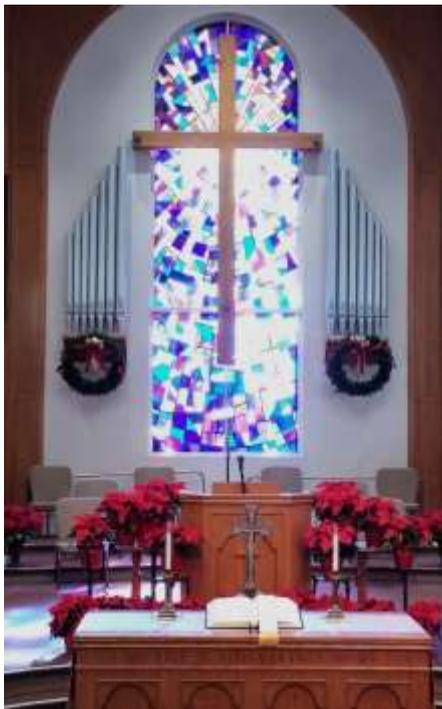




First Presbyterian  
CHURCH  
CARSON CITY

DECEMBER 27, 2020  
10:00 AM



The beautifully decorated FPC Sanctuary - thank you all who helped!

**Our Mission** as God's people is to daily seek to respond in word and action to Jesus' great commission: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." *Matthew 28:19-20*

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# PRAISE MUSIC

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## HERE I AM TO WORSHIP

### Verse 1

Light of the world,  
You stepped down into darkness,  
Opened my eyes, let me see  
Beauty that made this heart adore You,  
Hope of a life spent with You.

### Chorus

So here I am to worship;  
Here I am to bow down;  
Here I am to say that You're my God.  
And You're altogether lovely,  
Altogether worthy,  
Altogether wonderful to me.

### Verse 2

King of all days, oh, so highly exalted,  
Glorious in heaven above,  
Humbly You came to the Earth You created,  
All for love's sake became poor.

### Chorus x2

### Bridge

And I'll never know how much it cost  
to see my sin upon that cross.  
And I'll never know how much it cost  
to see my sin upon that cross.

### Chorus x2

## HE IS OUR PEACE

He is our peace,  
Who has broken down every wall,  
He is our peace, He is our peace. (repeat)

Cast all your cares on Him,  
For He cares for you;  
He is our peace, He is our peace. (repeat)

### Interlude

Cast all your cares on Him,  
For He cares for you;  
He is our peace, He is our peace.

Hughes

## #155 – ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY

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.

And our eyes at last shall see Him  
Thro' His own redeeming love;  
For that Child so dear and gentle  
Is our Lord in Heav'n above,  
And He leads His children on  
To the place where He is gone.

## #144 – HOW GREAT OUR JOY

There shall the Child lie in a stall,  
This child who shall redeem us all.  
How great our joy! *Great our Joy!*  
*Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy!*  
Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!  
*Praise we the lord in Heav'n on high!*

This gift of God we'll cherish well,  
That ever joy our hearts shall fill.  
How great our joy! *Great our Joy!*  
*Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy!*  
Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!  
*Praise we the lord in Heav'n on high!*

Groves

## #157 – AWAY IN A MANGER

Be Near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay  
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in  
Thy tender care,  
And fit us for heaven to live with  
Thee there.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! We are glad you are here!

Karen Dahlen, Liturgist

The Rev. Bob Davis, Pastor

Ministers: The Congregation

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## THE LORD'S DAY CELEBRATION

Father, it is a great joy to remember Christ's coming, to give thanks for your love, and to praise you for all you have done. Open our eyes so that we would see things the way you see them. Open our hearts so that we would love the way you love. Open our minds so that we would understand who you are, whose we are, and how you have sent us to into this community to share the good news of a Savior! We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Chorale Prelude on "In dulci jubilo"  
*Karen Dahlen, Organ*

*In dulci jubilo/Bach/  
Arr. Ryan*

CALL TO WORSHIP

*God calls us from his word to give him praise.*

**Luke 1:69-79 NRSV**

"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them. He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us. Thus, he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins. By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

\*HYMNS OF PRAISE

"Joy to the World"  
"Here I Am to Worship"  
"He is Our Peace"

#125

(Please be seated)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*We acknowledge our common need for God's grace.*

Almighty God, after hearing the angels sing of your glory, it is difficult for us to admit that we have not followed your commands. We struggle and try to obey your will, only to find evil right at hand. We try to hide our sins because we are afraid. Even so, Lord, this morning we confess that we have sinned against you. We seek your mercy. We pray for your righteousness that comes through faith in Jesus Christ. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and restore to us the joy of your salvation.

