



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
Church of Nashville

CHRISTMAS EVE  
LESSONS AND CAROLS

*December 24, 2025*

*8:00 p.m.*



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To know Christ, to make Him known and to exhibit His love through worship, education and service.

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## WORDS OF PREPARATION

*To wish it were always Christmas Eve would be weakly sentimental: thank God that the pilgrim road of our redemption leads past the stable and the manger—to Galilee, to Jerusalem, to Golgotha, to the empty tomb of death's defeat and the incomparable victory of love.*

—James S. Stewart

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

## PRELUDE

*Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen*  
Johannes Brahms

*Adeste Fideles*  
Jeanne Demessieux

*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*  
Keith Chapman

## WELCOME

## \*OPENING HYMN

*Once in Royal David's City*  
IRBY

*Soloist*

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,  
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed.  
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

*Choir*

He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,  
and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall.  
With the poor and mean and lowly lived on earth our Savior holy.

*All*

**And through all his wondrous childhood he would honor and obey,  
love and watch the lowly maiden, in whose gentle arms he lay:  
Christian children all must be mild, obedient, good as he.**

**For he is our childhood's pattern, day by day like us he grew,  
he was little, weak, and helpless, tears and smiles like us he knew:  
and he feeleth for our sadness, and he shareth in our gladness.**

**And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love;  
for that Child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above;  
and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.**

**Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by,  
we shall see him; but in heaven, set at God's right hand on high;  
when like stars his children crowned all in white shall wait around.**

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CHRISTMAS PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Dr. Sandra Randleman

Pastor: O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. We pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray:

**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.**

FIRST LESSON | Genesis 3:8–15

Alex Nicholson

*Adam and Eve rebel against God.*

<sup>8</sup> And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup> But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” <sup>10</sup> And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” <sup>11</sup> He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” <sup>12</sup> The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” <sup>13</sup> Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.” <sup>14</sup> The LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. <sup>15</sup> I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”

ANTHEM

*Before the Marvel of this Night*  
Carl Schalk

Before the marvel of this night adoring, fold your wings and bow, then tear the sky apart with light and with your news the world endow. Proclaim the birth of Christ and peace, that fear and death and sorrow cease: Sing peace, sing peace, sing gift of peace! Awake the sleeping world with song, this is the day the Lord has made. Assemble here, celestial throng, in royal splendor come arrayed. Give earth a glimpse of heav'nly bliss, a teasing taste of what they miss: Sing bliss, sing bliss, sing endless bliss! The love that we have always known, our constant joy and endless light, now to the loveless world be shown, now break upon its deathly night. Into one song compress the love that rules our universe above: Sing love, sing love, sing God is love, sing love, sing God is love!

SECOND LESSON | Genesis 22:15–18

Lylah Hill

*God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall the nations of the earth be blessed.*

<sup>15</sup> And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven <sup>16</sup> and said, “By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, <sup>17</sup> I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, <sup>18</sup> and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.”

## ANTHEM

*The Holly and the Ivy*  
arr. Walford Davies

The holly and the ivy, when they are both full grown; of all the trees that are in the wood the holly bears the crown. O the rising of the sun and the running of the deer, the playing of the merry organ, sweet singing in the choir. The holly bears a blossom as white as any flower; and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ to be our sweet Savior. The holly bears a berry as red as any blood; and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ to do poor sinners good. The holly bears a prickle as sharp as any thorn; and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ on Christmas Day in the morn. The holly bears a bark as bitter as any gall; and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ for to redeem us all.

## THIRD LESSON | Isaiah 9:2–7

Gage Arnold

*Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah.*

<sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. <sup>3</sup>You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. <sup>4</sup>For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. <sup>5</sup>For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. <sup>6</sup>For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup>Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

## ANTHEM

*Personent Hodie*  
arr. Gustav Holst

*Personent hodie Voces puerulae, Laudantes jucunde Qui nobis est natus, Summo Deo datus, Et de vir-gineo ventre procreatus. In mundo nascitur, Pannis involvitur, Praesepe ponitur Stabulo brutorum, Rector supernorum. Perdidit spolia princeps infernorum. Magi tres venerunt, Parvulum inquirunt, Bethlehem adeunt, Stellulam sequendo, Ipsum adorando, Aurum, thus, et myrrham ei offerendo. Omnes clericuli, Pariter pueri, Cantent ut angeli: Advenisti mundo, Laudes tibi fundo. Ideo gloria in excelsis Deo!*

English Translation:

Let resound today the voices of children, joyfully praising him who is born to us, given by most high God, and conceived in a virginal womb. He was born into the world, wrapped in swaddling clothes, and laid in a manger in a stable for animals, the master of the heavens. The prince of hell has lost his spoils. Three Magi came, they were bearing gifts, and sought the little one, following a star, to worship him, and offer him gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Let all the junior clerics and also the boys sing like angels: "You have come to the world, I pour out praises to you. Therefore, glory to God in the highest!"

