## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# Join us for a Potluck Next Sunday!

**ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING** — We need volunteers! If your family would be interested in leading the lighting of the Advent candles next Sunday, Dec. 18 or Christmas Eve (Saturday, Dec. 24, 6 PM), please contact Jennifer in the church office (972) 298-3043/ info@fpcd.org

**CHRISTMAS AUCTION** — We have extended the auction through Midnight tonight! Take a look at items in the Fellowship Hall after worship and place your bids ONLINE at www.fpcd.org/auction. Items you win may be picked up beginning tomorrow during office hours.

**MEMBER CARE TEAM MEETING** — Mon, December 12, 7:00 PM.

CHOIR REHEARSAL — WEDNESDAY, December 14, 7:00 PM.

**PARKING LOT MINISTRY** — Thursday, Dec. 15, 4:00 PM. Sign up in the narthex to help bless the parents who use our lot for school pick up!

**NEWSLETTER** — Articles for the January newsletter DUE this Thursday, December 15. Please email to Brenda Everett.

**STAFF GIFTS** — Please consider a special Christmas offering for the staff of FPCD. Designate "staff gift" on your check and place in the offering plate or mail to the church by Dec. 18. Thank you for all your love and support!

What does FPCD do? What is MY mission?

Write your thoughts here, and share on the white board in the narthex!

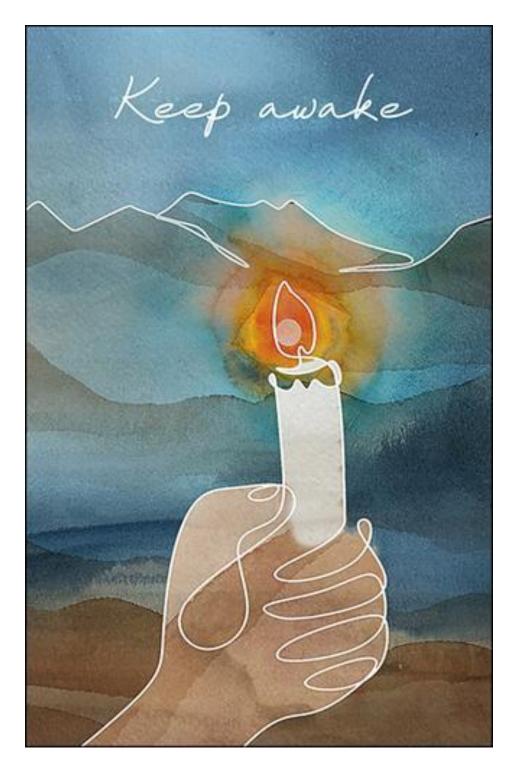
WANT TO GIVE ONLINE? Scan the QR code or go to www.fpcd.org/give





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# FIRST Presbyterian Church

Sunday, December 11, 2022 - 10:30 A.M. The Importance of Children



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### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLI	E Akram Family
OPENING PRAYER	Lori Glover
PRAISE CAROLS	Do You Hear What I Hear? Cornerstone
PRAYER OF CONFESSION	Lori Glover
ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS	Jeff Thorpe
OFFERING	
CHRISTMAS CAROL What Child is This, 137R, v. 1 & 3	

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS STORY

# This is the Star

by Joyce Dunbar

Narrator:	Zephyr Lewis
Mary:	Nesrine Nzoundja
Joseph:	Caden Thorpe
Shepherds:	T.J. Epperson
	Michael Nzoundja
	George Pounds

Wise Men: Aiden Gaskins

Angel: Stephan Nzoundja **Donkey:** Eli Epperson **Ox:** Caius Thorpe Beau Gaskins Blake Gaskins

CHRISTMAS CAROL

For Unto Us a Child is Born, 146R

## SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2:13-20

#### MESSAGE

"God's Business is Life, Not Death" We All Have a Part in Christmas Rev. Dr. Ginger Hertenstein Conley

#### PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer

#### CHRISTMAS CAROL

Away in a Manger lyrics from Mysterium

Lori Glover

#### BENEDICTION

#### POSTLUDE

\*Please stand, if able. Sermons are available online at www.fpcd.org. Contemporary songs are printed with permission CCLI #882193. The "R" stands for Hymnal for Worship & Celebration.

# Welcome, Guests & Visitors!

We want to get to know you! If it's your first time here fill out a visitor card in the seat back in front of you and place it in an offering plate, located throughout the sanctuary.

#### **SUNDAY SCHOOL & CHILDREN**

- Sunday School for adults & children meets at 9:15 AM •
- Nursery is provided for ages 0-4 in the Education Building
- Children are welcome to stay with you during church, and ٠ are invited to come forward during the Children's Moment. Kids activity boxes are available in the entry hall.

After the wise men were gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up! Flee to Egypt with the child and his mother," the angel said. ~ Matthew 2:13a