

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Sunday, December 21, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Advent



First Evangelical & Holy Cross Churches

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“We are a community of churches and a church to the community.”

Welcome to worship with First Evangelical and Holy Cross churches. We come together for worship each Sunday to share in the ministry and mission of our Lord Jesus Christ with our own unique traditions and history. Seven other Christian ministries are located onsite with us.

If you are a guest or visitor and would like to know more about First Evangelical or Holy Cross, please reach out to one of our ushers, pastors, or fill out a welcome card and drop it in the offering boxes.

Thank you for joining us in worship this morning. May God bless you.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: *“The Voices of Christmas”*

WELCOME - <i>Dianne Breznen</i>	SONG: <i>Go Tell It on the Mountain</i>
SONG: <i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i>	SCENE 5: The Voice of the Innkeeper Innkeeper – Robert Krauss Luke 2:6-7
Opening Narration - <i>Dianne Breznen</i>	SONG: <i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i>
SCENE 1: The Voice of Mary Mary – Kadence Hallett Luke 1:26-31, 38	SCENE 6: The Voice of the Wise Man Wise Men – Raj Rai, Robert Hallett, and Dylan Bauer Matthew 2:1-2, 10-11
SONG: <i>Mary, Did You Know?</i>	SONG: <i>We Three Kings</i>
SCENE 2: The Voice of Joseph Joseph – Trey Pinder Matthew 1:18-21	SCENE 7: The Voice of Today Voices of Today – Kay Taylor and Carson Lanza John 1:9, 14
SONG: <i>Away in a Manger</i>	SONG: <i>Silent Night</i>
SCENE 3: The Voice of the Angel Angel – Anastasia Luke 2:8-11	NARRATOR: Closing Reflection
SONG: <i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i>	SONG: <i>Joy to the World</i>
SCENE 4: The Voice of the Shepherd Shepherds – Patty Krauss, Susan Moncher, Hilka S-Rowe Luke 2:15-17, 20	

Special thanks to...

Director - Kaitlyn Hallett; Assistant Director - Natasha Lawson
Raj Rai–Constructing the Stable; CAC-WPB for sharing their costumes.

Feel free to come forward to take pictures once the play is over!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Welcome!** Thank you for worshipping with us today. We have visitor bags if you are new. Remember to join us for a delicious lunch after worship.
- Thank you to everyone who donated toward the **Christmas Poinsettias**. You may pick them up and take them home after the Christmas Eve service.
- Join us for a special **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** on Wednesday at 7:00 pm (December 24th). We will have special guest musicians, beautiful decorations and of course, candles! Let's celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Remember to invite friends and family to come with you.
- Next Sunday, our missionaries to Egypt, **Pastors Anthony and Soyoung Sellari**, will be our guest speakers, sharing about their mission work in Cairo.
- Do you know anyone looking to join the church, or are you interested in becoming a member? Please contact the office or talk to one of the pastors.
- Mary Bates from the **NALC Disaster Response** will be here to help train us in how to be of help in times of crisis like hurricanes, fires, and tornados. She will lead workshop for us on January 17th from 10-1 in the chapel. Sign up with the office if you can take part in this wonderful opportunity.
- Our church will be hosting a **Life Line Screening** event on January 21, 2026. Life Line Screening is the premier provider of stroke and cardiovascular disease risk screenings since 1993. Life Line Screening is extending a discounted offer to all First and Holy Cross Church members which will identify your risk level for the following diseases: Carotid Artery Disease, Peripheral Arterial Disease, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm and Atrial Fibrillation. Visit www.llsa.social/habc or call 800-324-9458 to schedule your appointment!

CHILDRENS MESSAGE & LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

The fourth candle, also known as the Angel's Candle, is the candle of love. With it the Angel's announce the birth of the baby Jesus, reminding us how God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Lighting of the four outer candles in the Advent wreath.

Prayer: O Lord, as the angel Gabriel brought the good news of God's love to Mary, so too, bring that Good News into our hearts and lives. May your coming bring us great joy and peace this Christmas season. Amen

THE OFFERING

Your OFFERING is received in the back of the church. Separate BOXES are available for both Holy Cross & First Evangelical churches.

For First Evangelical only, you can give online at www.felcwpb.com or TEXT2GIVE 844-504-1678 or Scan QR Code.



End of the year reminder – Please turn in any gifts you want counted in 2025 by December 28th, if possible. Any gifts received or postmarked after the 31st will be counted in 2026. Thank you for your generosity.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

AARONIC BLESSING AND BENEDICTION IN HEBREW

P: "The LORD bless you and keep you,
Y'varech'cha Adonai v'yeesh'm'reicha.

The LORD make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you;
Yaer Adonai panav eleicha veechooneka.

The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace."
Yeesa Adonai panav eleicha v'yasem l'cha shalom.

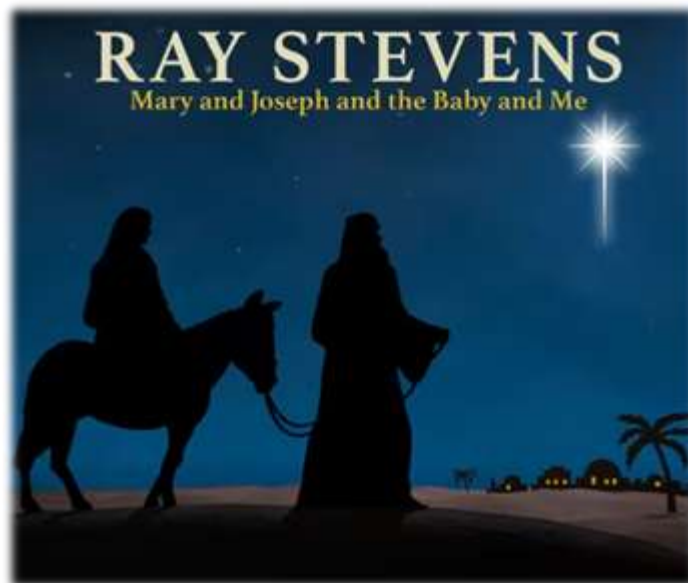
C: Amen.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

CLOSING MUSIC VIDEO - "Mary and Joseph and the Baby and Me"



WELCOME to all and thank you for joining us in worship today as we give thanks and praise to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We pray that the service will be meaningful and uplifting for you. If you are a first-time visitor, please sign the Guest Register. You are invited to stay for coffee and refreshments following the service. We very much would like to greet you and hope to make you feel welcome.

