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**\*Charge**

*Lyn Oakley*

Leader: May the light that began at creation, continued through the witness of the prophets, and has come to fullness at the Birth of Jesus Christ, be in your hearts and minds this evening.

**\*Benediction**

*Andy Morgan*

Leader: As you go from this place may your spirits be filled with joy and hope; for God's precious Light has been given for you. Go in Peace and know that God's peace always goes with you.

**Postlude**

**Liturgist  
Music  
Minister**

**Lyn Oakley  
Bob Eubanks, Krista Heilmeier, George Hill, Amelia Lufkin, Jeremy Wagner  
Dr. Andy Morgan**

**Announcements**

**Christmas Day Service** - Please join us for a short service on Christmas Day at 10:30am called "Symbols of Christmas" that will focus on important reminders of God's love for us in and through Jesus Christ that we see on our beautiful Chrismon tree. This will be a shorter, family friendly service and child care will not be available.

**New Year's Day** - January 1 begins our Centennial Year at FCPC. In honor of this important time in our church's life, we will be holding our first service of the year in the space our church began, the McCorkle Chapel (the chapel beside of our sanctuary). Please join us for this special service to kick off the new year.

**Save the date! FCPC Centennial Kickoff**

Please join us January 8 as FCPC officially kicks off our centennial year celebration. Worship will incorporate the reveal of FCPC's favorite hymns and we will sing them together and enjoy a short message. After worship, we will gather for a lunch and presentation in the Fellowship Hall. We hope to see you as we kick off our year of faithfully listening and boldly following God's call for our lives as individuals and as a church.

**Have you checked out our new website?**

FCPC recently launched a new website where we can all find updated and helpful information, RSVP information, calendar of events, scheduler to meet with the pastor, worship live-streaming and archive, as well as information for members like forms and directory information. We hope that you will take a moment and check out the website and that you find it to be helpful as we continue to grow together as a body of Christ. Our website is [www.fountaincitypres.org](http://www.fountaincitypres.org)

**Are you subscribed to our newsletter?** the Weekly Word? If not, go over to the website and click the "Newsletter" button and provide your best email address. The Weekly Word is released every Friday morning and contains important information about the life of our congregation.

**Dear Church Family,**

Merry Christmas to you and your loved ones! I want to thank you, so very much, for the ways that each of you shine the light of Christ here at FCPC and beyond. I am continually inspired by the incredible discipleship journeys that I have the opportunity to see. From members deciding to become police chaplains, mission workers, teach classes, volunteer their time in our community, and pray for and with one another, I am amazed by the ways Christ's hope is so evident here. I am grateful for this community and wish each of you a very special and hopeful Christmas as we hear and have the opportunity to tell the good news of God's hope, peace, joy, and love that we know in and through Jesus Christ. May your life be filled with the good news of Christ and may you continue to tell the good news through word and deed. Blessings to you.

Sincerely,  
Pastor Andy



**Christmas Eve Service  
7:00pm**

**Prelude**

**Word of Welcome**

*Andy Morgan*

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

**Congregation**

O come, O come, Emmanuel  
And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear

*Shelley Miller*

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

One: We are a people who have walked in darkness.

**All: We have longed for Christ's light.**

One: We are a people who are weary.

**All: We have longed for a world of hope, peace, joy, and love.**

One: We have watched and waited and we do not have to wait any longer. God's love has broken through the darkness and weariness. Friends, Christ is born!

**All: Comfort us. Awaken us. Help us to rejoice in the coming of Christ.**

Leader: Tonight, we light the candles of hope, peace, joy, and love. We rejoice that we also light the Christ candle, reminding us of the wonderful news that God is with us in and through Jesus Christ, we are loved beyond measure and we are never alone.

Hear the good news!

*Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."*

Today we light the final candle. And we light this Christ candle to celebrate and find purpose in the good news of Jesus Christ.

**Congregation**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel**

*Andy Morgan*

**Call to Worship**

Leader: The people who once lived in darkness have been given a great light!

**All: Praise be to God who has heard our cries.**

Leader: Our souls sing out God's praise!

**All: God has brought us a light of Hope and Peace.**

Leader: Tonight, in this place, the Light of God's Love is given to us!

**All: And we shall see that light and let it shine through our lives.**

**Opening Prayer**

*Lyn Oakley*

Jesus Christ, holy child, glory of God revealed, by starlight we first saw your face; now by candlelight we sing your praise. Though the night is long, you are our hope. Though the path is dark, you lead the way. By your Spirit, help us to shine with the brightness of your truth and share the warmth of your great love so that all may believe, rejoice, and give thanks, for you are the light of the world. Amen.

**\*Hymn #277 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King  
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"

Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
with th'angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain:

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King"

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
late in time behold Him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb:  
veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity,  
pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Immanuel. [Refrain]

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!

Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.

Mild he lays his glory by, born that men no more may die,  
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth. [Refrain]

**Call to Confession**

Leader: God's love has been made known to us. We no longer have to live in fear and shame. In the assurance of God's uncompromising love, let us confess our sins together.

**Prayer of Confession**

**All: God of grace and truth, In Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted in the good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fulness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord.**

*(Time for Silent Confession)*

**Assurance of Forgiveness and Peace**

Leader: Hear this good news of great joy: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Leader: Glory to God in the highest,

**All: and peace to God's people on earth.**

**\*Gloria Patri**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost,  
As it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen. Amen.*

**Prayer of Illumination**

Leader: Loving God, by the gift of your Spirit, teach us, like Mary, to treasure your words and ponder them in our hearts; through Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh. Amen.

**Old Testament Reading - Isaiah 9:2-7**

**Special Music - Mary, Did you know?**

**\*Hymn #258 Go Tell It On The Mountains**

Refrain:

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills, and ev'rywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,  
behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. [Refrain]

The shepherds feared and trembled when lo, above the earth  
rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. [Refrain]

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,  
and brought us God's salvation that blessed Christmas morn. [Refrain]

**Gospel Reading - Luke 2:1-20**

**Sermon – Show and Tell**

**\*Affirmation of Faith – This I Believe**

**All: I believe in God whose light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never smother it. I believe that on a night like this night in Bethlehem there was born a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. I believe in the Word who has become incarnate, our very flesh and blood, yet full of grace and truth. I believe in the blessed appearing of the salvation of our God, that is for the happiness of all people. I believe in his name as Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of peace; Of the increase of his rule and of his unique peace, there will be no end. The zeal of the God of hosts will do this. This I surely believe!**

**Invitation to the Table**

*The sacrament of the Lord's Supper is Christ's gift to His church. This boundless gift is offered without regard to denominational affiliation, church membership, or personal merit. Communion is a gift of grace whereby through symbolic elements of bread and fruit of the vine, we are mystically united with the presence of Christ. Jesus invites all who desire a living relationship with Him to dine at his table.*

**Words of Institution**

**Holy Communion**

**Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

**All: 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**

**\*Hymn #270 Joy to the World (270) verses 1,2,4**

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;  
let ev'ry heart prepare him room and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let men their songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains, repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessings flow, far as the curse is found,  
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

**Call for Offering**

Leader: Rejoice at the harvest the Lord has given. Bring your fruits with joy. Bring honor to his name. Let us now continue our worship with our tithes and offerings.

**Special Offertory Music - O Holy Night**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**All: We give you thanks, Holy One, for the world of wonder you have made – forest and field, sea and sky, and for the gift of grace that you have given – a little child, Lying in a manger. Receive these gifts of tenderness and love, of gratitude and praise, and use them for your glory; in the name of Jesus Christ, the child of Bethlehem, we pray. Amen.**

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