

**2nd SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS
GATHER IN GOD’S NAME**

(*=**please stand if you are able**)

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple.

P: The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes.

L: The fear of the Lord is sure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous all together.

P: Let the words of my mouth and meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

L: Let us worship God!

OPENING HYMN (See insert)

“INTO MY HEART”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, you have heard us, pray many times for open hearts; hearts that are free of judgement and full of compassion, hearts that are filled with kindness and understanding, and hearts that can love without limits, and yet, we hesitate. We are afraid to fully accept your gift, because opening our hearts also makes us more vulnerable to deep sadness, to despair, to a feeling of being overwhelmed by negative emotions. Help us to remember that it is better to live with strong emotions, sometimes good, and sometimes bad, than live with a heart that is dead to joy, dead to compassion, and dead to love. We pray in your Son’s name, Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Let us never forget you, O Lord, nor your goodness. Let the remembrance of your mercy be always engraved on our minds.

P: Hear and believe this good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI GTG #113**

“ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH (Chorus only)”

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Open us, Eternal God, to your Word read and proclaimed. Help us not to turn from your truth or avoid and distract ourselves from your message. Help us be receptive to the wisdom you offer in this worship moment.

SCRIPTURE READING

HEBREWS 10:19-24

Brothers and sisters, we have confidence that we can enter the holy of holies by means of Jesus’ blood, through a new and living way that he opened up for us through the curtain, which is his body, and we have a great high priest over God’s house. Therefore, let’s draw near with a genuine heart with the certainty that our faith gives us, since our hearts are sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies are washed with pure water. Let’s hold on to the confession of our hope without wavering, because the one who made the promises is reliable. And let us consider each other carefully for the purpose of sparking love and good deeds.

L: This is the word of God. **P: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM:

SCRIPTURE READING

MATHEW 6:19-21

“Stop collecting treasures for your own benefit on earth, where moth and rust eat them and where thieves break in and steal them. Instead, collect treasures for yourselves in heaven, where moth and rust don’t eat them and where thieves don’t break in and steal them. Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

L: This is the word of the Lord. **P: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“CAN A HEART BE TOO OPEN?”

Elder Thomas Clemmens

HYMN GTG #452

“OPEN THE EYES OF MY HEART”

THE EUCHARIST

TO FEAST AT THE LORD’S TABLE

All who trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to share in the Lord’s Supper. All baptized children who have been instructed by their parent(s) in the meaning of the sacrament are also welcome to share in this meal.

***INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

Elder Duna Fullerton

L: Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God! People will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at the table in the kingdom of God.

This is the Lord’s table. Our Savior invites all those who trust in him to share this feast which he has prepared.

According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at the table with his disciples, he took the bread, and blesses and broke it, and gave it to them. Their eyes were opened and they recognized him.

THE THANKSGIVING

L: Lift up your hearts

P: We lift them up to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

P: It is right to give him thanks and praise. You established your people to be a light for the nations and called us to walk in your paths and follow your ways. Even now, you are coming to bring justice and peace to the world.

L: Remembering the Lord Jesus, we break bread and share one cup, announcing his death for the sins of the world, and telling his resurrection to all people and nations.

THE BREAD AND THE CUP

L: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it and said, “This is my body, broken for you, each time you do this, do so, remembering me.”

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup and said, “This is the cup of the new covenant. Each time you drink it, do so, remembering me.”

Jesus said, “I am the bread of life. Those who come to me will never hunger.”

L: Jesus said, “I am the vine, you are the branches. Attached to me all things are possible.”

HYMN GTG #508

“COME TO THE TABLE”

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

All: God our help, we thank you for this supper shared in the Spirit with your son Jesus, who makes us new and strong, who brings us life eternal. We praise you for giving us all good gifts in him, and pledge ourselves to serve you, even as in Christ you have served us. Amen.

L: WE GO OUT TO SERVE GOD AND OUR NEIGHBORS IN THE WORLD

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

We have more to offer than we recognize or realize. God has given us abundant gifts. Let us faithfully respond to our generous God, by presenting our tithes and offerings.

RESPOND IN GRACE

“YOU ARE MINE”

OFFERTORY

I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear
You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice,
Be still and know I am here.

Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me, I will bring you home;
I love you and you are mine

*** DOXOLOGY**

“PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, how often we take for granted all that we have. How often we fail to recognize how blessed we are. Take these gifts we give in response to your generosity and use them to further Christ's mission and ministry in a hurting world. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***LORD'S PRAYER**

HYMN GTG#695

"CHANGE MY HEART, O GOD"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you

People: And also with you

AMEN

POSTLUDE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2025



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where Jesus Christ is Lord; where people of God share in leadership;
and where the strength of our fellowship builds bridges to the community."***

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EVENTS HAPPENING IN 2024

In person hybrid worship is at 11AM in the Sanctuary

Zoom link is as follows:

By Computer

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 870 270 865

One tap mobile

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Hybrid English Bible Study will be Thursdays at 11AM in the Fellowship Hall or feel free to join us through zoom.

Zoom Link bible study

By computer

Join Zoom Meeting

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Spanish Bible Study will be on Wednesdays

The next Session Meeting will be January 13th at 7PM

The next Worship Team Meeting will be February 11th at 9:30AM

Coffee Hour following worship today.

Church Leaders Retreat February 8th 9:30AM – 12:30PM at FPCO

Please Share your tithes and offerings using the QR code below



Prayers and Praise

Please prayer for our Nation

Please pray for everyone in leadership

Please pray for children/ families

Please pray for the Otu family

Please pray for the Supina/Ruess family

Please pray for the Sevilla family

Please pray for people struggling with cancer for healing

Please pray for people struggling with mental health

Please pray for leaders, people in a position of authority

Please pray for the Denzer Family

Please pray for Heather Blenkinsopp

Please pray for the Carretta family

Please pray for the Yumart family

Pleaser pray for the Sippel family

Please pray for the Quinoy family

Please pray for Joy and Teresa Zeiden

Please pray for Boateng family

Please pray for Kiara Taylor's family

Please pray for Bruce and family

Please pray for Nancy Marin

Please pray for Bob

Please pray for Curtis

Please pray for the Bonapace family

Please pray for peace in the world

Please pray for Warren's family

Please pray for Diana Behan and family.

Praise Songs and Hymns

INTO MY HEART

Into my heart, into my heart,
Come into my heart, Lord Jesus,
come in today, come in to stay,
Come into my heart, Lord Jesus.

Rule in my heart, rule in my heart,
Be king of my heart, Lord Jesus,
Make this your throne, rule there alone,
Be King of my heart, Lord Jesus

OPEN THE EYES OF MY HEART

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord.
Open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see you;
I want to see you;

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord.
Open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see you;
I want to see you;

to see you high and lifted up,
shining in the light of your glory.
Pour out your power and love
as we sing "Holy, holy, holy."
Holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, holy,
I want to see you.

COME TO THE TABLE

Come to the table, all you who praise God.
Laid in a stable, God's gift of love:
Jesus our Savior poured out his life's blood.
Our sins forgiven, God's gift of love.

Come eat this bread now, my broken body.
My vow remember: I am your Lord.
Drink of this wine, the cup of salvation,
For you are mine, and I am your Lord.

All is now ready, like the first table.
Pray for the Spirit; lift up your hearts.
Christ has arisen, Our Lord and Savior.
With great thanksgiving, lift up your hearts.

CHANGE MY HEART, O GOD

*Refrain: Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.*

You are the Potter; I am the clay.
Mold me and make me; this is what I pray. *(Refrain)*