TIME OF PERSONAL SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*We hear from God's word that we are saved by God's grace.*  
"Good Christians All, Rejoice" #151, verse 3  
*Good Christian men, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;*  
*Now ye need not fear the grave: Peace! Peace! Jesus Christ was born to save!*  
*Calls you one and calls you all to gain His everlasting hall:*  
*Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!*

MISSION MESSAGE

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Once in Royal David's City" #155, verses 2 & 4  
"How Great Our Joy" #144, verses 3 & 4  
"Away in a Manger" #157, verse 3  
*Congregation with Karen Dahlen, Organ*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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, 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.

OFFERTORY WORD

Elder Barbara MacSween

OFFERTORY

"Rise Up, Shepherd and Follow"  
with "Go Tell It on the Mountain"  
*Karen Dahlen, Piano*  
Trad. Spirituals/Arr. Bober

\*DOXOLOGY

*We give God thanks and praise.*  
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;*  
*Praise Him, all creatures here below;*  
*Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;*  
*Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

THE WORD OF GOD READ – OLD TESTAMENT

Deuteronomy 6: 1-9

THE WORD OF GOD READ – NEW TESTAMENT

John 1: 1-18

Pastor: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED

"The True Light"

Dan Skinkis

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*We go out in song to proclaim God’s good news in Jesus Christ*

**“We Three Kings”** #166, verse 5 & refrain

*Glorious now behold Him arise: King and God and Sacrifice.*

*Alleluia, Alleluia! Earth and heav’n replies.*

*O – star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,*

*Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.*

POSTLUDE

**“Fum, Fum, Fum”**  
*Karen Dahlen, Piano*

Trad. Catalanian carol/Arr. Hayes

Submit prayer requests to the church office by emailing [margo@fpccarsoncity.org](mailto:margo@fpccarsoncity.org) or calling Margo at the church office (882-1032 x212). Prayer requests will remain on the list for approximately two weeks. If you would like to renew a prayer request you may do so by emailing or calling Margo in the office.

ON OUR PRAYER & PRAISES LIST

Requested as of December 23, 2020

**PRAISES!!** Autumn only has the flu – not COVID (Daughter-Deana Ercanbrack) † Connor Sattely is recovering from his malaria (Son-Nina Sattely) † The Hataways are recovering from COVID † Omega does not have cancer in her spine (Daughter-Doris Wheeler) † To God for His love made manifest through the birth of His Son, Jesus

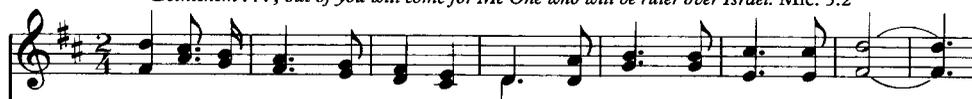
**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Michelle (Friend-Sherri Gurney) † Randy Antone (Family-Ron & Sandy Cashion) † Krystal and her household (Family-Billy & Wanda Brown) † Gene & Lorene Wilkinson † Dick & family (Family-Jenny & Rob Scanland) † Carol Paz † Those quarantining due to possible COVID exposures † Macey Creek † Karolyn Belcher † Sue Hull † Jim & Barbara Alexander † Todd Wheeler (Family-Jamie & Faye Wheeler) † Linda Sulprizio † Jamie Wheeler † Carolyn Merz † Rex & Karen Baggett † Shirley Parks † Norma Summey † Mary Lou Pawley † Tori (Family-Doug & Jodene Finch) † Todd & Kelli Butterworth † Gary Kanarian † Jerry Haynes (Friend-Gary Kanarian) † Donald Scherer † Marge Broyles † Jordan and Katrina (Family-Kristie & Kieran Creek) † Sam Waisanen & family (Family-Karen & Carl Dahlen) † Relinda & Evangelina, Bob (Family-Johannes & Lori Vanderwal) † For those putting their lives on the line to fight COVID, the fires, and conduct post-hurricane rescues