## FOURTH LESSON | Isaiah 11:1–9

Jacquie Watlington

*The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.*

<sup>1</sup>There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. <sup>2</sup>And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. <sup>3</sup>And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, <sup>4</sup>but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;

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and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. <sup>5</sup> Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. <sup>6</sup> The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. <sup>7</sup> The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. <sup>8</sup> The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. <sup>9</sup> They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

HYMN

*It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*  
CAROL

**For lo, the days are hastening on, by prophets seen of old,  
when with the ever-circling years comes round the age of gold;  
when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,  
and the whole world give back the song which now the angels sing.**

FIFTH LESSON | Luke 1:26–38

Rev. Sara Hill

*The angel Gabriel salutes the blessed Virgin Mary.*

<sup>26</sup>In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" <sup>29</sup> But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup> And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup> and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." <sup>34</sup> And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" <sup>35</sup> And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. <sup>36</sup> And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. <sup>37</sup> For nothing will be impossible with God." <sup>38</sup> And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

ANTHEM

*King Jesus Hath a Garden*  
arr. Stephen Cleobury

King Jesus hath a garden, full of divers flowers, where I go culling posies gay, all times and hours. There naught is heard but paradise bird, harp, dulcimer, lute, with cymbal, trump and tymbal, and the tender, soothing flute. The lily, white in blossom there, is chastity: the violet, with sweet perfume, humility. There naught is heard but paradise bird, harp, dulcimer, lute, with cymbal, trump and tymbal, and the tender, soothing flute. The bonny damask rose is known as patience: the blithe and thrifty marigold, obedience. There naught is heard but paradise bird, harp, dulcimer, lute, with cymbal, trump and tymbal, and the tender, soothing flute. The crown imperial bloometh too in yonder place, 'tis charity, of stock divine, the flower of grace. There naught is heard but paradise bird, harp, dulcimer, lute, with cymbal, trump and tymbal, and the tender, soothing flute. Yet 'mid the brave, the bravest prize of all may claim the Star of Bethlehem Jesus blessed be his Name! There naught is heard but paradise bird, harp, dulcimer, lute, with cymbal, trump and tymbal, and the tender, soothing flute. Ah! Jesu Lord, my heal and weal, my bliss complete, make thou my heart thy garden plot, fair, trim and neat. That I may hear this musick clear: harp, dulcimer, lute, with cymbal, trump and tymbal, and the tender, soothing flute.

*St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.*

<sup>1</sup>In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>And all went to be registered, each to his own town. <sup>4</sup>And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, <sup>5</sup>to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. <sup>6</sup>And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. <sup>7</sup>And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

## ANTHEM

*Candlelight Carol*  
John Rutter

How do you capture the wind on the water? How do you count all the stars in the sky? How can you measure the love of a mother, or how can you write down a baby's first cry? Candlelight, angel light, firelight and starglow, shine on his cradle till breaking of dawn. Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo! Angels are singing: the Christ child is born. Shepherds and wise men will kneel and adore him, Seraphim round him their vigil will keep; nations proclaim him their Lord and their Savior, but Mary will hold him and sing him to sleep. Find him at Bethlehem laid in a manger: Christ our Redeemer asleep in the hay. Godhead incarnate and hope of salvation: a child with his mother that first Christmas Day.

## SEVENTH LESSON | Luke 2:8–21

Adrian Taylor

*The shepherds go to the manger.*

<sup>8</sup>And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. <sup>10</sup>And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup>For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup>And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup>"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!" <sup>15</sup>When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." <sup>16</sup>And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. <sup>17</sup>And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. <sup>18</sup>And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. <sup>21</sup>And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

## ANTHEM

*My Lord Has Come*  
Will Todd

Shepherds, called by angels, called by love and angels; no place for them but a stable. My Lord has come. Sages, searching for stars, searching for love in heaven; no place for them but a stable. My Lord has come. His love will hold me, his love will cherish me, love will cradle me. Lead me to see him, sages and shepherds and angels; no place for me but a stable. My Lord has come.

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MEDITATION

**Where God Was Born**

Dr. Ryan Moore

*And Joseph also went up...to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem... —Luke 2:4*

OFFERTORY

*On Christmas Night All Christians Sing (Sussex Carol)*  
arr. David Willcocks

On Christmas night all Christians sing, to hear the news the angels bring, news of great joy, news of great mirth, news of our merciful King's birth. Then why should men on earth be so sad, since our Redeemer made us glad, when from our sin he set us free, all for to gain our liberty? When sin departs before his grace, then life and health come in its place; angels and men with joy may sing, all for to see the newborn King. All out of darkness we have light, which made the angels sing this night: glory to God and peace to men, now and for evermore. Amen.

