

**\*Benediction**

*Andy Morgan*

**\*Congregational Benediction**

Make us one, Lord, make us one;  
Holy Spirit, make us one.  
Let your love flow so the world will know  
we are one in you

**Postlude**

**Greeters** *Monty Montgomery, Sue Wheeler*  
**Ushers** *Barbara Riehl, Bob Davis*  
**Liturgist** *Lyn Oakley*  
**Music** *Bob Eubanks, Krista Heilmeyer, George Hill, FCPC Choral Ensemble*  
**Minister** *Dr. Andy Morgan*

**Announcements**

**Save the date! FCPC Centennial Kickoff**

*Please join us next week, 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.*



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**Belize** - *Don't think you have the skills to serve in Belize? Think again. Your talents soon become revealed, and God has big ways to use you. Can you hug, make a sandwich, listen, hammer, pray, read, paint, hug, smile, and hug some more? You are qualified! Come to the informational meeting Jan 10 at 6pm to learn more*



**January 1, 2023**

**Prelude**

**Word of Welcome**

*Andy Morgan*

**Call to Worship**

*Lyn Oakley*

Leader: We recount the gracious deeds of God, all the praiseworthy acts the Lord has done for us:

**All: Praise God for all that God has done among us.**

Leader: Praise God for the good news of Jesus, the pioneer of our salvation.

**All: Praise God for making us siblings in Christ.**

Leader: Praise God who is present with us still, lifting us up. And carrying us, even if God's footsteps are unknown to us.

**All: God's glory shines in heaven and on earth, in the past and lights the way into tomorrow. Praise the Lord!**

**Prayer of the Day**

*Lyn Oakley*

Leader: God of the past, present, and future, As we begin this new year in the hallowed McCorkle Chapel, we ask that you use this hour of worship to help us to recognize your great deeds in the past; both in our lives as individuals and a church, filling us with gratitude for the past, where your presence was known and confidence for the future, where your presence can be equally anticipated. We pray with anticipation. Amen.

**\*Hymn #3 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty**

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,  
only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee, perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth, and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

**Ritual of Friendship**

*Andy Morgan*

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

### ***Call to Confession***

*Lyn Oakley*

Leader: God's blessings are all around us, in our past, present, and future. While we often fail to see God's actions right in front of our eyes, confession helps us to experience the grace of God anew, filling us with hope to anticipate God's presence in new ways. Let us confess our sins to the God who loved us, loves us, and will always love us.

### ***Prayer of Confession***

*Lyn Oakley*

**All: Mighty God, we are a people who long for what was. In our world, that seems so loud and complicated, our hearts ache for the comfort that we find in the past. We get nostalgic for what was and create dwelling spaces of memory. We believe that our best days are behind us and hope is only in the past. Awaken us from our nostalgia, and help us to see and live into your presence in our present as we take bold steps into an uncertain tomorrow to which you are calling us to be your people. Amen.**

*(Time for Silent Confession)*

### ***Assurance of Forgiveness***

*Lyn Oakley*

Leader: Siblings in Christ, what has been true for followers of Christ from the beginning remains true today. You were loved. You are loved. You will always be loved. God's mercy is from everlasting to everlasting and God's eternal grace is made known to us afresh today. May you know what will always be true, you are forgiven and capable of forgiving.

### ***\*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.*

### ***\*Passing the Peace***

*Lyn Oakley*

Leader: God's love for us is the foundation of our lives as people and as a people. Let us respond to this love by sharing it with one another, assured of God's everlasting love in our lives and in our midst. The peace of Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you!**

### ***Prayer of Illumination***

*Lyn Oakley*

Leader: Holy One, your Word comes to us: Jesus Christ, Emmanuel. Holy Word, you cross every border meant to shut you out. Holy Wisdom, speak to us in the word read and proclaimed. Hearing, may we dream your dreams and faithfully follow wherever you lead. In your triune name we pray. Amen.

### ***Old Testament Reading - Isaiah 63:7-9***

*Lyn Oakley*

### ***Gospel Reading - Matthew 2:13-23***

*Lyn Oakley*

### ***Special Music***

### ***Psalms Reading - Psalm 77***

*Andy Morgan*

### ***Sermon - From Nostalgia to Anticipation***

*Andy Morgan*

### ***\*Affirmation of Faith - The Apostles Creed***

*Andy Morgan*

**All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### ***\*Hymn O God Our Help in Ages Past (verses 1,4,5,6)***

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:

A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone,  
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, soon bears us all away;  
we fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
still be our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home!

### ***Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer***

*Andy Morgan*

**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**

### ***Invitation to the Offering***

*Lyn Oakley*

Leader: All creation teems with the abundance of God's provision: mountains and hills, fruit trees and cedars, animals and flying birds! Our own lives bear witness to the abundance of God's love and mercy, for God has lifted us up and carried us in our need. Remembering the mighty deeds of God and in joyful praise, we offer to God a portion of all we have received.

### ***Offertory***

### ***\*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 after Offering***

*Lyn Oakley*

**All: In this new year, O God, we are grateful for the gift of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Receive, we pray, these offerings we bring. May they be used in the service of your grace and truth dwelling among us. In Christ's holy name we pray. Amen.**

### ***\*Hymn #612 In This Very Room***

In this very room there's quite enough love for one like me,  
And in this very room there's quite enough joy for one like me,  
And there's quite enough hope and quite enough power  
to chase away any gloom,  
For Jesus, Lord Jesus ... is in this very room.

In this very room there's quite enough love for all of us,  
And in this very room there's quite enough joy for all of us,  
And there's quite enough hope and quite enough power  
to chase away any gloom,  
For Jesus, Lord Jesus ... is in this very room.

In this very room there's quite enough love for all the world,  
And in this very room there's quite enough joy for all the world,  
And there's quite enough hope and quite enough power  
to chase away any gloom,  
For Jesus, Lord Jesus ... is in this very room.

### ***\*Charge***

Leader: Go out to share the good news with a world bent low from fear and suffering, a world that believes that the best days are in the past, God's love never changes. May God's mighty deeds in our past inspire our faith as we move into an unknown future, certain only of God's presence and love.