



The Mountain of the Lord

Rev. Jesse Kearns, Pastor

November 27th, 2022—First Sunday of Advent

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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 – (Shelley Fairchild and Nancy Thompson)

II. Welcome and Announcements – (Bill Peterson)

- Today – Fellowship following service.
- Monday - 5:00 p.m. Advent Rehearsal in Chapel.
- Tuesday –11:00 a.m. Music jam in Room 4
- Wednesday –7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts in K-Hall and Fireside.
- Thursday –7:00 p.m. Bible Study on Zoom and in Room 6.
- Friday-- 1:00 p.m. Healing Circle, Chapel; All Day Chico Ballet rehearsals, Koinonia Hall, Fireside, Bethany, 6, 10
- Saturday-- Chico Ballet Spaghetti Dinner and Performance, Koinonia Hall, Fireside, Kitchen, Bethany, 6, 10
- Sunday – 8:30 a.m. Sacred Grounds; 10:00 a.m. Worship in sanctuary, Zoom, and FaceBook Live; Fellowship in K-Hall following the service.

III. Opening Hymn – CH #125 “Come, O Long Expected Jesus” (Nancy Thompson)

Come, O long expected Jesus
Born to set your people free
From our fears and sins release us
Christ, in whom our rest shall be.

You our strength and consolation
Come salvation to impart;
Dear desire of many a nation
Joy of many a longing heart

Born your people to deliver
Born a child, and yet a king.
Born to reign in us forever,
Born your gracious realm to bring.
By your own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone
By your all-sufficient merit
Raise us to your glorious throne.

IV. Call to Confession and Words of Forgiveness – (Bill Peterson)

In God's house, everyone is welcome –
Those who seem like they have it all together,
And those who feel like their world is falling apart.
No matter who we are, there's room for us here.
With that confidence we turn to God in prayer,
Speaking the truth of our lives. Let us pray –

God of today and God of tomorrow,
You say, "Bring your full self. There's room for you
here."
But we say, "Our lives are too messy."

You say "bring your hopes and your dreams. There's
room for you here."
But we say, "It's too risky to hope."

You say, "Bring your grief and your prayers. There's
room for you here."
But we say, "Some things are easier to forget."

God of today and God of tomorrow, we know in our
hearts that there's room for us here.
**Forgive us for withholding our full selves from
you. Forgive us for giving only our Sunday
best.**

Help us remember, today and tomorrow.
There's room for every story. Amen.

Family of faith, we who feel scattered are held
together. We who have lost our way are forgiven
and found. And we who are lonely are brought
into the fold and are told, "There's room for you
here." From generation to generation, this is the
good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ we are
held, forgiven, found, and welcomed. Thanks be
to God! Amen.

V. Children Fourth Grade and Under Dismissed for Sunday School

VI. Isaiah 2:1-5 NRSV – (Bill Peterson)

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

VII. Sermon - "The Mountain of the Lord" (Jesse Kearns)

VIII. Song of Invitation – CH #134 "Emmanuel, Emmanuel" (Nancy Thompson)

Emmanuel, Emmanuel
His name is called Emmanuel
God with us
Revealed in us
His name is called, Emmanuel.

IX. An Affirmation of Faith

We rejoice in a God
Who promised to Abraham,
Who wrestled with Jacob,
Who spoke with Moses,
Who grieved with Bathsheba,
Who danced with David,
Who dreamed with Joseph,
Who hoped like Mary.
We rejoice in our God who has been loving, inviting,
transforming, and challenging us from generation
to generation.
And we know this same God is here with us now,
saying, "Come on in; there's room for you here."
Amen.

X. Prayers of the People (Mary Kearns)

XI. Communion Song CH #417 "We Place Upon Your Table, Lord" (Nancy Thompson)

We place upon your table, Lord,
the food of life, the bread and wine,
as symbols of our daily work,
according to your grand design.

Within these simple things there lie
the height and depth of human life:

our pain and tears, our thoughts and toils,
our hopes and fears, our joy and strife.

Accept them, Lord, they come from you;
we take them humbly from your hand.
These gifts of yours for higher use
we offer up as you command.

XII. Institution of Communion (Peggy Davidson and Georgia Nelson elders)

XIII. Partaking Communion Together

XIV. Blessing/Benediction

XV. Postlude – (Nancy Thompson and Shelley Fairchild)



FROM
GENERATION
TO GENERATION...
There's room for every story

Advent

- There are
**printed Advent
Devotionals**

from Sanctified Art available in the Sanctuary, next to
the bulletins as well as all ages Advent Coloring
Calendar

• Sanctified Art has a **free Spotify playlist** for the
season [here](#).

