

**\*Hymn. #244 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus**

Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's Strength and Consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art;  
dear Desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver, born a Child and yet a King,  
born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious Kingdom bring.  
By Thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone;  
by Thine all sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne.

**Hallelujah Chorus – from The Messiah - G.F. Handel**

Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah  
Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah

For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth! Hallelujah!  
For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth! Hallelujah!

King of kings and Lord of lords,  
King of kings and Lord of lords  
And He shall reign forever and ever forever and ever.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Hallelujah!

**\*Charge and Benediction**

*Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse*

**\*Congregational Benediction**

**Gloria in excelsis Deo  
Gloria in excelsis Deo**

**Postlude**

<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Susan Espiritu, Gail Giffin</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Darlene Miller, Jon Miller, Joe Schnorr, Linda Schnorr</b>
<b>Liturgist</b>	<b>Diana Davis</b>
<b>Interim Pastor</b>	<b>Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse</b>
<b>Music</b>	<b>FCPC Choral Ensemble</b>

**Sopranos:** Angel Bell, Emaleigh Bell, Allison Carroll, Laurel Mosley, Claudia Schorr, Evelyn Spencer

**Altos:** Lina Berio, Pam Eubanks, Carolyn Gahan, Anne Kovalovsky

**Tenors:** Frank Gardner, Ethan Hogan, Michael Gonzalez

**Basses:** Jacob Altrock, Aidan Moore, Hunter Wilburn

**Director,** Bob Eubanks

**Pianist,** Nancy Wells

**Organist,** George Hill

**Announcements**

**Today is Dedication Sunday!** Please turn your pledges in to the offering plate or scan this QR Code to submit it electronically! We have received 22 pledges of our 155 family units for a total of \$155,460. We need everyone's participation in order to reach our asking budget of approximately \$500,000. Big or small, when we come together we can achieve our goal. Thank you for your faithful support of Fountain City Presbyterian Church, here's to the next 100 years!

**Christmas Eve at FCPC will consist of three services.** We will have our regular Sunday morning service at **10:30am** and then two evening services. At **5:30pm** we will have a service that is more family oriented with a Candlelight and Communion Service to follow at **7:00pm**.



**Second Sunday of Advent  
Christmas Cantata  
December 10, 2023**

**Prelude**

**Word of Welcome**

*Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse*

*Diana Davis*

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**

Leader: You are the light of the world.

**All: A city on a hill can't be hidden.**

Leader: No one lights a candle and then puts a lid on it.

**All: Don't hide the light of God in you, let it shine big and bold!**

Leader: The True Light has come into the world!

**All: Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can't defeat it!**

**Congregation**

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

*Diana Davis*

**Call to Worship**

Leader: O Zion, you who bring good news

**All: Climb up to the highest mountain!**

Leader: O Jerusalem, you who bring good news

**All: Raise your voice as loud as you can!**

Leader: Raise your voice, don't be afraid!

**All: Say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!"**

**\*Hymn #249 O Come, All Ye Faithful**

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant! O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!  
Come and behold him, born the King of angels.

Refrain:

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, O sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!

Glory to God, all glory in the highest: [Refrain]

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n!

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: [Refrain]

**Ritual of Friendship**

*Members and Guests – Please sign and pass the friendship register located on the center aisle under the pew in front*

*Diana Davis*

**Every Valley**

Every valley shall be lifted, ev'ry mountain be made low. Every valley shall be lifted, and the crooked be made whole.

Sound the trumpet, sound the trumpet For the glory of the Lord, glory of the Lord shall be revealed.

Sound the trumpet, sound the trumpet For the glory of the Lord, glory of the Lord shall be revealed.

Come, o come Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel. That mourns in lowly exile here, until the son of God appear,

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to Thee, O Israel.

Every valley shall be lifted, ev'ry mountain be made low. Every valley shall be lifted, and the crooked be made whole.

Sound the trumpet, sound the trumpet For the glory of the Lord, glory of the Lord shall be revealed.

Sound the trumpet, sound the trumpet For the glory of the Lord, glory of the Lord shall be revealed.

The glory of the Lord, glory of the Lord shall be revealed. God's glory be revealed.

## ***Advent Cry***

*solo, Allison Carroll*

Veni, veni, Rede[m]ptor. Veni, veni, Rede[m]ptor. Peace will come on the wings of a promise.  
Hope will come like the morning's first call. Joy will come on the winds of the Spirit.  
Love will come, Love will come. Come, Lord Jesus, Come.

Veni, veni, Rede[m]ptor. Veni, veni, Rede[m]ptor. Peace will come on the wings of a angels.  
Hope will come like the song in the night. Joy will blossom like roses in springtime.  
Love will come, Love will come. Come, Lord Jesus, Come.

Veni, veni, Rede[m]ptor. Veni, veni, Rede[m]ptor. Rede[m]ptor. Come Lord Jesus, come.  
O come. O come. O come. O come.

## ***Prayers of the People 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**

## ***Carols of Eastern Europe***

### ***Ukrainian Bell Carol***

Hark! hear the song. Joyful and strong. Music so fair, filling the air.  
Radiant the sound, heard all around, shattering the night, bringing the light.  
Seraphs sing, joy bells ring, news of a birth throughout the earth.  
Promise fulfilled, heaven revealed. All is made right this Christmas night.  
Hope is reborn this Christmas morn. Spread the good news, Jesus is born.  
Suddenly angel voices are singing songs of goodwill and peace to the earth.

