No. 141 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"



Lord's Supper

Sacrament of Communion

The Exchange of Love

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts! We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

### Communion Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

#### Words of Institution

Great is the mystery of faith: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Communing in Christ Prayer of Thanks

## **Choral Communion Meditation**

"The Sleep of the Child Jesus" by Francois Gevaert Arranged by Walter Ehret Madison Kavanaugh, soprano Sydney Sorbet, mezzo soprano

#### Instrumental Communion Meditation

"Cavatina" by Stanley Meyers



# Benediction

\*Response

Blessed be the LORD I AM, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit, amen!

**Postlude** "Dona nobis pacem" (Grant us peace) by W. A. Mozart ST. LOUIS

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Welcome.** We are glad you're here. If you are visiting with us, please use the Visitor Card in the pew racks, our church app (FPCBR in the App Store) or online at *fpcbr.org/connect*.

**Prayer Requests.** We'd love to pray for you. Prayer requests may be sent to *prayer@fpcbr.org*, through the church app or by filling out a card in the pew rack.

#### ADVENT EVENTS:

**December 5: Youth Christmas Parties.** The middle school party will be at the Vincent's from 5-7 and the high school will meet Jessica Saffell's from 6-8. Bring a \$10-15 white elephant gift. Crazy Christmas sweaters are encouraged!

**December 11:** Joy to the World! Women's Advent Brunch, 11 am at Amanda Vincent's Home. Visit *fpcbr.org* for details and registration. There is no charge for this event, but we ask that you register online.

**December 11:** Men's BBQ, 11 am at First Presbyterian Church. Bring your favorite cut of meat to grill (grill provided) in the Terraced Garden from 11 am-1 pm. No charge but please RSVP online at *fpcbr.org*.

**December 12:** Downtown Pilgrimage, FPC stop at 6.30 pm. The journey begins at 5.30 pm at Mount Zion Baptist Church. We'll walk together to several downtown churches and hear wonderful Christmas music.

**December 19:** *Ero Cras* Cantata at 9 and 11 am. A morning of visual and musical worship celebrating the ancient "O" prayers.

**December 24:** 11 am, 4 pm and 6 pm Worship in the Sanctuary

#### ADVENT GIVING OPPORTUNITIES:

**Christmas Offering for City Ministry.** Our annual Christmas offering (December 12-26) goes directly to support The Christian Outreach Center and the daily operations of Gardere Community Christian School.

**Christmas Poinsettia Orders Due December 15.** All are invited to contact Sherry in the church office (387.0617 or *sherry@fpcbr.org*) to purchase a poinsettia in memory or celebration of a loved one. Poinsettias are used to decorate the Chapel and Sanctuary. \$35 each.

**Christmas Bags for Malachi Dads.** Toiletry items are being collected for Christmas bags to be distributed to the Malachi Dads (prisoners) at Angola Penitentiary. Please consider making a donation and dropping it off at the Connection Center. Cash donations also accepted.

Advent Reading Guides: Pick up your daily guide to praying "O Prayers" and the Scriptures on which they are based as we get ready for Christmas. The guides can also be found online under our Resources tab.

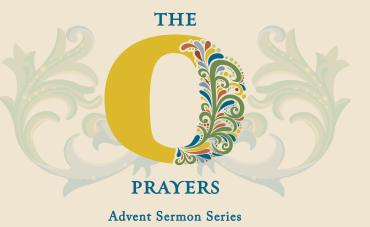
**Loving Our rEcess Families!!** Once a month volunteers spend a few hours playing with the children of families affected by disability while parents enjoy a night out. We need prayer for this vulnerable group and hands on volunteers. Contact Jess Concienne if you would like to participate in monthly rEcess (*jess.concienne@gmail.com* or 225.892.3212).

**Need a Pastor After Hours?** Would you like to reach a pastor after hours? Please call the church office (387.0617) and press 5 to be connected to the pastor on call.

