



In Your Prayers

- Barb Buno, Don & Sharon Taylor, The Fisher Family, The Seifert Family, The Hartley Family, John Johnston, Ed Stohrer Jr., Kathleen Keenan Takagi, Rebecca Kayorie
- Pastor Jesse, as he navigates his transition to our church!
- Peace in the Middle East, in our country and our world.

News & Notes

- Will you consider serving as a Deacon or Elder starting in February? If so, please contact Curt Colopy at 914-213-5732.
- Assistants are needed for Sunday School! Contact Amy DeMario at ce@fpcea.org to sign up. Thank you!
- Have you submitted your pledge card for 2025? Since Consecration Sunday on October 20th, we are more than halfway to our pledge goal of \$200,000! We are currently at \$178,530. If you have not received one either by mail or email, or have any questions, please contact Annie in the office at (716) 652-0160 or office@fpcea.org. The Stewardship team's deadline has passed, so please return your card ASAP. Thank you!!!

Join us for Christmas Eve! A pre-service concert begins at 6:30pm, followed by a service of lessons and carols at 7pm!



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Rev Drew Ludwig, Bridge Pastor
Bradley Meholick, Music Director

Fred Thornley, Liturgist
Betty Pitcher, Organist

December 22nd, 2024
The Fourth Sunday of Advent

A warm welcome to all visitors!
Please join us for refreshments following the service.





Order of Worship

Prelude: “Blessed Be That Maid Marie”- from Lute Book/arr. Olive Russell, “Let All Together Praise Our God”-German tune/arr. Paul Manz

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of Advent candles: The DeMario Family
Luke 1: 30-33: The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

Unison Prayer: Dear Lord, The message your servant Gabriel gave to Mary astonished her so much that he had to pacify her. If the news of this story has become boring or repetitious for us, what does that say about our ability to hear it or understand? Help us Lord, so that we may remember the story and be amazed once again. Amen.

Opening Hymn: “O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?” - Hymnal, n. 11

Passing of the Peace

Song of Praise: “Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)”

Children's moment

First Reading Micah 5: 2-5a



Special Music: “A Change is Gonna Come” - Intimate Connections

Second Reading: Luke 1:39-55

Gloria Patri: Hymnal, n. 579

Sermon: “Mary's Song”

Hymn: “O Little Town of Bethlehem” - Hymnal, n. 44

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Hymn: “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” - Hymnal, n. 8

Benediction and Charge

Postlude: “Prepare the Royal Highway” - Swedish folk tune/arr. Paul Manz