

Happening This Week

-Saturday, Dec 6: Matthew Black Concert, 4pm

In Your Prayers

- Those who are hungry and without food
- Peace in our country and our world.

Stewardship Update

-Our 2026 Stewardship campaign is in full swing! Our goal is \$200,000, and so far, we have received pledges totaling \$176,272. Please return your pledge card if you haven't!

Mark Your Calendars

- Sunday, Dec 7: Caroling with Youth Group
- Wednesday, Dec 10: Aktion Club Service, 7pm
- Sunday, Dec 14: Annual FPCEA Christmas Pageant, 10am
- Sunday, Dec 21: Christmas Cantata, 10am

Christmas Eve Services will be held at 4pm and 10pm,
with a concert at 9:30 on Dec 24th



Are you new to FPCEA? We are so glad you're here! Please fill out a welcome sheet found in the pew so you can receive communications from the church!

Our services are livestreamed and recorded. If you wish to limit use of images from today's service, please alert one of our deacons.

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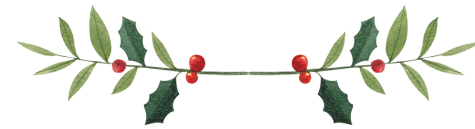


November 30th, 2025



Rev. Jesse Larson, Pastor
Bradley Meholic, Music Director

Molly Pearson, Liturgist
Betty Pitcher, Organist



A warm welcome to all visitors! Please join us for refreshments after the service!

Order of Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: “Siciliano” – Henry Purcell
“O Come, Divine Messiah” – Cesar Franck

Lighting the Advent Wreath:

The story begins with hope –

Hope that the days are surely coming,

Hope that God will fulfill the divine promise,

Hope that the Son of Man will return,

Hope that our redemption is indeed drawing near.

On this first Sunday of Advent, we light this candle as a sign of our hope.

Let us worship God.

Hymn: “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” – Hymnal, n. 5

Prayer of the Day

Passing the Peace:

The peace of Christ be with you – **and also with you.**

Song of Praise: “What a Beautiful Name”

Sharing our Praises and Concerns:

Lord, in your mercy – **hear our prayer**

Lord, with thanksgiving – **hear our prayer**

Children’s Message

Old Testament Reading: (Isaiah 2:1-5; page 631)



Special Music: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” – David Lanz

New Testament Reading: Matthew 24:36-44; page 27

Sermon

Hymn: “Comfort, Comfort, You My People” – Hymnal, n. 3

Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings: “Of the Father’s Love Begotten” – chant, Ludwig Lenel

Doxology: Hymnal, n. 592

Praise God from who all blessings flow;

Praise him all ye creatures here below;

Praise him above ye heavenly hosts;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn: “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” – Hymnal, n. 2

Benediction

Postlude: “Sleepers, Wake!” A Voice Astounds Us

–Philipp Nicolai, D. Johnson



The flowers in the sanctuary are given with thanks to God
by Jenny Higgins



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List of Suggested Foods

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| 2 cans tuna fish | 4 cans fruit |
| 2 boxes pasta | 1 lg. jar spaghetti sauce |
| 1 jar peanut butter | 2 cans ravioli |
| 1 lg. can beans (any kind) | 1 lg. box cereal |
| 4 cans soup | 1 Brownie mix |
| 1 lg. box cereal | 1 package of juice boxes |
| 4 cans vegetables | 1 lb. package spaghetti |
| 1 lg. plastic bottle juice (apple) | 2 cans beef stew/chili |
| 2 boxes mac & cheese | 2 can beef stew/hash |



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