CHRISTMAS CARDS



Christmas Cards

It is a tradition at FCC that, each year, rather than mailing out individual cards to the members of the church, many members send a card to the church which is then posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. They then donate what they would have spent on postage and this money is put into the Pastor's discretionary fund. The bulletin board in the narthex will be ready to start receiving your cards after Thanksgiving!

Christmas Flowers

Once again, we will be decorating the Sanctuary and chapel with poinsettias and holiday flowers. Envelopes are in the pew racks. **The cost has increased this year to \$12.**



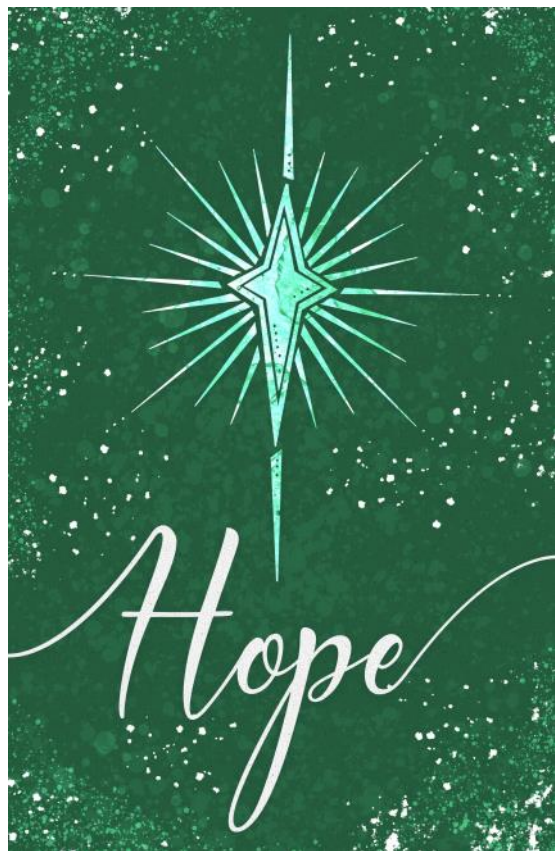
Commitment Sunday Congregational Meeting Results

Commitment Sunday was November 20th.

The congregation voted to accept the slate of leaders that was presented by Nominating Committee and approved by the Church Board. (See results below). *40 Ballots were cast and the slate of 2023 Church Leaders was elected by a majority. 32 Ballots were cast electronically, and 8 in person.*

- Board Moderator: Max Erwin
- Vice-Moderator:
- Board Secretary: Carolyn Driscoll

- Church Treasurer: Nancy Thompson
- Congregational Life Ministry Leader: Peggy Davidson
- Outreach Ministry Leader: Georgia Nelson
- Administrative Ministry Leader: Blaine Roberts
- At Large Board Member: Bill Peterson
- Financial Secretary: Barbara Poetker Assistant Financial Secretary: Connie Wakefield
- Personnel Committee: Barbara Mann
- Endowment Trustees: Kathy Moran, Rich Campbell, and Carolyn Hicks
- Elders: Bill Peterson, Georgeanne Bennett, Maxwell Erwin, Georgia Nelson, and Kevin Zeitler



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Nov. 27th-Dec. 4th, 2022

CALENDAR

Calendar November 27th-December 4th, 2022

This Sunday—First Sunday of Advent

- 8:30 a.m. Sacred Grounds Adult Faith Formation Christian Education, Room 6 and on [Zoom](#)
- 10:00 a.m. Indoor Worship in Sanctuary and Worship Streamed Live on [Zoom](#) and [Facebook](#)
- Fellowship, Koinonia Hall with candy cane hunt for children

Monday

- 5:00 p.m. Advent Rehearsals, Chapel

Tuesday

- 11:00 a.m. Music Jam, Room 4

Wednesday

- 6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 2 Koinonia Hall, Fireside

Thursday

- 7:00 p.m. Bible Study on [Zoom](#) and Room 6

Friday

- 1:00 p.m. Healing Circle, **Chapel (note change)**
- All Day Chico Ballet rehearsals, Koinonia Hall, Fireside, Bethany, 6, 10

Saturday

- Chico Ballet Spaghetti Dinner and Performance, Koinonia Hall, Fireside, Kitchen, Bethany, 6, 10

Next Sunday—Second Sunday of Advent

- 8:30 a.m. Sacred Grounds Adult Faith Formation Christian Education, Room 6 and on [Zoom](#)
- 10:00 a.m. Indoor Worship in Sanctuary and Worship Streamed Live on [Zoom](#) and [Facebook](#)
- Fellowship, Koinonia Hall

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.
- **Visit our website to donate online, subscribe to our mailing lists, and learn more about us!** www.fccchico.com
- **Masks:** Masks are recommended but not required. Adult and child size masks are available in the Sanctuary as well as hand sanitizer.