

# 9:00am Praise Worship

*I Could Sing Of Your Love Forever*

- Martin Smith

Prelude

Welcome, Church Community News, & Greeting

The Rev. Katie Day

We Offer Ourselves

Outreach

Advent Call to Worship

Travis Rygg

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**All: Help us to not overlook the simple joys that peak into our lives daily. This week in our Advent journey, open our eyes to the joy that surrounds us. Amen.**

Song of Gathering

*Hark The Herald Angels Sing*

- Todd Anderson

Prayer of Confession

**We give thanks, O God, that you are unchanging, that your concern for justice and righteousness was so strong that you came in human form to share that concern with us in person. We confess that all too often we hesitate to speak or act when we see people being treated unjustly. Forgive us for placing our hope in other than the Christ-child born in a poor stable. Heal, restore, and bless us, we pray, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

[a time of silent personal confession]

Assurance of Pardon

A Moment With the Children

First Reading

**1 Thessalonians 5:16-24**

Song

*Sanctuary*

- Scruggs, Thompson

Second Reading

[please remain standing]

**Luke 1:47-55**

Song

*What Child Is This*

- William Chatterton Dix

Sermon

Joy

The Rev. Mark S. Peake

We Offer Our Gifts

[Please sign and pass the "Get to Know Your Neighbor Pad" (red folder) to the outside aisle and back to the center so you can greet one another. Thank you! Guests are invited to complete a visitor card. Please include your phone number.]

Offertory

*What Child is This*

*(Instrumental)*

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Closing Song

*Blessed Be Your Name*

- B. Redman, M. Redman

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

# 11:00am Worship Service

[\* All who are able are invited to stand]

Prelude

*Alleluia from Christmas Oratorio*

- Camille Saint-Saens

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## Gathering Around The Word

Introit

*O come, O come, thou Dayspring bright!*

- Traditional

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\* Hymn

*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

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\* Passing of the Peace

\* Gloria

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## Proclaiming The Word

A Moment With the Children

*This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.*

*Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song:*

*This is where children belong.*

Prayer for Illumination

**Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, and as we hear your word, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

First Reading

[page 201, New Testament - NRSV]

**1 Thessalonians 5:16-24**

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

*And the glory of the Lord (from Messiah)*

- G. F. Handel

Second Reading

[page 56, New Testament - NRSV]

**Luke 1:47-55**

\* Hymn

*To A Maid Engaged To Joseph*

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## Responding to The Word

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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*A Joyful Heart*

- Carl Simone

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\*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

\* Prayer of Dedication

## Bearing The Word Into The World

\* Hymn

*Angels From The Realms of Glory*

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\* Charge and Benediction

\* Postlude

*Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts from Christmas Oratorio*

- Camille Saint-Saens

***If you leave during the postlude, please leave quietly so that those who stay may enjoy the music. ~ Thank you.***

## What's Happening at FPC

**SUNDAY 17**  
9:00am - Adult Bible Study  
9:00am - Praise Worship  
9:50am - Fellowship Time  
10:00am - Sandwich Making for Dorothy's Kitchen  
10:00am - Education for All Ages  
11:00am - Traditional Worship  
12:00pm - Fellowship Time  
6:00pm - Youth Service Sunday and Christmas Party

**MONDAY 18**  
1:00pm - Homelessness Outreach Meeting  
5:00pm - I-HELP for Men Dinner/Overnight

**TUESDAY 19**  
8:30am - Tuesday Troopers  
4:30pm - Men's Bible Study  
7:00pm - Stephen Ministry

**WEDNESDAY 20**  
9:00am - Mothers of Babies  
11:30am - Office Staff Meeting  
3:30pm - Children's Ministry Committee Meeting  
6:00pm - VNA Grief Support Group  
6:30pm - Praise Team Rehearsal

