

GTG 85 “Light One Candle” vs. 3 (during the lighting of the candle)

Prayer

Help us to trust you, Lord. We cannot comprehend this thing that is about to happen, this baby who will be our savior. We have learned well how we can be custodians of law, guardians of culture, and champions of religion; we do not know how—or if—we can be disciples of such a one as this. Prepare us for the bearer of the gospel, O God, lest we receive the good news as bad news, and turn our backs. Amen.

***Hymn GTG 109** Blest Be the God of Israel

***Call to Confession**

The life of faith is not only about being faithful to God. It is knowing that God is faithful to us. Trusting that God will never turn away from us, let us tell God the truth about our lives.

***Confession**

Magnificent God, we like seeing the wilderness bursting into bloom and the hungry being filled with good things.

But we are not so sure about the powerful being brought down or the rich being sent away empty.

We know that sometimes, we are the powerful.

Sometimes, we are the rich.

Sometimes, we are the ones with privilege, ignoring and harming those you want to lift up.

Magnificent God forgive us, humble us, and refocus us, that we may follow your way of life and truth.

Silent Confession

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

***Assurance of Pardon**

There is nothing and no one that is too far gone for God to redeem. There is no land too parched that God cannot make streams of living water flow. Beloved, believe the good news of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Amen!

***Sharing God's Peace**

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 583 "Glory to God"**

God's Word Is Proclaimed

Gospel Lesson Luke 1:46b-55

Gospel Lesson Matthew 11:2-6

Children's Time

Jennifer Zander

***Hymn GTF 459 "O Word of God Incarnate"**

Sermon "Pick a Side"

Pastor Ken Locke

We Respond to God's Word

Prayers of the People

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 "Es Ist Ein Ros"

arr. by Benjamin M. Culli

***Offertory PH 427** “Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service” (vs. 1)

***Offertory Prayer**

***Hymn GTG 100** “My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout”

Charge and Benediction

Let all God’s people say,
Alleluia, Amen!

***Closing Refrain PH 9** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (vs. 1, 2 & 3)

Postlude “Veni Emmanuel”

arr. Marilyn Biery

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Prayers

Brian C.

Gary G.

Pat D.

Gib D.

Arnold L.

Pauline W.

Jesse F.

Pedro and Kristina Arellano

Pedro’s father passed away.

Silas W.

Liam A.

Jerry and Mary H.

Chastity G. and Joan S.

Jolene S. – Sister and her husband

The family of Nenad Malic

Nenad passed away.

**Additional News, Updates and General Information can
be found on our website: www.fdlpresbyterian.org.**

This Week at Church

Sunday	12.11	Third Sunday of Advent
9:00-10:00am	Worship	Pastor Ken is leading us in worship. Sanctuary & Zoom
10:15am	Fellowship Time	
10:15-11:15am	Growing Connections for All Ages	Book Study – “Holy Disruption”
11:30-12:30pm	PYA	
4:30-5:30pm	Learning Team	
6:00-7:30pm	Scout Troop 702	
Monday	12.12	
10:00-11:30am	Staff Meeting	
6:30-7:30pm	Endowment Team	
Wednesday	12.14	
8:00-9:00am	Men’s Breakfast	
4:30-5:30pm	Hand Bell Practice	
5:30-7:30pm	Women in Faith	
Friday	12.16	
10:30-1:30pm	Advocap Training	
Saturday	12.17	
9:00-12:00pm	Table Tennis	
Sunday	12.18	Fourth Sunday of Advent
9:00-10:00am	Worship	Pastor Ken is leading us in worship. Sanctuary & Zoom
10:15am	Fellowship Time	
10:15-11:15am	Growing Connections for All Ages	Book Study – “Holy Disruption”
1:00-2:00pm	AA Planning Meeting	
6:00-7:30pm	Scout Troop 702	

Update Member Information

Breeze is our church management system. It has names, addresses, email addresses, phone numbers, and other important information. It is vital software that helps us keep in touch with you. Update forms are in the pew pads and in the office. If you have had a change of address or phone number, etc., please complete a form, and drop it in the offering plate or leave it in the church office.

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

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.

Weekly Statistics

DATE	ATTENDANCE	WEEKLY INCOME	NOTES
Dec. 4, 2022	94	\$3,797.00	OFFERINGS/TITHES
Dec. 4, 2022		\$0.00	RAISE THE ROOF CAMPAIGN
11/28--12/02/2022		\$2,606.00	VANCO-ONLINE OFFERINGS
11/28--12/02/2022		\$0.00	VANCO-ONLINE ROOF OFFERINGS
		\$6,403.00	TOTAL INCOME FOR THE WEEK
		\$47,731.97	TOTAL IN THE "RAISE THE ROOF" CAMPAIGN FUND
12/4/2022	4		ATTENDANCE FOR THE LIVE STREAMING SERVICE 12/04/2022

THE WORSHIP OF

Christmas

Christmas Eve

5:00pm

Candlelight Service
Moravian Love Feast (Milk and Cookies)

7:00pm

Candlelight Service with Christmas Carols

Christmas Day

9:00am

Celebrate the Birth of Jesus

10:15am

Fellowship Time - Bring your favorite ornament and tell us about its history.