EIGHTH LESSON | Matthew 2:1–11

Katie Cahill

*The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.*

<sup>1</sup> Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." <sup>3</sup> When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup> and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. <sup>5</sup> They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: <sup>6</sup> "'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.'" <sup>7</sup> Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." <sup>9</sup> After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. <sup>11</sup> And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

\*HYMN

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*  
ST. LOUIS

**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.**

**For Christ is born of Mary; and gathered all above,  
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.  
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth!  
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth.**

**How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.  
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.**

**O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;  
cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!**

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NINTH LESSON | John 1:1–14

*St. John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.*

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. <sup>4</sup>In him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. <sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. <sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

LIGHTING THE CANDLES OF CHRISTMAS

*Please tilt your candle toward your neighbor's lit candle, as we share the light of Christ.*

HYMN

*Silent Night, Holy Night*  
STILLE NACHT

**Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright  
'round yon virgin mother and Child! Holy Infant, so tender and mild,  
sleep in heavenly peace; sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;  
glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing:  
"Alleluia: Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born."**

**Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light  
radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord at thy birth.**

**Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;  
with the angels let us sing Alleluia to our King:  
Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born.**

*Please extinguish your candle after the singing of Silent Night.*

\*CHARGE

\*CLOSING HYMN

*Joy to the World*  
ANTIOCH

**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 all their songs employ, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

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**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.**

\*BENEDICTION

\*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Carillon de Westminster*  
Louis Vierne

*May the peace and joy of this Christmas fill every heart and home.*

*\* Those who are able, please stand.*

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**Looking to Connect in a Smaller Setting? | COBs Begin Week of Jan. 25**—Our six-week small groups, called Communities of Belonging (COBs), begin the week of January 25, and follow our winter sermon series using *Sermon on the Mount* by John Stott. COBs are an easy way to grow in faith and meet new people in a warm, small-group environment. Questions? Contact Ellie Richmond at [erichmond@fpcnashville.org](mailto:erichmond@fpcnashville.org) or 615-298-9570.

**Adult Sunday School**—Reconnect, grow, and explore your faith this winter! Adult Sunday School classes resume in January during the 9:45 a.m. Education Hour (exact start date may vary by class). It's a great time to try something new or revisit a favorite class. Questions about which class is right for you, or about exact start dates? Contact Julia Wilk at [jwilk@fpcnashville.org](mailto:jwilk@fpcnashville.org) or 615-298-9509. Classes include:

**Bible & Coffee | Jones Session Room**  
**Cornerstone | Vance Hall**  
**Current Issues | L-200**  
**Discipleship | Witherspoon Room**  
**Fellowship | Memorial Library | 10:00 a.m.**  
**Good News | L-207**  
**June Ramsey | Cheek House Living Room**  
**Life Together | L-203**  
**Logos | Stanford Chapel | 10:00 a.m.**  
**Young Adults | Cheek House Breakfast Room.**

**Feel Called to Share Your Voice in Song?**—Sanctuary Singers, launched this fall, is an intergenerational choir for teens and adults that sings in select services. Many have seen them in recent worship services and now is a great time to join. The choir is teaching-focused, friendly for amateur singers, and designed with flexibility in mind. Led by Joey Fala, it's designed so you can drop in as your schedule allows—learn a song, sing when you can, take a break, and rejoin later. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. Interested in joining? Contact Joey Fala at [jfala@fpcnashville.org](mailto:jfala@fpcnashville.org).

## 2025 YEAR-END GIVING

As 2025 draws to a close, this is a great time to make a tax-deductible year-end contribution to First Presbyterian Church. There are many ways to give, each suited to different financial situations:

- **Cash, check, or credit card gifts:** You can place cash or check in the offering plate, mail a check to the church, or give online via credit card or bank transfer on our website at [fpcnashville.org/give](https://fpcnashville.org/give).
- **Stock Donations:** Please contact Mary Russ, Contributions & Donor Relations, at [mruss@fpcnashville.org](mailto:mruss@fpcnashville.org).
- **IRA Gifts:** Members over 70½ years old can give directly from an IRA by contacting the institution that manages the IRA.

All cash, check, and credit card gifts must be made to the church by December 31 at noon. As a reminder, the church will close at noon on December 31, so please plan accordingly.

If you still need to fulfill your 2025 commitment, please do so by the end of the year. Also, it's not too late to make a pledge for 2026. Visit [fpcnashville.org/give](https://fpcnashville.org/give) for more information. Thank you for your generous support of FPC.

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## CHRISTMAS + EPIPHANY

### Christmas Day Worship

**Thursday, Dec. 25** | 11:00 a.m. | Stanford Chapel

Happy Birthday, Jesus! Spend an hour worshipping the newborn King with your church family at this informal, relaxed service. We will enjoy some birthday cake and children are welcome to come in pajamas.

### First Sunday of Christmas

**Sunday, Dec. 28** | 11:00 a.m. only | Sanctuary

We will celebrate the First Sunday of Christmas with one worship service only at 11:00 a.m. Nursery care will be available beginning at 10:45 a.m. Young Children & Worship will not be offered, but children are warmly invited to worship with their families.

**Epiphany Bonfire & Bowl Game** | **Sunday, Jan. 4** | **3:00 p.m.** | **South Lawn**—Join your church family for hymn singing and burning of the greens at our annual Epiphany Bonfire. The greenery used to decorate for Christmas has served its purpose, and the bonfire from burning them celebrates the light and warmth of Christ coming into the world. Afterward, we will play a flag football tournament and crown a winner of the “Epiphany Bowl.”

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