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo! Hear angels sing on Christmas night, tidings they bring: peace, love and light.

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria, gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria, gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo!  
Hear angels sing on Christmas night, tidings they bring: peace, love and light.

### ***O Come Rejoicing – Traditional Polish Carol***

O, Come Rejoicing, O, Come Rejoicing Bethlehem, rejoice ye!  
For of a Virgin, for of a Virgin God is born unto thee!

Truly He cometh, Christ our salvation, Angels are voicing Their jubilation; Shepherds come to praise Him,  
Oxen kneel before Him What Wonder God has giv'n!

Mary is singing, Mary is singing Songs for Thee, dear Jesus; Joseph is watching, Joseph is watching O'er the son so glorious.

Truly He cometh, Christ our salvation, Angels are voicing Their jubilation; Shepherds come to praise Him,  
Oxen kneel before Him What Wonder God has giv'n!

### ***Infant Holy, Infant Lowly – Traditional Polish Carol***

*solo, Claudia Schorr*

Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall; oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the babe is Lord of all.  
Swift are winging angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing: Christ the babe is Lord of all. Christ the babe is Lord of all.

### ***Rocking Carol – Traditional Czech Carol***

Baby Jesus, gently sleep, go to sleep. Slumber deeply in heavenly peace.  
Angel arms are safely rocking you, watching o'er you as they rock you.  
Baby Jesus, gently sleep, go to sleep.

Little Jesus, close your eyes, close your eyes, as I sing you a lullaby.  
Lovingly I rock you, rock you. Closely to my heart I rock you.  
Little Jesus, close your eyes, as I sing you a lullaby.

### ***Come, Hear the Marvelous News – Traditional Bohemian – Czech Carol***

Come, hear the marvelous news that we bring: Bethlehem now is the birthplace of a King!  
Come, sing the story, proclaim His glory, come, sing His story, proclaim His glory, God's newborn Son!

Angels in the night skys are singing His praise. Shepherds hear the angels singing, they are amazed.  
Rush to the manger, worshipping the Baby, Holy, Christ Child. Holy, Christ Child.

### ***Carol of the Russian Children – Traditional Russian Carol***

*solo, Ethan Hogan*

Snowbound mountains, snowbound valleys, Snowbound plateaus, clad in white,  
Fur-robed moujiks (peasants), fur-robed nobles, Fur-robed children, see the Light.

Shaggy pony, shaggy oxen, Gentle shepherds wait this Light; Little Jesu, little Mother, Good Saint Joseph, come this night.  
Fur-robed moujiks, fur-robed nobles, Fur-robed children, wait the Light.

Hark! hear the song. Joyful and strong. Music so fair, filling the air.  
Radiant the sound, heard all around, shattering the night, bringing the light.  
Seraphs sing, joy bells ring, news of a birth throughout the earth. Hope is reborn this Christmas morn. Jesus is Born.  
Peace, Love and light.

### ***Call for Offering***

Leader: Let's worship God with our tithes and offerings.

*Diana Davis*

### ***Offertory O Come, All Ye Faithful***

#### ***\*Doxology***

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts  
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost**

#### ***\*Prayer of Dedication***

*Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse*

### ***Gentle Carols Of Bethlehem – Tunes: “Afton”, “St. Louis”, “Cradle Song”, “Christmas Song” and “Mueller”***

Away in a manger, no crib for His bed, The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.  
The stars in the night sky looked down where He lay, The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

O little town of Bethlehem how still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep, the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light. The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

The cattle are lowing the Baby awakes; But little Lord Jesus no crying He makes.  
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky, And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

There's a song in the air! There's a star in the sky! There's a mother's deep prayer and a baby's low cry;  
And the star rains its fire while the beautiful sing, for the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!

Oh, Bethlehem cradles a King!

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask You to stay close by me forever, and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children In Your tender care, And fit us for heaven to live with You there.

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### ***Narration and Scripture Reading Isaiah 40:9***

*Diana Davis*

### ***Children, Go Tell It On The Mountain - Traditional Spirituals incorporating tunes – “Children, Go Where I Send Thee” and “Go, Tell It On The Mountain”***

Children, go where I send thee. How shall I send thee?

I'm gonna send you one by one, One for the little bitty Baby who was born, born, born in Bethlehem.

Children, go where I send thee. How shall I send thee?

I'm gonna send you two by two, two for Mary and Joseph, One for the little bitty Baby who was born, born, born in Bethlehem.

Children, go where I send thee. How shall I send thee?

Three for the kings that saw the star, two for Mary and Joseph, One for the little bitty Baby who was born, born, born in Bethlehem.

Children, go where I send thee. How shall I send thee?

I'm gonna send you four by four, four is for the four who knocked at the door,

Three for the kings that saw the star, two for Mary and Joseph,

One for the little bitty Baby who was born, born, born, born in Bethlehem.

Now, children, go where I send thee. How shall I send thee?

I'm gonna send them five by five, five by five, five for the preachers, the gospel preachers,  
four is for the four who knocked at the door, Three for the kings that saw the star,  
two for Mary and Joseph, One for the little bitty Baby who was born, born, born, born in Bethlehem.

Children, take the news and go! Go, tell it on the mountain,  
Over the hills and eve'rywhere. Go, and tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and eve'rywhere.

Go, and tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

Go tell the world, Christ is born.