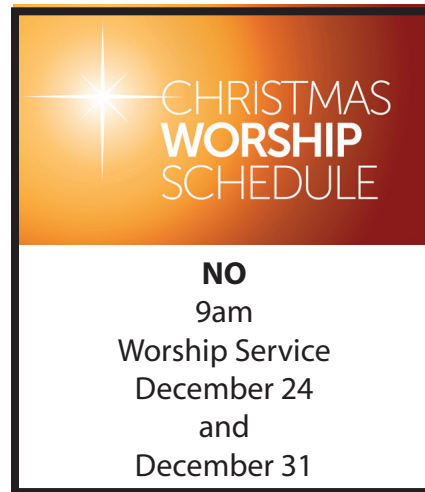
**THURSDAY 21**  
7:00pm - Monterey Meditation Group  
7:15pm - Choir Rehearsal

**FRIDAY 22**  
9:00am - Women's Bible Study  
3:30pm - Christmas Eve Play Rehearsal

**SATURDAY 23**  
10:00am - Christmas Eve Play Rehearsal

**SUNDAY 24**  
**No 9am Worship Service**  
10:00am - Education for All Ages  
11:00am - Traditional Worship  
12:00pm - Fellowship Time  
12:00pm - Christmas Eve Play Rehearsal  
5:00pm - Christmas Eve Candlelight Family Service with *Beneath a Shining Star* Musical  
6:00pm - Potluck Dinner - Everyone is invited!  
8:00pm - Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship with Chancel Choir  
11:00pm - Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship with Communion

**MONDAY 25 Merry Christmas**  
Office Closed  
5:00pm - I-HELP for Women Dinner/Overnight



## Ongoing Study Opportunities

### Sundays:

**9:00 Bible Study** is studying the Acts of the Apostles. We meet in the conference room.

### 10:00 Education Classes:

Pastor Katie Day will be teaching a class called *Names for the Messiah* based on a course of study by Walter Brueggemann.  
Elder Alice Yamanishi will be exploring the stories behind your most loved Christmas songs based on a book by Ace Collins.  
Both classes are in Fellowship Hall.

**Children 0 - 5th grade** check in at the Lighthouse table in the lower courtyard.

**Youth 6th - 12th grade** check in at the Lighthouse table to be a leader.

### Tuesdays:

**Tuesday Men's Bible Study** is studying the Torah at 4:30 in Fellowship Hall.

### Fridays:

**Women's Bible Study:** Lesson 9b from Hebrews: "In Community with all the Saints." pp.85-89.

We are glad you joined us for worship.  
Please let us know how we may serve you.  
Fill out a guest card and place it in the offering plate.  
We look forward to meeting you.

### Mission Statement

We encounter and glorify God as individuals and as a congregation through authentic worship, meaningful nurture, and relevant service.

The ushers at the 9am service are: Kimberley Kalin and George Lentz.

The ushers at the 11am service are:

Dona Morley, Clyde Roberson, Bill Shewchuk, and George Yamanishi.

Fellowship coffee and snacks are provided by the Deacons.

### Church Staff

The Rev. Mark Stephen Peake - Pastor • revpeake@fpcmonterey.org  
The Rev. Katie Day - Associate Pastor - Interim Youth Director • katie@fpcmonterey.org  
The Rev. Ben Newcomer - Parish Associate  
The Rev. Chris Williams - Parish Associate  
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Charlie Edwards - Sexton  
Jeff Barrett - IT and Tech Support  
Diane Grindol, Suzanne Schmitt, and Dakota Sherry - Worship Tech  
Jan Mason - Sacristy Coordinator  
Kelsey Hand, Franca DeVost, Maria Misco, Ally Thompson, and Anne Stevens - Nursery Staff

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We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation.

The Church Sanctuary is equipped with a hearing assistant system. Headset are available in the Narthex.  
Large print hymnals are also available.

# First Presbyterian Church of Monterey

December 17, 2017



## Something to think about before worship:

"Does anything leap for joy within us? Can we feel the stirring of new life? Of age old hopes? Of the impossible longing to become possible?"

-David Ewart