

FELLOWSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023 ~ MORNING WORSHIP

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which Thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when He shall come again in His glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through Him who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, now and ever. Amen. ~Book of Common Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Marty Martin

Introit

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Call to Worship

Isaiah 12:1b-6

“I will give thanks to You, O LORD;  
For although You were angry with me,  
Your anger is turned away,  
And You comfort me.  
“Behold, God is my salvation,  
I will trust and not be afraid;  
For the LORD GOD is my strength and song,  
And He has become my salvation.”  
Therefore you will joyously draw water  
From the springs of salvation.  
And in that day you will say,  
“Give thanks to the LORD, call on His name.  
Make known His deeds among the peoples;  
Make them remember that His name is exalted.”  
Praise the LORD in song, for He has done excellent things;  
Let this be known throughout the earth.  
Cry aloud and shout for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,  
For great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

§ Hymn

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

No. 196

§ Prayer of Adoration

Pastor Peter Spink

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 40:1-11

“Comfort, O comfort My people,” says your God.  
“Speak kindly to Jerusalem;  
And call out to her, that her warfare has ended,  
That her iniquity has been removed,  
That she has received of the LORD’s hand  
Double for all her sins.”

A voice is calling,  
“Clear the way for the LORD in the wilderness;  
Make smooth in the desert a highway for our God.  
“Let every valley be lifted up,  
And every mountain and hill be made low;  
And let the rough ground become a plain,  
And the rugged terrain a broad valley;  
Then the glory of the LORD will be revealed,  
And all flesh will see it together;  
For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”  
A voice says, “Call out.”  
Then he answered, “What shall I call out?”  
All flesh is grass, and all its loveliness is like the flower of the field.  
The grass withers, the flower fades,  
When the breath of the LORD blows upon it;  
Surely the people are grass.  
The grass withers, the flower fades,  
But the word of our God stands forever.

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Get yourself up on a high mountain,  
O Zion, bearer of good news,  
Lift up your voice mightily,  
O Jerusalem, bearer of good news;  
Lift it up, do not fear.  
Say to the cities of Judah,  
“Here is your God!”  
Behold, the Lord GOD will come with might,  
With His arm ruling for Him.  
Behold, His reward is with Him  
And His recompense before Him.  
Like a shepherd He will tend His flock,  
In His arm He will gather the lambs  
And carry them in His bosom;  
He will gently lead the nursing ewes.

§ Psalm

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

No. 195

Worship through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

O Savior, Open Heaven Wide

O Savior, open heaven wide. Bend down, bend down and hear our cry. From deep within these prison walls in dark despair, on You we call. No fortress ever made of stone so cruel as one of flesh and bone, held captive by our spirit’s pain, and shackled by our guilt and shame. From darkness bring us into Light, from worldly depth to heaven’s height. Release us from our solitude and bring us ever near to You. O come and open heaven wide. Come down, come down, come to our side. Appear at ev’ry prison door to set us free forevermore. Come open ev’ry prison door. O set us free, set us free. O set us free forevermore. ~CCLI11347461

Prayer of Petition and Supplication

Elder John Kuhfuss

§ Hymn

Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming

No. 221

Scripture Reading

John 1:1-3

Pew Bible page 1058

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.

Proclamation of God’s Word

Pastor Martin

In the Beginning

§ Hymn

To Us a Child of Hope Is Born

No. 233

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

§ Congregational Response

No. 737

Christ, we do all adore thee, and we do praise thee forever;  
Christ, we do all adore thee, and we do praise thee forever;  
for on the holy cross hast thou the world from sin redeemed.  
Christ, we do all adore thee, and we do praise thee forever.  
Christ, we do all adore thee. ~CCLI11347461

§ Benediction

§ Corporate “Amen”

§ The congregation will please stand.

EVENING WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Matthew 2:1-2, 11

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, “Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him.”  
After coming into the house they saw the Child with Mary His mother; and they fell to the ground and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they presented to Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

§ Hymn

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

No. 218

§ Prayer of Praise and Adoration

Pastor Peter Spink

New Testament Reading

Matthew 1:1-17

The record of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham: Abraham was the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers. Judah was the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, Perez was the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram. Ram was the father of Amminadab, Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon. Salmon was the father of Boaz by Rahab, Boaz was the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse. Jesse was the father of David the king.  
David was the father of Solomon by Bathsheba who had been the wife of Uriah. Solomon was the father of Rehoboam, Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asa. Asa was the father of Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah. Uzziah was the father of Jotham, Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah. Hezekiah was the father of Manasseh, Manasseh the father of Amon, and Amon the father of Josiah. Josiah became the father of Jeconiah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.  
After the deportation to Babylon: Jeconiah became the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel. Zerubbabel was the father of Abihud, Abihud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor. Azor was the father of Zadok, Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud. Eliud was the father of Eleazar, Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob. Jacob was the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, by whom Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah.  
So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations.

§ Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

No. 194

Worship through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Good Christian Men, Rejoice!

Alex Brandenburg, cello; Cathy Lawton, piano

Prayer of Confession, Petition, and Intercession

Pastor Spink

§ Psalm

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

No. 193

Scripture Reading

I John 1:1-4

Pew Bible page 1218

<sup>1</sup>What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the Word of Life—<sup>2</sup>and the life was manifested, and we have seen and testify and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested to us—<sup>3</sup>what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>These things we write, so that our joy may be made complete.

