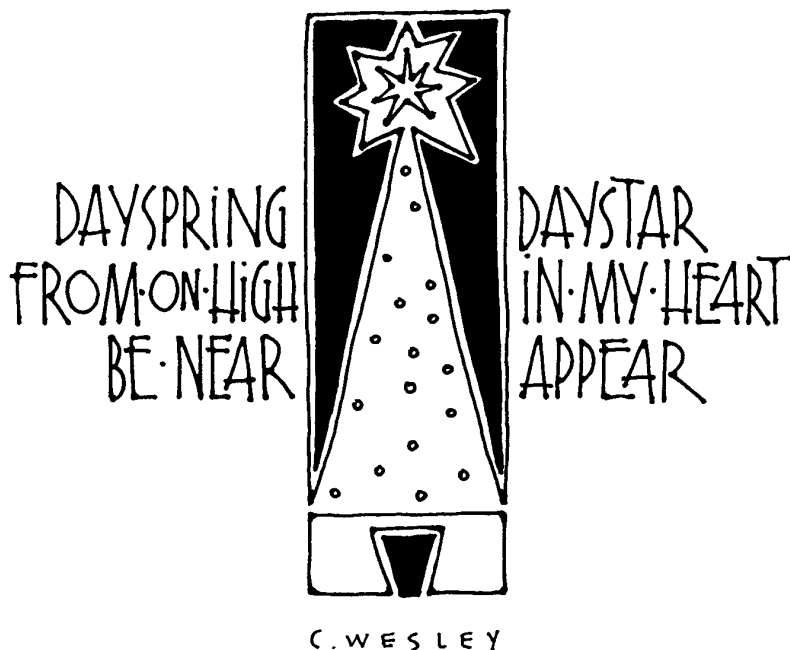


Foothills Lutheran Church

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“Connecting People with Christ through Worship, Relationships & Service”



First Sunday after Christmas

December 26, 2021

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A Prayer Upon Entering: O Lord, You came to earth to go about doing the Father's business. We thank You for all the work You have performed. And we thank You for showing us how to continue the work of the Father in this world. May all that we do make the Father proud.

O Son of the Father, may we bring glory to God above.

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

ORDER OF SERVICE: As projected

HYMNS: Joy to the World/Our God Saves; 363; 370; 367; 362

FIRST LESSON:..... Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15

EPISTLE LESSON: Colossians 3:12-17

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 2:22-40

SERMON:

WELCOME: We gather to rejoice this day in the goodness of the Lord! We invite you to join us in our songs of praise, our words of love, our prayers, and as we listen to the Word of God. May God bless your worship here today and fill your life with His love as you go through this coming week!

WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION NEXT SUNDAY as our Lord offers us His true body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. By partaking of this Sacrament together, we confess our unity in faith and are drawn closer to one another and to the Lord. If you are a visitor, not belonging to the Lutheran Church-Canada, and wish to commune, please speak with the pastor before the service.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

Music..... Contemporary Musicians; Miriam Winstanley

Ushers..... Brian Vincent; John Voss

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Monday / Tuesday	Church office closed
Friday 6:30 pm	New Year's Eve Service/Communion
Sunday 10:15 am	Sunday Worship/Communion

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "Rite of Passage" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Life proceeds in stages marked by rites of passage. Dr. Zeigler talks about the changes we go through, and the Savior who goes with us. (Luke 2:21-40). Hear this inspirational message on CHRB 1140 AM at 8:00 am Sunday morning. Streaming audio and podcasts at www.lutheranhour.ca

LAST WEEK AT FLC

Week of	Attendance	Communion
December 19	125	80

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

In Hospital:

Homebound:

For Special Intercession:

Family Focus:

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS

Weekly Offering Needs	\$8,173.08	Our Budget Goal \$425,000.00
Envelope Gifts Received Last Week	\$17,215.00	
Envelope Gifts Received to Date	\$383,281.95	+/- YTD
Total Offerings Needed to Date	\$416,826.92	-\$33,544.97

Miscellaneous Offerings: Plate 140.00; Lutheran Hour 1000.00; Benevolence 1740.00; Organ 1040.00; Other Miscellaneous \$241.00.

FOOTHILLS LUTHERAN CHURCH HAS BEEN BLESSED WITH VOLUNTEERS with Meals On Wheels for over 30 years, and it is through these volunteers that have been warming the hearts and delivering food to many people in need. The Human Care Ministry is asking for volunteers to help us deliver these much-needed meals. Our route consists of 2-5 deliveries every Thursday morning. Most volunteers take 1 month at a time, and sometimes have a buddy with them for company. **Please prayerfully consider if you might assist in delivering these meals. For more information, please contact Christine Heumann at christineheumanncg@gmail.com or 403-710-8347. Your heart for volunteering is much needed!!!**

**MISSION OF THE MONTH
FLC BENEVOLENCE FUND**

There are many times when our members have been in need of help and support. Different from our Human Care Ministries budget, this fund would provide for special needs – typically within Foothills or even larger needs than we generally support now.



