



## DATES TO REMEMBER

### **Christmas Eve Services**

- **All Ages Candlelight Service at 6 pm**
- **Traditional Carol Service at 9 pm**

Wednesday, December 31, from 5-11 pm,  
FLC New Year's Eve 'All are Welcome' Party  
in the Petersen Gallery

Saturday, January 10, PFS Presents  
Pat Byrne show at 7:30 pm in the  
Sanctuary

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Sunday, December 21, 2025

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OUR MISSION IS TO MANIFEST CHRIST'S LOVE IN THE WORLD.



# What do you fear?

WHEN YOU'RE AFRAID,  
GIVE ME YOUR HAND



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## PRELUDE

Prelude in C Major  
By Johann Sebastian Bach

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please sign friendship pads
- Wednesday, December 24  
**Christmas Eve**
  - All Ages Candlelight Service at 6 pm
  - Traditional Carol Service at 9 pm
- Wednesday, December 31, FLC  
New Year's Eve 'All are Welcome' Party  
from 5:30-11 pm in the Petersen Gallery
- Lay Reader: Sue Warninghoff
- Candle Lighting: Pierce/Hawkins Family

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Here in worship—

**we pray together,**  
we stand together,

**we sing together,**  
we listen together.

**Here in worship—**  
**we are not alone.**

So when life gives you reason to grieve, to  
fear, or to worry, remember this moment.

**We are not alone.**  
Let us worship our with-us God.

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us offer signs of Christ's peace  
to one another.

## OPENING HYMN

We're Not Alone  
To the tune of Adeste Fidelis  
(O Come, All Ye Faithful)

## CHILDREN'S TIME

Children and youth are dismissed.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

*Isaiah 41:5-10*

The isles saw it, and feared; the ends of  
the earth were afraid, drew near, and  
came. They helped every one his  
neighbour; and every one said to his  
brother, Be of good courage. So the  
carpenter encouraged the goldsmith, and  
he that smootheth with the hammer him  
that smote the anvil, saying, It is ready for  
the soldering: and he fastened it with nails,  
that it should not be moved. But thou,  
Israel, art my servant, Jacob whom I have  
chosen, the seed of Abraham my friend.  
Thou whom I have taken from the ends of  
the earth, and called thee from the chief  
men thereof, and said unto thee, Thou art  
my servant; I have chosen thee, and not  
cast thee away. Fear thou not; for I am  
with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy  
God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help  
thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right  
hand of my righteousness.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS CONTINUED

*Matthew 1:18-25*

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took  
place in this way. When his mother Mary  
had been engaged to Joseph, but before  
they lived together, she was found to be  
pregnant from the Holy Spirit. planned to  
divorce her quietly. Her husband Joseph,  
being a righteous man and unwilling to  
expose her to public disgrace, planned to  
divorce her quietly. But just when he had  
resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord  
appeared to him in a dream and said,  
“Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid  
to take Mary as your wife, for the child  
conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.  
She will bear a son, and you are to name  
him Jesus, for he will save his people  
from their sins.” All this took place to  
fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord  
through the prophet: “Look, the virgin  
shall become pregnant and give birth to  
a son and they shall name him  
Emmanuel, which means, “God is with  
us.” When Joseph awoke from sleep, he  
did as the angel of the Lord commanded  
him; he took her as his wife but had no  
marital relations with her until she had  
given birth to a son, and he named him  
Jesus.

## SPECIAL MUSIC

For Unto Us a Child is Born  
By G.F. Handel, arr. Kevin McChesney  
Southminster Handbell Choir

## SERMON

*What do you fear?*  
*When you're afraid, give me your hand.*  
Rev. Karin Kennedy Hejmanowski

## RESPONSIVE HYMN

#88 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel  
(vs. 1, 6, and 7)

## CORPORATE PRAYER

## OFFERTORY

Believe, arr. Sandra Eithun

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We have seen the valley.  
We have seen a sky without stars.  
We have seen the longest night,  
and still we believe.  
We believe in a with-us God.  
We believe in the hope of tomorrow.  
So even when our knees shake,  
even when our voice trembles,  
even when fear is all around us,  
we will hold onto that good news.  
We will reach for each other.  
We will look for God in our midst.  
We will sing songs of joy.  
We will proclaim: Unto us, love is born.  
We have seen the longest night, and we have  
seen unimaginable love. So still, we believe.  
Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN

#83 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

O Child, by Michael T. Roberts  
Gabe Neff, Bass/Isaac Hoffman, Baritone  
Henry Neff, Tenor/Olivia Salvado, Alto, and  
Megan Wagner, Soprano

## FELLOWSHIP