Serving in Worship

Pastors	- Rev. Daniel D. Baker & Rev. Dr. Michael Breznen
Crucifers	- Tom Kalorgis, Hilkka Schroderus-Rowe
Liturgists	- Dianne Breznen, Sera Butz
Communion Assistants	- Dianne Breznen, Sera Butz, Hilkka Schroderus-Rowe
Sound/Live Stream	- Ken Burton
Video	- Sera Butz, Scot Alexander

	This Week	Christmas Eve 7:00pm
Musicians	First Evangelical & Holy Cross Lutheran Churches present: “The Voices of Christmas”	Sandra Baran – Piano
Lector		James Binion – Violin
Ushers		Susan Rodberg – Violin
Greeters		Elijah Bartimore – Drums

Remember in Prayer

We pray for peace between nations and peoples and for just resolutions to the conflicts throughout the world – especially the people of Israel and fellow believers facing life-threatening persecution; those in war-torn countries; for all members of our armed services and law enforcement personnel; for our country and our nation’s leaders; for the Church, Church leaders, for **Youth for Christ**, and all faithful witnesses to the Gospel; for our missionaries – **Anthony and Soyoung Sellari** and their work in Egypt.

We pray for God’s healing presence to be with: **Saul & Martha, Carol & Darryl, Dennis, Bill, Cynthia A, Dylan B, John, Leona, Lisa & Don, Raj, Sandy, Carl, Trish, Lou, Allan, Carson, David S, Gertrude, Holly, Katie, Linda, Marilynn, and Patrick; Lesley H** (friend of Katherine Summers); **Linda Z** – lung cancer (Lori Kinney’s friend); **Cyndy S** (for healing); **Joan Cannon** (health issues); and members of the **Holy Cross and First Evangelical Church** families who are at home and unable to attend.

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Monday – Wednesday – Friday
9 a.m. until 1 p.m.



The 2025 Christmas Poinsettias

adorning our sanctuary were given by:

Jody & Scot Alexander in memory of Don & Arlene Alexander.

Pastor Dan & Karina Baker in memory of Charles Baker.

Pastor Dan & Karina Baker in memory of LuVerne & Mary Corhus.

Frank & Sandra Baran in memory of The Baran Family.

Frank & Sandra Baran in memory of The Cricchio Family.

Vania Benhart in honor of Marcelo & Ana Carolina.

Vania Benhart to the Glory of God.

The Bedwell Family in honor of Family, Friends & Loved Ones.

The Bedwell Family in recognition of Sylvester, Galaxy, Runner & Tiger.

Reverend Michael A. & Dianne Breznen in memory of
Michael & Anne Breznen.

Reverend Michael A. & Dianne Breznen in memory of
Ralph & Ida Sabatini.

Elijah Bartimore in memory of Mommy.

Eric Bartimore in memory of my sister, Bridget Inez Bartimore.

Dorothy Gravelin in memory of Loved Ones.

Dorothy Gravelin in honor of Christina Bedwell.

Dorothy Gravelin in honor of Emily Bedwell.

Robert & Patty Krauss in memory of Robert & Ardelle Krauss.

Robert & Patty Krauss in memory of Thomas & Helen Kinney.

Robert & Patty Krauss in honor of God the Father, Son
& Holy Spirit; our living God.

The Latiff Family in memory of beloved son, Sean.
Andrea Leach in memory of beloved son, David Wiesbauer.
LeeAnne Mansfield in memory of Grandma Kinney.
Judith Miller in memory of Mom & Dad.
Rajendra Rai in memory of our beloved mother, Joan Khan.
Rajendra Rai in memory of our friend, Judith Bernstein.
Carol Roberts in memory of Mom & Dad.
Hilkka Schroderus-Rowe in memory of brother, Juhani Schroderus
and parents, Aarre & Sivia Schroderus.
Marion Sallenbach & Anastasia Williams in recognition of
Natasha's graduation from PBSC!
Gary & Cyndy Sellari - Merry Christmas!
Gary & Cyndy Sellari in memory of Anthony Sellari.
Gary & Cyndy Sellari in memory of Don Beattie.
Gary & Cyndy Sellari in memory of Ed & Jeanne Beattie.
Katherine Summers in memory of grandmother, Mary Hoormoozis.
The Taylor Family in memory of our beloved sister, Winsom.
Kay Taylor in memory of my son, Jerry & granddaughter, Sariah.
Joe & Nancy Thaler in honor of Gertrude & Martha.
Debra VanDette & Arthur D. Crouse in memory of Art & Delores Crouse.
Christine Webb in memory of our parents, Albert & Eleanor Dague.
Christine Webb in memory of Helen Webb.
Anastasia Williams in memory of Grammy, Ruth Sallenbach.
Anastasia Williams in recognition of Pastor Dan & Karina Baker.

Poinsettias may be taken home following Christmas Eve service.