Proclamation of God’s Word

Pastor Marty Martin

What We Have Seen and Touched

§ Psalm

God Rest You Merry Gentlemen

No. 211

§ Benediction

Sermon Notes:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Pew Cards:** If you are new to Fellowship, please help us get to know you by filling out a pew card and dropping it in the offering plate. ~Thank you!

Lessons & Carols—Next Sunday, December 10, 6:00 PM  
Special Prelude Music—5:45 PM!

Plan to join us for our traditional service of **Lessons & Carols** (Scripture readings, special music, and congregational carols). **Remember to arrive early to enjoy the special prelude music** and to focus your heart particularly on Christ's incarnation.

Christmas Reception—following Lessons & Carols  
(heavy hors d'oeuvres & Christmas desserts)

Please sign-up online (fellowshippres.org/calendar) to bring: a tray of heavy hors d'oeuvres or your favorite Christmas dessert. ~Thank you!

Christmas Eve Service—Sunday, December 24, 5:00 PM

Nursery will not be provided for our Christmas Eve Service; you are welcome to bring infants/children into the service.

New Adult Sunday School Classes, 10:00 AM:

Making the Most of Your Bible, taught by Pastor Martin, meets in the Fellowship Hall.  
Gospel of Luke, taught by Craig Bouvier, meets in the sanctuary.

Wednesday Supper, Prayer Service, Catechism and High Point will resume January 3.

Women's Study, Confronting Christianity, December 7, 7:00 pm.

The Children's Choir meets Sundays, 4:45 pm.

Youth Christmas Hangout—Saturday, December 9, 5:00—8:00 pm, at the church.

**Women's Fellowship Christmas Outreach, Thursday, December 14, 7:00 PM:** Plan to join us for a Christmas devotional and time of fellowship! Please bring a plate of your favorite Christmas treats to share with the group. **NOTE: Please bring your gifts to the church by December 12<sup>th</sup>.** See email announcements for an updated gift list. Collection baskets are in church foyers.

**Women's Thursday Evening Bible Study begins January 4, 7:00 pm:** This Bible study (facilitated by Barbara Wilder) is designed to help us understand God's loving-kindness (Psalm 63:3-4) and will use the book HESED, A Bible Study of God's Steadfast Love by Cara and Michael Smith (available on Amazon

**VBS—OLYMPION: Monday, June 17—Friday, June 21; save the dates!**

*The PCA Christmas Offering, which is used "to assist PCA retired and disabled pastors, missionaries, church lay workers, their widows and dependent children who may have financial needs," will be received now through Sunday, December 31. Please mark your checks or envelopes "PCA Christmas Offering".*

*We received 131 gift-filled shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child this year! Please pray that the gospel of Jesus Christ will be shared with each child and family and that they would look in faith to Christ as their Lord and Savior.*

**SWAMP RABBITS HOCKEY NIGHT:** Patrick DeJong has arranged a Fellowship Presbyterian Night at a Swamp Rabbits Game on **Friday, January 5**, at the WELL, **7:05 pm puck drop**. Cost is **\$26 per ticket (center ice seating behind the Rabbits' bench)**. The Swamp Rabbits are playing the Carolina Rays that night. **Contact Patrick DeJong** to reserve your seats; Pat will contact you later regarding payment. It would be helpful to know ASAP how many will be attending.

November 2023 Financial Summary:

Date:	Budget:	General Fund Giving:	Expenses:	GF Net Total:
Nov 2023	\$50,170.52	\$66,908.86	\$37,768.02	\$29,140.84
Jul 2023—Nov 2023	\$250,852.60	\$226,993.31	\$221,299.52	\$5,693.79
November Building Fund Giving: \$2,933.00		Total November Giving (GF + BF): \$69,841.86		
		Building Fund Total as of 11/30: \$511,341.19		

*"Advent Readings for December" bookmarks are available in the narthex.*

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THE SESSION:

Teaching Elder: Pastor Martin H. Martin  
Ruling Elders: Craig Bouvier, John Kuhfuss,  
Terry Richards, Tim Taylor, Jeff Wayne, Sr.  
Elder of the Month: John Kuhfuss

THE DIACONATE:

Deacons: Pat DeJong, Jared Farquhar, Dave Frengel,  
Brian Medlin, Kelly Peterson, Philip Triplett  
Deacon of the Week: Jared Farquhar

**ASSISTANT PASTOR:** Pastor Andrew Newman

**COORDINATOR OF PASTORAL CARE:** Pastor Peter Spink

**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES:** Michael Weaver

ACCOMPANISTS:

Piano, Beverly Brouwer & Cathy Lawton; Organ, Sheryl Farquhar

MISSIONARIES & BENEVOLENCE MINISTRIES:

Rev. & Mrs. Albert Kona—Albania	Rev. & Mrs. Will Traub—Scotland
Rev & Mrs. Alonzo Ramirez—Peru	Rev. & Mrs. Gary Watanabe—Tokyo
Rev. & Mrs. Todd Crusey—London	Rev. & Mrs. Rob Hamby—Daniel Island
Rev. & Mrs. John Blevins—NW Knoxville	Rev & Mrs. Miguel D’Azevedo—Okinawa
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December 3, 2023

*Our purpose is to glorify the Triune God by  
reconciling the lost to Him through faith in Jesus Christ  
and equipping the saints to serve Him in every area of life.*

2 Corinthians 5:18-19; Matthew 28:19-20