

# Ministry Updates

**WORSHIP SERVICE THIS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2020:** On this second Sunday of Advent, three separate worship services will be offered online and onsite at the church at 9:00 am, 11:00 am, and 5:30 pm. All three services will be in the Sanctuary. We will also have overflow seating in the Fellowship Hall. The Chancel Choir will proclaim the Gospel message through various selections of choral music of the Advent/Christmas season. Rev. Bill Pardue will be delivering the sermon during this special "Lessons and Carols" service.

To access the service online directly, go to [www.facebook.com/fpcrome](https://www.facebook.com/fpcrome) or click the button you'll find on our church web page, [www.fpcrome.org](http://www.fpcrome.org). You do not need to be a Facebook user to access the service.

Our ushers, wearing gloves, will be distributing a printed Order of Worship for this special service. You may, however, view or download the Order of Worship for Sunday's service, by going to the home page of the website. Using this Order of Worship, you'll not only be able to follow along in the service, but can participate actively as it includes words to songs and other elements we'll be asked to join in speaking, praying, or singing. You can also download the provided sermon guides for children and middle schoolers.

## ADVENT SERVICES –

<b>December 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<u>Lessons and Carols</u> , Classic style worship, in the Sanctuary	9 am, 11 am, and 5:30 pm
<b>December 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Convergent style worship, in King Hall	9 am and 11 am
<b>December 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Classic style in the Sanctuary	5:30 pm <u>Saturday</u> , 9 am and 11 am on Sunday
<b>December 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Candlelight Service:</b> Convergent style in King Hall	4 pm
	<b>Candlelight Service:</b> Classic style in King Hall	6 pm

**VISITOR WELCOME** – Thank you for worshiping with us today. Whether you are worshiping in-person or viewing our livestream, we want to welcome you into our midst. We would love to have the opportunity to answer any questions you may have about our ministries. Please visit [www.fpcrome.org](http://www.fpcrome.org) and click on the Connect Form link at the top of the home page. Our Connections team will contact you. We look forward to connecting with you!

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS** – You may purchase a poinsettia online at [fpcrome.org](http://fpcrome.org) (Choose Give and select the "Poinsettia" fund). The cost of the poinsettia is \$10.00. The bulletin on December 20<sup>th</sup> will list who the poinsettia is in memory or honor of and name the person(s) giving the poinsettia.

**CHRISTMAS FOOD BOXES** – Take advantage of a great opportunity! Give \$35.00 for each Christmas box that you and your family donate to a needy family to brighten their Christmas. Please make your check payable to FPC and note "Christmas box" in the lower left hand corner or give online at [fpcrome.org](http://fpcrome.org) and select the "Christmas Box" fund.

- Trucks will be unloaded for the boxes on Saturday, December 19 at 9:00 am-1:00 pm. *We will be practicing Safe Gathering procedures by wearing masks during this time.*
- Since we will be packing boxes in smaller groups of folks this year, you may sign up for one of the following times 4 times available on Saturday and Sunday. Each group will have no more than 50 volunteers. Due to COVID precautions, we will not be having pizza during this time. Please call the church office to sign up at 706-291-6033.
  - Saturday, December 19 at 3:00 pm-5:00 pm
  - Sunday, December 20 at 10:00 am-12:00 noon
  - Sunday, December 20 at 1:00 pm-3:00 pm
  - Sunday, December 20 at 4:00 pm-6:00 pm
- Boxes will be picked up on Monday, December 23 at 7:00 am-12:00 pm. *We will be practicing Safe Gathering procedures by wearing masks during this time.*

**2021 COMMITMENT CARDS** – Thank you to everyone who has turned in your pledge cards for 2021. We have received 102 cards with a total pledge of \$1,138,292.00. If you haven't turned in your 2021 Pledge Card, we will have a designated drop box at the back of King Hall. Ushers will also have extra Pledge Cards/Envelopes. You may place these in the offering baskets or mail/drop them off at the church office. Please contact Lisa at 706-291-6033 if you need a card or have any questions.

**CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS** were mailed out last week. If you don't receive one or have questions about your contributions, please contact Lisa Claytor at the church office at 706-291-6033.

**COFFEE HOSPITALITY MINISTRY** – As there is no food or drink permitted in our historic Sanctuary, we will not be serving coffee during the Sundays in which we are worshipping in the Sanctuary.

**CHRIST & CULTURE FORUM: JANUARY 2021 – How do we think rightly in times of chaos?**

When: Every Wednesday in January 2021 at 6:00 PM

Where: King Hall + Facebook Live

2020 has arguably thrown us more curveballs and upended our lives than any year in our lifetimes. Between the pandemic, protests, riots, a presidential election, and economic disruption our culture has seemed to feed on this chaos to grow division and strife. Both Christians and unbelievers have found themselves gripped with fear, engulfed in suffering, and contemplating injustice. What should the response of the church be for the year 2021? Join us in the discussion as we search the scriptures to determine how we should think rightly about all these issues and more. More details and speaker line-up can be found on the church website. Please contact John Goodrich ([jhgoodr@gmail.com](mailto:jhgoodr@gmail.com)) with questions.

**JESUS CARE FOR CHILDREN 8 WEEKS-2 YEARS OLD CONTINUES** – During the 11:00 am Worship Hour we will have Jesus Care for children 8 weeks through 2 years old. Reservations are required online at [fpcrome.org](http://fpcrome.org).

**ADVENT** – Why is talking about Advent is important for our kids? Because, just like us adults, they need reminders. Christmas is supposed to be full of Happiness, Joyfulness, Peacefulness, Kindness and Giving. If you talk about the preparation and read an advent for your child each day or night, you will be guarding your hearts from burnout, comparison, fear, pride and replacing the tangle with happy expectation – love – joy. Joy as a family.

One way that the Children's Ministries has found to help your family prepare for the coming of Jesus is to provide you with few advent resources. We pray that this year's choice can help you and your family!

We will have a "miracle in a manger bag" for each child on the tables outside King Hall and Sanctuary. Please get yours and please let us know how can we serve you better this Advent season.

**PRAYER REQUESTS** – If you would like to be kept informed of the church's prayer needs, email Tracy at [tracyd@fpcrome.org](mailto:tracyd@fpcrome.org) to receive updated prayer requests. If you would like to submit a Prayer Request for you or someone you know that is in need, you may do so on our website at <http://www.fpcrome.org/resources/personal-prayer-requests/>.

**MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH & WISDOM: GUIDELINES FOR GATHERING** – Check these out on our website.