**MISSION WORK TO PRAY FOR:** All of the missionaries and groups supported by FPC – local, national, and international



## Joy to the World! 125

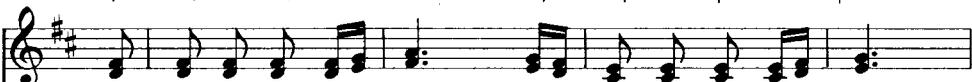
Bethlehem . . . , out of you will come for Me One who will be ruler over Israel. Mic. 5:2



- 1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth re - ceive her King;
- 2. Joy to the earth! the Sav - ior reigns; Let men their songs em - ploy;
- 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, Nor thorns in - fest the ground;
- 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the na - tions prove



Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him room,  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
He comes to make His bless - ings flow  
The glo - ries of His righ - teous - ness,



And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture sing,  
Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing joy,  
Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is found,  
And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His love,

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Choral Ending on the following page.

TEXT: Isaac Watts

MUSIC: George Frederick Handel, arranged by Lowell Mason;

Choral ending arranged by Tom Fetteke

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C.M.

## As with Gladness Men of Old 163

*When they saw the star, they were overjoyed . . . and they worshiped Him. Matt. 2:10-11*

1. As with glad - ness men of old Did the guid - ing  
 2. As with joy - ful steps they sped To that low - ly  
 3. As they of - fered gifts most rare At that man - ger  
 4. Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - ery day Keep us in the

star be - hold; As with joy they hailed its light,  
 man - ger bed, There to bend the knee be - fore  
 rude and bare, So may we with ho - ly joy,  
 nar - row way; And when earth - ly things are past,

Lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright, So, most gra - cious  
 Him Whom heav'n and earth a - dore, So, may we with  
 Pure and free from sin's al - loy, All our cost - liest  
 Bring our ran - somed souls at last Where they need no

Lord, may we Ev - er - more be led to Thee.  
 will - ing feet Ev - er seek the mer - cy seat.  
 treas - ures bring, Christ, to Thee our heav'n - ly King.  
 star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glo - ry hide. A - men.

## THIS WEEK

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

<b>TODAY</b>	<i>December 27</i>
<b>10:00 AM</b>	<i>Worship Service – Livestream and seating in Sanctuary &amp; FLC</i>
<b>MONDAY</b>	<i>December 28</i>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<i>December 29</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<i>December 30</i>
<b>8:00 AM</b>	Take down Sanctuary Christmas decorations
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<i>December 31</i>
<b>FRIDAY (office closed)</b>	<i>January 1</i>



<b>SATURDAY</b>	<i>January 2</i>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<i>January 3</i>
<b>10:00 AM</b>	<i>Communion Worship Service New Officers Ordination &amp; Installation Livestream and seating in Sanctuary &amp; Family Life Center</i>

### WHAT'S AHEAD FOR 2021?

*Many of our regular meetings and events continue to only be scheduled on a tentative basis at best. Some off-site small groups may be meeting but there are no gatherings of this type on the FPC campus.*

*There are events we know have been cancelled in January and February, including the Desert Schooners Chili Cook-Off.*

**HOWEVER**, some events may be rescheduled later in the year so "stay tuned."

*As things in the world return to normal, so will FPC! We can look toward restarting the Pastor's Study, prayer group, hymn sings, small groups, etc. as soon as it is safe to do so. We will hold the Annual Congregational Meeting in February. We continue to look to God for our guidance and follow the path He is putting us on.*

### DID YOU REQUEST GIVING ENVELOPES?

Your 2021 Giving Envelopes are on the table in the Narthex. Please pick them up and throw away your 2019 envelopes at the end of 2020. If you are not attending church, please call or email Charlene Rodman and she will get them to you or let her know you will pick them up at the office during the week.

If you do not have envelopes now but want them for 2021 please let Charlene know. See her at church or leave a message at 775.882.1032 X215.

### YEAR END GIVING

We are so grateful for your generous hearts in giving to the mission of First Presbyterian Church in 2020. While being a year of challenges, it has also been a year of many blessings! Just a reminder that if you are giving in December and want your donation credited to calendar year 2020, your gift must be in the church offering by the morning of Sunday, Dec. 27, 2020 or postmarked by Thursday, Dec. 31, 2020.



**Thank you** to all who have kept up with your pledges and offerings to FPC.

Please continue to mail these to:

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