

December 24, 2023: 6 pm
Christmas Eve

We Gather Together

Gathering Music: PH 22 “Angels, from the Realms of Glory” vs. 1 & 4
PH 28 “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” vs. 1 & 3
PH 27 “Gentle Mary Laid Her Child” vs. 1 & 3
PH 40 “Joy to the World” chorus

*(Welcome to our Service of Worship. Whether you are with us in person, joining us live on zoom or watching several days from now, we are glad you are here. We extend a special welcome to our visitors. Please use the time before worship to fill in the Friendship Pad in your pew. **Masking (N-95 preferred) and social distancing are not required but are respected and encouraged. Please consider your own health and the health of those around you.)***

Welcome & Announcements

Jo Marchionda

Ring of the Bell and entrance of the Light of Christ

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Willey Family

We have watched; we have waited
in hope,
for peace,
in joy!
with love.
Now our redemption draws near!

Hear the Word of the Lord from Isaiah 9:2-7

Glory to God in high!

Alleluia! Amen!

***Hymn GTG 133 “O Come All Ye Faithful”**

Cantor, Carol Wetzel

***Prayer of Confession**

Jo Marchionda

O Christ,

You were born in a humble stable,

Because there was no room for you in the inn.

Forgive us,

when we foolishly think that there is no room for you in our lives.

When we close the doors of our hearts to your word,

Forgive us,

and burst through them with your love.

When we close the doors of our minds to your challenge,

Forgive us,

and burst through them with your love.

When we close the doors of our homes, our churches, and our cities

To people you would have us welcome,

Forgive us,

and speak your angel's words to us once more: "Do not be afraid."

Silent Confession

(In the silence of our hearts we confess our sins to God.)

***Assurance of Pardon**

Pastor Schultz

God has poured out the Holy Spirit upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior.

By Christ's grace we have become children of God and heirs to the hope of eternal life. *(Titus 3:6-7)*

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

***Sharing God's Peace**

Pastor Schultz

The Peace of Christ be with! **And also, with you!**

*(Please share the Peace of Christ with those around you using the ancient formula 'The Peace of Christ.' 'And also, with you.' Please be mindful of those who do not wish to shake hands or be too close. **We encourage you to use this time to send a text or emoji to someone who cannot be here.**)*

***Hymn GTG 113 "Angels We Have Heard on High" vs. 1**

God's Word Is Proclaimed

Gospel Lesson Luke 2:1-20 (page 58 in the pew Bible)

Gospel Lesson: John 1:1-14 (page 91 in the pew Bible)

Children's Time

Jennifer Zander

Handbell Choir "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

arr. By John Behnke

Sermon "Joy from the Beginning to End"

Pastor Dan Schultz

***Sung Response: PH 29 "Go Tell it on the Mountain"**

We Respond to God's Word

Moravian Love Feast with Milk and Cookies

The First Nowell

Kristina Arellano

PH 44 O Little Town of Bethlehem

Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming

Kristina Arellano

Give Thanks

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who have sinned against us.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.

Amen.

Offering "Gesù Bambino"

Kristina Arellano

Offertory GTG 145 "What Child is This" vs. 3

***Offertory Prayer**

***We Spread the Light of Christ** (The ushers will light the candles of persons on the aisles. Each person then will light the candle of the next person down the pew. For safety, please tip the unlit candle toward the lighted candle.)

***Hymn PH 60** "Silent Night"

Jesus Christ, the Light of the World!
Jesus Christ, the Light of the World!

(Please extinguish your candles)

***Hymn PH 40** "Joy to the World!"

***Benediction Adults Blessing the Children**

Presider: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Anyone who follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

Adults to Children

Jesus also said, "You are the light of the world."
May Jesus light your path and guide your life.

Presider Merry Christmas
People Merry Christmas

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Postlude "Go Tell It"

arr. by Aaron David Miller



January Deacon of the Month
Linda Neville

January Elder of the Month
Brian Conran

This Week at Church

Sunday	12.24	Fourth Sunday of Advent
9:00-10:00am	Worship	Pastor Dan Schultz Lighting the Candle of Love.
10:15	Fellowship Time	Christmas Traditions
6:00-7:00pm	Christmas Eve	Traditional Christmas Eve service. We will light the Christ Candle.

