

First Presbyterian Church

Order of Worship

Advent II

December 10, 2023

Prelude I	<i>Toccata</i>	– Theodore Dubois
Prelude II	<i>Glory to God Forever</i>	– Steve Fee, Vicky Beeching HolyGrounds Praise Band & Congregation
Welcome & Announcements		Dan Reeves
Responsive Call to Worship		Rev. David Hodgson
Lighting of the Advent Candle of Love		Kyle & Lauren Harding
*Opening Hymn	<i>Love Divine, All Loves Excelling</i>	#366, Vss. 1,3,4
Unison Prayer of Confession		Deborah Rosen
Assurance of Pardon	<i>Living Hope</i>	– Brian Johnson, Phil Wickham HolyGrounds Praise Band & Congregation
Anthem	<i>'Tis the Season for Singing</i>	– Joseph Martin Sanctuary Choir
A Time with Our Children		Anita Ramsey
Prayer for Illumination		Deborah Rosen
Scripture — Mark 1:1-8		
Sermon	The Stranger Among Us	Rev. David Hodgson
Hymn of Affirmation	<i>What Child is This</i>	#145

Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer

Rev. David Hodgson

Call to Offering

Rev. David Hodgson

Offertory

Ever Joyful, for Piano 6 Hands – Ralph Manuel
Pianists Barbara Walker, Bea Towe, and Mark Ramsey

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow #606

*Prayer of Dedication

Dan Reeves

*Closing Hymn

Our God is Love – Houston, Ligertwood
HolyGrounds Praise Band & Congregation

*Benediction

Postlude

Song of Praise – Robert Prizeman

***Please rise in body or spirit.**

To see more details on these announcements, check your Weekly Update.
To subscribe to the Weekly Update, contact the church office at
pubs@fpcmesa.org.

Christian Education: Adults in Library at 11:30; Children in Jackson B at 11:20.

Poinsettias can be ordered for \$10 each. Forms are in the Sanctuary and office.
Link is in Weekly Update. 12/17 is the deadline to order.

Angel Tree: Angels are on the tree. Return wrapped presents by 12/17.

Gift Wrapping: Young Adults will wrap presents on 12/10 & 17. Donations welcome.

Circles: All meet in Parlor. Eve—12/11, 4:00; Deborah—12/12, 9:30; Rachel—12/12, 1:00.

Southwest Chamber Chorale: 12/16 at 7:00 in Sanctuary.

Music Sunday: 12/17 at 10:00 a.m. featuring choir cantata and all musicians.

Celebrate Christmas Eve: 12/24 at 3:00 p.m. with Choirs, Candlelight, Communion & Bells.

The January Series is returning. Weekdays from 1/15—2/2/24 at 10:30 a.m.

Prayer Requests must be sent to: Prayer@fpcmesa.org or call the church office.

See our complete Church Calendar at fpcmesa.org/calendar.

Our service is being livestreamed at <https://www.youtube.com/@fpcmesa7064/streams>.

Offerings can be made during worship, mailing to church office or using this QR code.



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