



Faith United  
Presbyterian  
Church  
in Farmers Branch

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



## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE

Leader: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!  
Stir up your might, and come to save us!

**People: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.**  
(Lighting of the first candle)

Leader: Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven, and see; have regard for this vine.

**People: Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

### OPENING HYMN

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

GTG 82

HYFRYDOL

### CALL TO CONFESSION

Like a faded, dry leaf that the wind blows away, our sins dry us up; faded and brittle, we are carried off by the wrongs we have done. Yet God loves us still and is able to restore and renew us with the water of life.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God With Us, even in Advent, we confess that you can seem far away. You are hidden when we need you near. In our hurt, doubt, and fear, we do not try to draw closer to you; instead, we lash out – against you, our neighbor, even those we love. Forgive us, we pray, and come to save us! Let your face shine until our tears are dried, our sins are faded, and our hope is restored. We know we belong to you, and that we are in your hands; we can be made new, in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

### SILENT CONFESSION

You are invited to take a moment for silent confession.

### DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The grace of God, given to us in Christ Jesus, strengthens us to the end so that we may be blameless when Christ comes again.

**Thanks be to God, who is faithful and has called us into the fellowship of the Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit!**

### 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

*The Colors of Winter*

Words & Arrangement, Joseph M. Martin

Sydney Barber, accompanist; Javier Betancourt, cellist

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 64:1-9

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Mark 13:24-37

## SERMON

Rev. Dr. Ken Ritchie

"Hopeful Waiting"

# 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

*My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout*

GTG 100

STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN

## 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

*Rejoice, Rejoice!*

Arr. Cathy Moglebust

Brenda Swindle, handbells and Katia Dinas, piano

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, we thank you that Christ is being revealed in every time and place until he comes again in the fullness of glory. Strengthen our testimony and spiritual gifts; increase generosity in us, we pray, as we wait for the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

# SENDING

## HYMN OF DEDICATION

*Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

GTG 136

GO TELL IT

## CHARGE

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

## BENEDICTION

*Choral Amen*

## Poinsettias 2020

As of 11/25/20

Orders accepted until Monday, 12/7/20

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



### Given By

Lorna Acker

Frank Fehmel

Kathleen Ferguson

Jeanne Haben (2)

Bob & Dixie Howell

Sharon Meurer

David Pierce

### Dedication

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

- 1) In honor of my daughter, Jennifer Fehmel
- 2) In memory of my loving wife, Kathie Babisak Fehmel
- 3) In memory of my parents
- 4) In memory of Julius & Winnefred Babisak

All Glory to God

In memory of Paul Haben

- 1) In memory of Jeanne Sawyer
- 2) In memory of Jan Reed
- 3) In memory of Hite Howell

- 1) In memory of Elizabeth Hendricks
- 2) In memory of Sugie Maxfield
- 3) In honor of Betty Runkel

- 1) In memory of Sugie Maxfield
- 2) In memory of Bob Hinkle
- 3) In memory of Genevieve Bratton



### Order Form for Poinsettias

**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 Monday, 12/7. Please note **"Poinsettia"** in the memo section. Mail form & checks to **Faith United Presbyterian Church**, 12717 Marsh Lane, Farmers Branch, TX 75234. Stay tuned for pick up times, possibly Christmas Eve.

I (we) wish to order \_\_\_\_\_ poinsettias at \$10.00 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. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_

**COVID-19 Update!** We continue to worship online. COVID-19 may change how we worship. BUT, it does not stop worship! We will keep you informed as best we can as we continue this journey. Remember, keep connected to each other through phone calls, emails, and texts! If you are aware of anyone who needs something, please let Pastor Ken know.

## 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.





**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

### Metrocrest Santa Store 2020!

Bring your NEW unwrapped gifts to one of our "Drive through" events.

- \* Saturday, 12/5, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- \* Saturday, 12/12, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

We will deliver the gifts to the Store on or before Monday, 12/14.

*Thank you for your donations!*



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**services**  
building a stronger community together

We now have online giving 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](http://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 the Joy Offering during Advent and Christmas. *You can also select to donate the 2% fee so Faith United does not incur it.*



#### PRAYER LIST

Dale Dorcholz	Barbara Stein
Roger Jones	Dennis Van Deventer
Kathie Heffler	Betty Runkel
Rev. Sungho Daniel Son	

**Homebound/Rehab:** Margaret Jones, Marilyn Rose, Freddie Simmons

#### Our thanks to musicians in worship!

David Pierce, Director of Music

Caroline Busselberg, vocals	Natasha Wroblewski, vocals
Mary Marxer, vocals	Jessica Stottlemeyer, vocals
Patti Sloey, vocals	Shanae Kemp, vocals
Kyle Feather, vocals	Malcolm Payne, vocals
Jeremy Rohwer, vocals	Rich Lewis, vocals
Brian Hotchkiss, vocals	Sydney Barber, accompanist



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#### The FUPC Staff is here for you!

Pastor Ken, Brenda Swindle, and David Pierce are in their "Work from Home" offices and ready to assist. Ken and Brenda are checking the mail box daily to receive your notes or checks. They are also receiving your emails and calls with any questions or concerns.