Monday	12.25
	Merry Christmas! Church office will be closed.

Tuesday	12.26
	The church office will be closed.
6:00pm	AA Meeting

Wednesday	12.27
8:00-9:00am	Men's Breakfast
5:30-6:30pm	Finance Team

Saturday	12.30
9:00-12:00pm	Table Tennis

Sunday	12.31
9:00-10:00am	Worship – Chaplain Darren Beachy
10:15am	Fellowship Time
10:20am	Growing Connections - Star Words or Gifts Intergenerational Activities

Monday	01.01.2024
	Happy New Year! Church Office will be closed.

Looking Ahead

New Year's Day	January 1	Church Office will be closed.
Loaves & Fishes	January 3	Church of Peace
Worship	January 7	Rev. Andy Sonneborn Baptism of the Lord
Women in Faith	January 10	
Worship	January 14	Chaplain Evan Stark
Worship	January 21	Pastor Craig Alwin
Annual Meeting	January 28	

PRAYERS

Brian C.	Marie L.
Pat D.	Jolene S. – Sister and her husband
Gib D.	Lynn K.
Arnold L.	Ashley K.
Jesse F.	Cathie
Liam A.	Dick S.
Burt M.	Mike S.
Cathie	Dale F.
Chastity G. and Joan S.	Maryann C.
Sandy T.	All the countries affected by unrest, violence, and war.

If you have a pastoral concern, that happens after office hours, please call the office phone, (920.922.0425), Press #2 for Pastoral Care.

E-Giving

Consider giving electronically. It's easy, convenient, and secure. You can sign-up on our website www.fdlpresbyterian.org. Click on 'Giving'. (You can change your giving at any time.) We are so very thankful for those of you who tithe or give regularly to our church. Your contributions help us do God's work.

Please take a moment to thank those who help make our service run smoothly. Because of them, we can worship God well.

Weekly Statistics

DATE	ATTENDANCE	WEEKLY INCOME	NOTES
December 17, 2023	98 IN THE SEATS	\$1,594.00	OFFERINGS/TITHES
12/11--12/15/2023		\$2,641.00	VANCO-ONLINE OFFERINGS
		\$4,235.00	TOTAL INCOME FOR THE WEEK
12/17/2023	6 HOUSEHOLDS		6-HOUSEHOLDS VIEWED THE ZOOM SERVICE FOR 12/17/2023

Poinsettias

Dan & Sue Baker

Kevin & Kim Braatz & Family

Sheryl Brown & Family

Trista Bubolz

Henry Chang

John & Laurie Christie

Hierl Family

Jerry & Nancy Hilbert

Bonnie Hughes

Larry & Sandy Johnson
Lee & Phyllis Munson

Wendy Johnson

Laiten Family

Debby & Andy Lorenz

Larry, Carol & Bob Merrill

Larry, Carol, Bob, Tami, Grace
& Sophia Merrill

Kay Mullins

Jolene & Heather Schry

The Shawn Willey Family

Scott & Jennifer Zander

Jim & Judy Dassow

Laiten Family

Carol & Lew Smith

Debra & Brad Spoerke

In Memory

Camdon, Bud, Kathy, Ken & Rick Baker,
Bill Sr., Clair Ann, Bill Jr., & Terry Rowe

Junie Braatz & Debbie Braatz

Ray, Carol, Terry & Heath Farr
Don & Dorothy Brown

Raymond & Dawn Michels
Tom & Joanne Karuhn

Jong Chen

Corliss Christie & Tom Leestma

Sue (Oma) Hierl

Kevin

Jack Hughes & Other Family Members

Harold & Bette Munson

Roy Johnson & Other Loved Ones

G. Ward Laiten

Our Parents:
Earl & Elain Bond/Emil & Grace Lorenz

Bob & Eileene Merrill

Jeffrey L. Merrill

Rhonda Mullins Brewer

Rick Schry, Bowe & Barbara LeFevre

Silas Willey

Our Loved Ones

In Celebration

Family and Friends

Marie Laiten

Our Congregation

The Beauty of Life