



**SPECIAL UPDATE:
CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP SERVICE ON
CHRISTMAS EVE,
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2020, AT 7:00 P.M.**

As reported in our Newsletter last week, FPC will hold a Candlelight Worship Service in our Sanctuary on Christmas Eve at 7:00 p.m. Our Scripture readings for the worship service are: Isaiah 9:2-7; and Luke 2:1-14. The sermon title is “Living Between the Fact of Darkness and the Hope of Light,” and the Bulletin is available here: https://fpcofvictoria.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/2020-12-24-Bulletin-Christmas-EvePDF.pub_.pdf

What we were not able to confirm until now is that our Candlelight Worship Service *will be live streamed in real time on Christmas Eve!* At 7:00 p.m.,

you will be able to worship with us on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/fpcovictoria> and on our website <https://fpcovictoria.org/>. As always, our service will also be archived on those sites for viewing at a later time if you wish.

During this service, we will relight the four candles around our Advent Wreath, and, with joy, we will also light the center Christ Candle to mark the birth of Christ the King, our Lord and Savior. We will likewise celebrate the Lord's Supper.

Our traditional poinsettia Christmas tree will decorate our chancel on Christmas Eve, and a Joy Offering will be taken for Presbyterian Mission. We will close by lighting our own individual candles in a solemn, darkened Sanctuary while Robert Wyatt plays the beautiful melody of *Silent Night* on our Chancel organ.

As we live stream our service, please join us in spirit even if you cannot join us in person. Have some bread and liquid with you for communion. Also bring a candle as, at the end of our service we meditate on the good news that Christ, our Savior, is born. In him, was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it (John 1:5).

Peace, grace, and mercy,

Pastor Jim

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