*Scripture for Next Week: Isaiah 2: 1-5; Revelation 21: 22-27 All songs used by permission: CCLI license #207235.* 

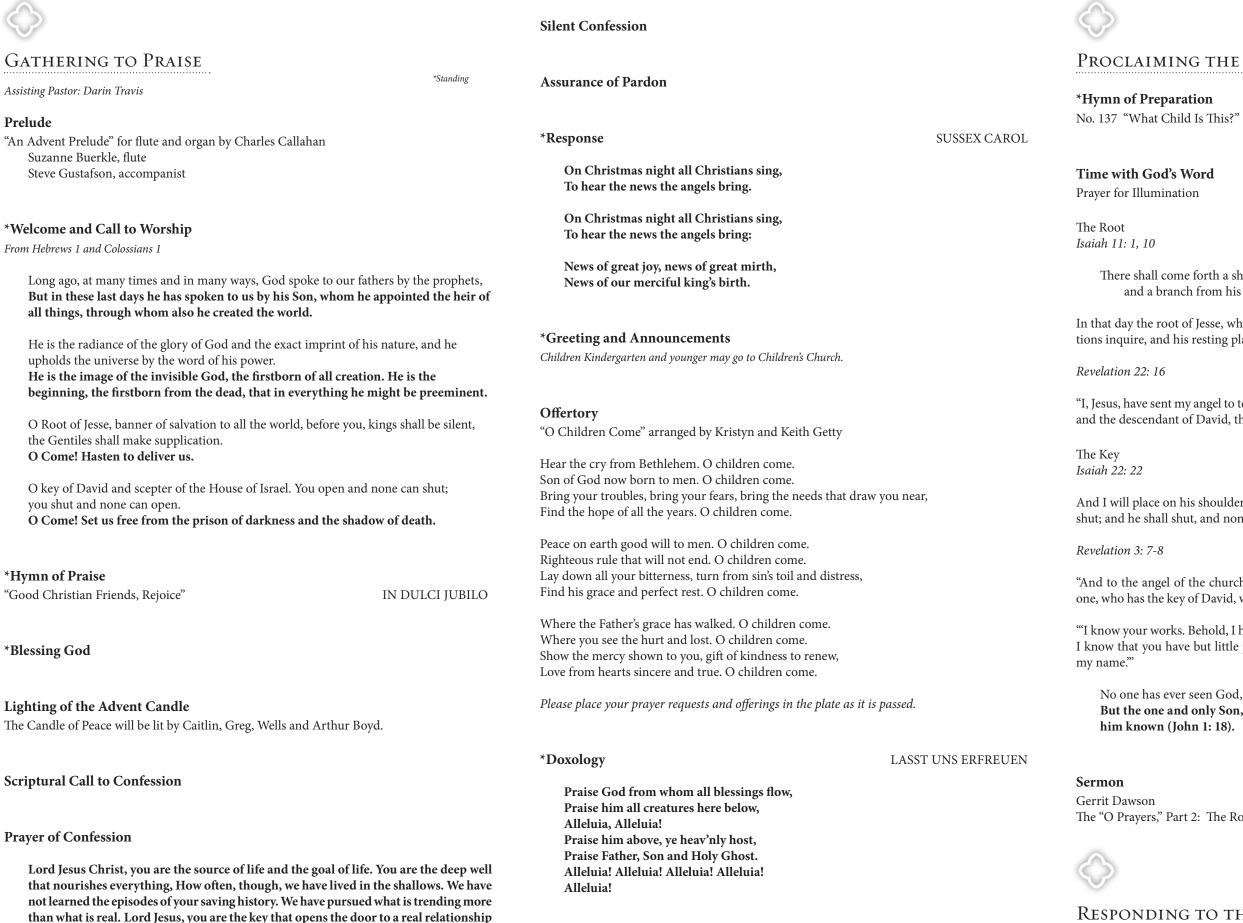


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## ORDER of WORSHIP

December 5, AD 2021 11 am Second Sunday of Advent



\*Prayer of Dedication

with the Father. How often we have lost our key! Or, worse, thrown it away. We have

locked ourselves out of Home. Forgive us. Sink our souls deep in your truth. Open

our locked hearts to the joy of your life, Amen.

**Time of Reflection** 

# **PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

#### GREENSLEEVES

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples-of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

"I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

And I will place on his shoulder the key of the house of David. He shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open.

"And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: 'The words of the holy one, the true one, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, who shuts and no one opens.'

"I know your works. Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied

But the one and only Son, who is himself God and is at the Father's side, has made

The "O Prayers," Part 2: The Root and the Key

Responding to the Word