MISSION PRAYER: Deaconess Thy Da serves the Lutheran Church in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. **Prayer:** Heavenly Father, since Your Son has saved the world through His holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death and sent forth His Church to proclaim the Good News of this salvation to the ends of the earth and to distribute His saving gifts of grace, we pray that You would sustain Deaconess Da by Your Spirit and richly bless her labours for the sake of the Gospel; through

Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now forever. **C: Amen**

A CALL FOR HELP: We have an amazing group of volunteers who diligently work to keep us safe at worship each and every Sunday, without complaint! Thank you to all of you who have stepped up during this pandemic to fill the positions needed to guide our members to their seats safely. We do, however, occasionally have difficulty finding enough volunteers to help with our registration desk and are looking for people who are willing to help. This position can be done alongside someone else or independently. The more volunteers we have, the less work we put on each person. Consider your God given gifts and contact Sarah Knudtson (knudtson.sarah@gmail.com) or the office if you feel called to help.

THE NEW OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2022 are available on the tables outside Deaconess Miriam's office. **Continue to use your current envelopes until December 31st, then please use the new envelopes starting January. 1st, as numbers may have changed.**

THE PAST DAYS HAVE BEEN BUSY for our staff. That they, too, may have a bit of a break, we are closing the office on Monday and Tuesday of this week.

We also express our thanks to the many volunteers who have made this a special time of celebration: to the musicians; to the hosts; the ushers and altar guild. We are blessed through your service to God's church in these days.

PLEASE NOTE: While we do have a service for New Year's Eve, we will ***not*** be streaming the service this week. We apologize for any inconvenience.

OUR MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE

How do we memorize? For each verse take two minutes every night and say it through twice, together, or once in the morning and once in the evening." Do this as a family at mealtimes. Do it every day of the week. Repetition is important.

This week's verse: 2 Samuel 7:22 Therefore you are great, O LORD God. For there is none like you, and there is no God besides you, according to all that we have heard with our ears.



Growing
FAITH
at home

26th December 2021
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

My Father's house

Caring Conversations



SHARE

Share your highs and lows of the day, or respond to the following questions:

1

As a boy, Jesus grew wiser and stronger. He grew *mentally, physically, spiritually and emotionally*. In what ways would you like to grow?

2

In spending time at the temple, Jesus showed his desire to grow spiritually. What steps are you taking to grow as a Christian?

Devotions



READ Daily Bible Readings

S	Luke 2:41-52	The boy Jesus at the temple
M	1 Sam 2:18-20, 26	Samuel was ministering
T	Col 3:12-17	Living as those made alive in Christ
W	Luke 2:21-40	Jesus presented at the temple
T	Mark 11:15-18	Jesus clears the temple
F	Luke 20:1-8	Jesus teaches at the temple
S	Psalm 148	Praise the Lord
S	John 1:1-18	The Word became flesh



TALK

Talk about the Bible verse. What word or phrase was important to you as you read these verses?

Rituals and Traditions



PRAY

Lord God, help me to grow wiser and stronger as your servant.
Amen.



BLESS

May God's favour rest on you.
May you grow wise and strong as his child.

Christmas

WHITE is the colour of purity, light and completeness. It is used at Christmas to celebrate Jesus' purity and glory as the Son of God and the joy we find in him.

Creative Response

Colossians 3:16 invites us to take in God's Word like a rich treasure.

Agree on one or more goals as a household to help you grow in God's Word.

For example:

- Learn a Bible verse together each month
- Read through a book of the Bible together
- Listen to Christian music in your home
- Learn some Christian songs
- Have some personal devotion times



mealtime prayer

Lord Jesus, we join together these Christmas days,
with shepherds and angels, to give you praise.
Be present here, as at the stable, and bless the
sharing around our table. Amen.

verse for the week

"But why did you need to search?" he asked. "Didn't you know that I must be in my Father's house?"

LUKE 2: 49

Service



December 26 was observed as "Boxing Day" in many parts of the world.

The name of the day is derived from a tradition of giving gifts (a "Christmas box") to the less fortunate members of society.

Do you have excess non-perishable food items in your home after Christmas? Gather these together in a box to donate to a household in need or to a local charity.