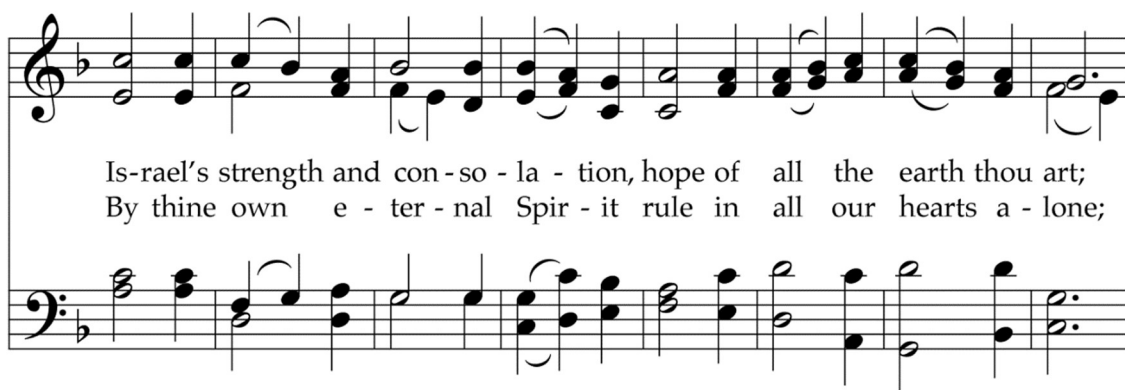
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1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;  
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.  
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra-cious king-dom bring.



Is-rael's strength and con-so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;  
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long-ing heart.  
by thine all - suf-fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo-rious throne.



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the  
 2 Though I am small, my God, my all, you  
 3 From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a  
 4 Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the  
 work great things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the  
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your  
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
 jus - tice tears ev - ery ty - rant from his throne.  
 liv - er us from the con - quer-or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my  
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to  
 The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the  
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my  
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the  
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread; ev - ery  
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be

## My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout – Cont.



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?  
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

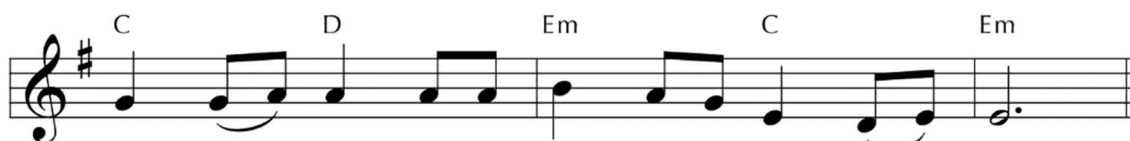
### Refrain




My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the



fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the



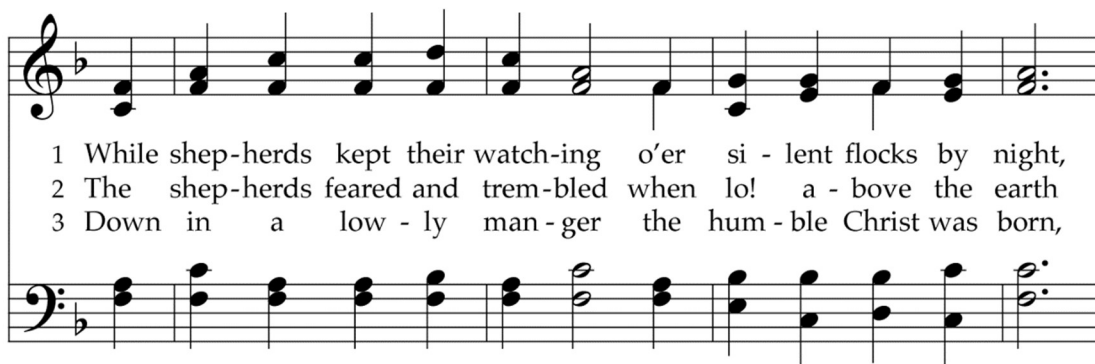
dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

Refrain 

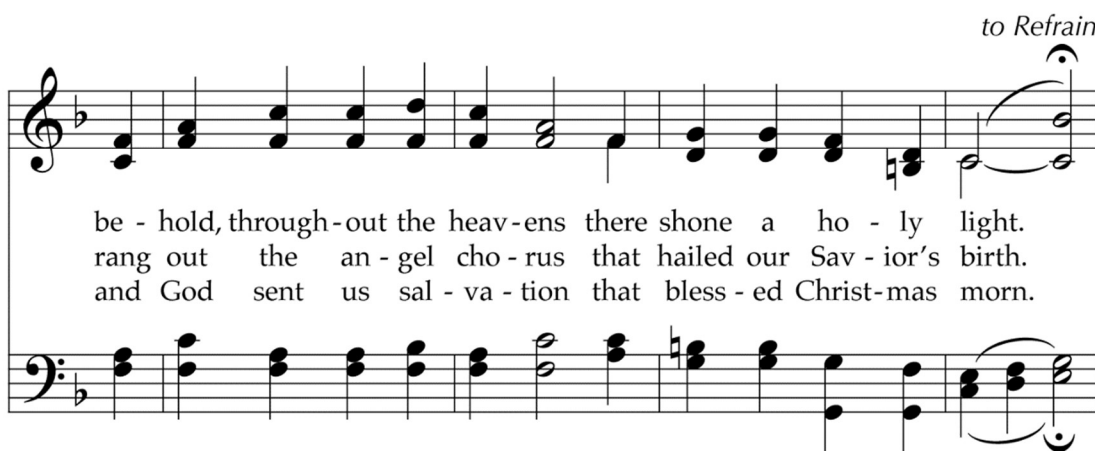

Go, tell it on the moun-tain, o-ver the hills and ev - ery - where;



go, tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!



1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,  
2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when lo! a - bove the earth  
3 Down in a low - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born,



to Refrain

be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.  
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.  
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ-mas morn.