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Sermon Notes

"Eager to Serve the Master"
Luke 12:35-40 (p.737)

To find notes and discussion questions on this week's and previous week's sermons, click on the QR code to the right or go to firstprotestant.com/sermon-study/.



ADVENT 2025 SERMON SERIES:
"STORIES OF A WATCHFUL CHURCH"

NOV. 30 PREPARED TO HONOR THE HOST

MATTHEW 25:1-13

DEC. 7 EAGER TO SERVE THE MASTER

LUKE 12:35-40

DEC. 14 WORKING TO RETURN WITH INTEREST

MATTHEW 24:45-51

DEC. 21 LOOKING TO SPOT THE SIGNS

MATTHEW 24:32-35

Prelude - Children's Handbell Choir

Welcome - Pastor Andrew

**Lighting of the Advent Candle of** *PEACE*Kurt & Jenn Andersen & Elliot

#### **Choral Call to Worship**

"The Feed Box Carol" by R. G. Huff & C. Berry FPC Sanctuary Choir & Children's Choir with Robyn Blanchard, flute

#### **Sharing of Fellowship**

\*Hymn #169 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

**Service of Prayer** - Suzanne Bridges

**Gloria Patri** "Kyrie" from Mass of St. Timothy by M. Maher The congregation should echo the cantor on the phrase "Kyrie Eleison" and "Christe Eleison"

Scripture - Luke 12:35-40 (p.737) - Terry Gibson

**Anthem -** "Oh Thou That Tellest Good Tidings to Zion" from Messiah with Maria St. Clair, mezzo-soprano

Message - "Eager to Serve the Master" Rev. Dr. Andrew Keuer

#### Offertory

"Jesus, Oh What a Wonderful Child" arr. M. Hays Andrew Asante, baritone

\* Christmas Doxology #171 verse 1 - "Joy to the World"

\* Prayer of Thanksgiving

#### \*Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father, Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the One Holy Universal Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

#### Invitation and Communion at the Lord's Table

#### **Service of Communion**

Hymn - "Let Us Break Bread Together" (lyrics on screen)

Prayer and Lord's Prayer Using debts and debtors

\*Hymn #177 "Good Christian Men, Rejoice"

Blessing

**Postlude** 



11:45am



## **Church Facility Input Committee**

Council Treasurer

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A committee of congregants is being formed, and Pastor Andrew invites any interested members who would like to be part of that discussion to contact the church office.

This is a 3-4 meeting commitment, aiming to complete its work by mid-January 2026, by walking the facility and producing a 'status update' report on ways our church facili

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## POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

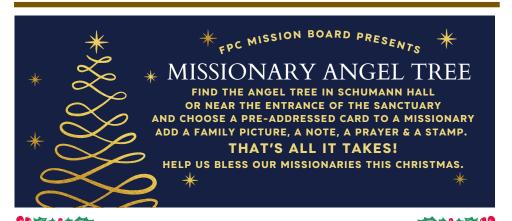
HELP BEAUTIFY OUR SANCTUARY DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON!



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP IS OFFERING POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS YOU CAN ORDER A PLANT IN MEMORY OR IN HONOR OF SOMEONE. THESE FLOWERS WILL BE PLACED IN THE SANCTUARY THROUGH DECEMBER AND CAN BE PICKED UP AFTER CHRISTMAS SERVICES.

I WOULD LIKE TO ORDER POINSETTIAS AT \$15 EACH				
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GIVEN BY:				

- PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION LEGIBLY.
- RETURN THIS FORM VIA THE OFFERING OR TO THE CHURCH OFFICE WITH YOUR PAYMENT.
- RETURN FORM BY DECEMBER 16TH



Christmas Music Offering

Consider making a special gift to help with the extra worship opportunities during this Christmas season. These offerings can be made in thanksgiving or in memory of someone and those names will be listed in our special Christmas Eve bulletins.

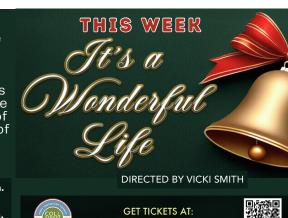
Please use the tear out below designating your gift for special Christmas Music & place in the offering. Or donate online and designate the gifts to music, adding the names for your memorial or thanksgiving in the notes section online. Gifts will be listed with both the name of the memorial or thanksgiving and the name of the giver(s). Each gift is greatly appreciated and will be recorded on your giving record at First Protestant.

Q.	All thanksgivings and/or memorials received by Monday, December 15 will be included in our Christmas Eve bulletins.				
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Please print clearly — if no name is provided, gifts will be listed "To the Glory of God" with the giver's name

#### SHOWTIMES

Thursday, December 11 | 7:00 p.m. Friday, December 12 | 7:00 p.m. Saturday, December 13 | 7:00 p.m. Sunday, December 14 | 2:00 p.m.





#### **Sunday School**

<u>Sundays, 9:30am Adult Sunday School Classes</u>

The River Rats! (Heritage House, 1st floor) - Rodney Fischer

<u>Sundays, 9:30am Youth Sunday School Classes</u>

Middle School (Bormann Room) Jodi Butler

**High School (Bormann Room)** Adam Burroughs

Children's Sunday School (The Well) - Lydia Keuer

Sundays, 11:00am Adult Sunday School Classes

Faithful Servants (Heritage House upstairs) – Lynn Herr

**Legacy Builders (Heritage House main level) –** Celeste Salge

Kingdom Seekers/C.A.L.M. Class (Heritage House upstairs)

Wayne Wise, Chris and Kristi Beabout

Kids' Music & Arts Activities (The Well) - Kirsten Boyd

#### Mid Week Groups

#### Band of Brothers (B.o.B.s) - Chris Beabout - 830-560-0262

The B.o.B's meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month. Open to men of all ages, 6:30-8:00PM in the Well at FPC. No bible experience necessary. Please join us.

#### Tuesday AM Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study is a diverse group of all ages and denominations. We meet every Tues. morning at 10 am in the church office. We welcome all women to join as we seek to expand our faith and knowledge.

**The Tuesday night Women's Bible Study group** will begin a new series on the book of Matthew starting Tuesday, Sept. 16th. Contact Sue Saur for information at sue@firstprotestant.com

#### Flying Fingers (Heritage House) - Sally Voges 830-708-8707

Wednesday mornings at 9:00 for a time of sewing, quilting, fellowship & more! Contact Sally Voges for more info.

#### **Home Groups**

Susan and Tim Thomas - Wednesdays, 6:30 pm timcthomas84@qmail.com



#### **Today**

Pulpit flowers are placed in honor of Mae Kraft & Jeanette Dietert for their birthday on December 3rd, Given by their families

Today's radio broadcast is given, in loving memory of Elton Specht, by his wife, Mary Ann and family.



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