass

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