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Announcement

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, McCorkle Chapel (the chapel to the left 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

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, teaching classes, volunteering their time in our community, and praying for and with one another, I am amazed by the way Christ's work 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*



Symbols of Christmas December 25, 2022

Prelude

Word of Welcome

Andy Morgan

Call to Worship

Lyn Oakley

Leader: O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,

All: O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.

Leader: Come and behold Him, born the King of Angels!

All: O come, let us adore Him,

Leader: O come, let us adore Him,

All: O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Symbol of the Season - The Chrismon Tree

***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]

Symbol of Hope – Five-Pointed Star

Confession

Leader: When we allow darkness to overcome the light,

All: Forgive us, Lord.

Leader: When we reduce Christmas to plastic and tinsel,

All: have mercy on us, Lord.

Leader: When hardness of heart keeps us from seeing and hearing and touching the needs of others,

All: let your grace consume us, Lord.

Leader: When the wars around us are of no concern,

All: forgive us, Lord, and move us to compassion for those who suffer.

Leader: When our caring is not extended to action,

All: move us to seek justice for our siblings. We come to confess our sinfulness before you and before each other. Remove all barriers that divide us, and let there be no obstacle to our love for you and for one another. Amen.

Symbol of Peace - Lamb

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Hear the promise of the Lord: See, your salvation has come! You are a holy people, redeemed by God;

Sought out and not forsake. In the name of Jesus Christ, the promised Messiah, we are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God!

**Hymn # 270 Joy to the World (v. 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.

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.

Symbol of Joy – Seven-Pointed Star

Prayer of Illumination

Leader: God of light, you have revealed your very self to us in your son Jesus Christ, your one Word made flesh, who lived among us, full of grace and truth. Open us to your revelation once again, ^{SEP}that in the words of your holy scripture we might know your presence and follow in your light always.

Special Music - Christmas Rose

Gospel Reading Matthew 1:18-25

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be pregnant from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to divorce her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: “Look, the virgin shall become pregnant and give birth to a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of

the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife but had no marital relations with her until she had given birth to a son, and he named him Jesus.

**Hymn #262 Away in a Manger*

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

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 side until morning is nigh.

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 Thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.

Prayer & 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

Special Music – “The Prayer”

Symbol of Love – Shepherd's Crook and Candy Cane

**Story and Charge*

Leader: God's Word has come to earth to bring us together in love. God in peace to love and serve Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Benediction*

Congregational Benediction – Angel's We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain:

Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria in excelsis Deo.

Postlude

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