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**January 2nd, 2022**

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**Welcome Visitors!** We are excited that you have chosen to worship with us today; all are welcome and beloved—all races, gender identities, sexual orientations, socio-economic statuses, *everyone*.

## **I. Prelude – (Joshua Hegg)**

## **II. Welcome and Announcements - (Pastor Jesse)**

- Zoom Check-In on Tuesday at 1:00
- Board meeting on Tuesday at 7:00
- 6:00 Boy Scouts in K-Hall
- Music practice at 11:00 on Thursday.
- Bible Study resumes Thursday at 7:00 on Zoom.
- Sacred Grounds, 9:00 next Sunday.
- Worship, 10:00 in the sanctuary, Zoom and FaceBook Live.

## **IV. Opening Hymn – CH #164 “Good Christian Friends Rejoice” (Joshua Hegg)**

Good Christian friends, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
give ye heed to what we say:  
Jesus Christ was born today.  
Ox and ass before him bow,  
and he is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today!  
Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye hear of endless bliss:  
Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He has opened heaven’s door,

and we are blest forevermore.  
Christ was born for this!  
Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye need not fear the grave:  
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!

#### **V. Call to Worship – (Mary Kearns)**

Arise, shine, for your light has come!  
**The glory of the Lord has risen upon us!**  
Like sages from afar, come and behold your Christ!  
**Let us fall on our knees in his honor! Let us lift  
our voices in praise of his name!**

#### **VI. Children’s Moment (Pastor Jesse)**

#### **VII. John 1:1-18 NRSV (Mary Kearns)**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came

into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, “He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.” ) From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father’s heart, who has made him known.

**VIII. Sermon - “The First and Final Word” (Pastor Jesse)**

**IX. Song of Invitation – CH #172 “We Three Kings” (Joshua Hegg)**

We three kings of orient are  
Bearing gifts we travel afar  
Field and fountain  
Moore and mountain  
Following yonder star

O star of wonder, star of light  
Star with royal beauty bright  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to thy perfect light

Born a king on Bethlehem’s plain  
Gold I bring to crown him again  
King forever ceasing never  
Over us all to reign

Frankincense to offer have I  
In cense owns a deity nigh  
Prayer and praising voices raising  
Worshiping God on high

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume  
Breathes a life of gathering gloom  
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying  
Sealed in the stone cold tomb

Glorious now behold him arise  
Christ and God and sacrifice  
Alleluia, alleluia  
Sounds through the earth and skies

O star of wonder, star of light  
Star with royal beauty bright  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to thy perfect light

**X. Moment for Mission – Surprise!**

**XI. Prayers of the People (Mary Kearns)**

**XII. Communion Song CP #162 “What Child Is This?” (Joshua Hegg)**

What Child is this, who, laid to rest,  
On Mary’s lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
While shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ, the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

Why lies He in such mean estate,  
Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading.

This, this is Christ, the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh,  
Come, peasant, king to own Him.  
The King of kings salvation brings;  
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.

This, this is Christ, the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

**XIII. Institution of Communion (Georgia Nelson  
and Barbara Poetker)**

**XIV. Partaking Communion Together**

**XV. Blessing/Benediction (Pastor Jesse)**

**XVI. Postlude - (Joshua Hegg)**



January 2nd-9th, 2022

**Bylaws**—We will be voting to approve the amendment of the Bylaws on January 2nd. [Here](#) is the link to vote. Please vote only once, either in person during the 10 am service in the Sanctuary on January 2nd, OR online via the [online survey](#).

- [Here is a PDF of the Bylaws showing the changes as highlighted in a simple format.](#)
- [Here is a PDF of the Bylaws showing all the amendments proposed, including all punctuation changes.](#)

**January Callers are available in back of Sanctuary and online here:** <https://www.fccchico.com/the-caller-newsletter.html>

**January/February Upper Room Devotionals are in the front of the Sanctuary on the bookshelves.**

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### This Sunday

9:00 a.m.-Sacred Grounds Adult Faith Formation Christian Education, Chapel and on [Zoom](#)  
 10:00 a.m.-Indoor Worship in Sanctuary (please bring masks) and Worship Streamed Live on [Zoom](#) and [Facebook](#)  
 No Fellowship until after January 15th

### Tuesday

1:00 p.m. Check-in on [Zoom](#)  
 7:00 p.m. Church Board Meeting on [Zoom](#)

### Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (Jay Nelson), Koinonia Hall and Fireside

### Thursday

11:00 a.m. Music Jam for all fully vaccinated musicians, Room 4  
 7:00 p.m. Bible Study on [Zoom](#) (first day)

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**California Mask Mandate December 15th-January 15th: Everyone, regardless of vaccination status, must wear a mask in public indoor gatherings.**



## Some FAQs for Visitors

- **What is Communion?** Communion is a part of each Sunday morning where we remember the last meal that Jesus ate with the disciples by eating bread and drinking grape juice.
- **May I receive Communion?** Yes! Everyone is invited to receive -- we have no barrier to participating in communion.
- **What's a "Doxology"?** Some Sundays we will sing a "doxology" (literally "saying of glory") after we receive the offering. It is a prayer written in 1674 and is popular in Protestant Churches -- plus, we love the words.
- **Do we say the Lord's Prayer together?** We do pray the Lord's Prayer together occasionally on Sunday mornings during the prayer time.
- **What else should I know?** We'd love to share more of our loving and inclusive community with you. At FCC, you'll find all generations worshipping together and participating in church activities. We have activities for kids and youth, and we love to share in community together.
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[www.fccchico.com](http://www.fccchico.com)

*Happy New Year*

○ SING UNTO THE LORD  
*a new song;*  
FOR HE HATH DONE  
*marvelous things.*

PSALM 98:1, KJV