November 29, 2026

Foothills Community Church



TEACHING GENERATIONS TO GLORIFY GOD BY REACHING THE LOST AND TRANSFORMING THE FOUND

- Soli Deo Gloria -

Announcements

At Foothills, there is something for everybody.
Not everybody has to do everything,
but everybody gets to do something.

Today:

- 10:30 Worship in the sanctuary.
- No Children's Church. Clipboards are available to assist in taking notes.
- 6:00 pm, "Ecclesiastes" Small Groups. We have three meeting places to choose from based on your location: Spearfish, at the Church, or in Piedmont. See a pastor for more information.

This Week:

Monday:

- 6:00 pm, "Oliver! The Musical" Rehearsals. See Ella H. for more information.

Wednesday:

- 6:20 am, Men's Prayer-time, at Loftus Dental.
- 5:30 pm, Kids' Quest and Middle School Youth, for grades pre-k—8th. Meal provided.
- 6:15 pm, High School Youth Group, grades 9-12th, at the Community Center. Meal provided.
- 6:30 pm, "Ecclesiastes" study during Kids' Quest. A nursery for ages 0-3 is available during this time.

Thursday:

- 6:00 pm, "Oliver! The Musical" Rehearsals. See Ella H. for more information.
- 7:00 pm, Evangelism Training in the Fireside Room. If you are interested in learning more about sharing your faith with

others, we would love for you to join us. Meeting dates are December 3rd, December 10th, December 17th, January 7th, and January 14th. Please contact Steve A. if you plan on attending or if you have any questions.

Saturday:

- 7:00 am, Men's Prayer-time. Meal provided.
- 11:00 am-1:00 pm, Christmas Women's Fellowship. Soup lunch, Box Talk/Devotional, ceramic ornament painting, cookie exchange, and other surprises! Make plans to attend this wonderful annual event! RSVPs will be needed to plan for food and craft items. Contact Carey for more information.

Mark Your Calendar:

- 6:00 pm, December 6th, Cookies and Carols at Rally Point. See Jay H. if you are able to help.
- December 20th, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper.
- 6:00 pm, December 20th, Kids' Quest Christmas Program with a time of fellowship to follow.
- 6:00 pm, December 24th, Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.

Other Announcements:

- If you would like to add any announcements to the page, please submit the information to the church office by 9:00 am Wednesday.
- FCC has over 100 prayer warriors who would be honored to place your prayer request before the throne of God. If you have a prayer request that you'd like sent out on the prayer chain, please text or call Debbie S.

Order of the Worship of God

*Hearing Assistance is available. See Sound Booth to connect.

We Gather Together to Worship our God

Worship begins by God calling and welcoming us into his presence for covenant renewal. Everything we say and do in worship is in response to God's revealing himself to us through his word and his Spirit among us. We worship not in our own strength, but in the name of Christ, whose worship of the Father alone is perfect. We call upon the name of the Lord to worship him in spirit and in truth.

Prelude: Hark, the Herald Angels Sing (in the setting of G.F. Handel's Largo) Felix Mendelssohn

Gathering Hymn: Red Hymnal #208 O Come, All Ye Faithful

Greeting and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship: Isaiah 9:2,6-7

Leader: The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

All: For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder.

Leader: And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

All: Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end! Come, Lord Jesus, our Hope and our King!

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn of Praise: Red Hymnal #478 I Love to Tell the Story

We Confess Our Sin

Even though we're sinful, we are called to boldly approach the Holy God in Christ, confident of his promise to forgive all who confess sin and turn to him for mercy. With our confession barely off our lips, God proclaims his forgiving grace in Christ. With hearts lifted up in wonder, we raise our voices in song to our risen King.

Call to Confession: Luke 10:29

> Leader: "But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbor?'"

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Prayer of Confession:

> **All: Merciful God, You have called us to love You with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves. Yet we confess that our hearts are often cold, our hands closed, and our eyes blind to the needs around us. We pass by those who suffer, we protect our comfort more than we pursue compassion, and we seek to justify ourselves rather than rest in Your grace. Forgive us, Lord Jesus, for failing to love as You have loved us. Heal our hearts by Your mercy. Make us neighbors shaped by Your cross —people whose compassion flows from Your compassion, whose hope is rooted in Your coming kingdom. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon: Titus 3:4-7

> Leader: But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit… so that being justified by His grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Hymn of Assurance: Red Hymnal #196 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

We Give Thanks To The Lord

In response to God's merciful generosity found in Christ, we give our tithes and offerings to the Lord to be distributed for his work and glory; we are dependent on God for all we have and are, and we respond in gratitude.

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: We Three Kings (in the setting of Beethoven's Fur Elise) John Hopkins

Written in 1857 by Rev. John Hopkins for the General Theological Seminary in NYC as part of the Christmas pageant.
Beethoven's Fur Elise was written in 1810, and it is not certain who Elise was, but was thought to be Therese Malfatti to whom he proposed marriage but turned him down to marry the Austrian nobleman. It is classified as a Bagatelle (a short character piece).

Doxology

We Hear God Speak

We seek to be fed a balanced diet of the whole counsel of God. We respond to the Word with prayers, not only for ourselves, but for all peoples, and turn our hearts to hear the Word preached.

Advent Reading: Hope

(At this time, a nursery is available for ages 0-3)

Hymn of Response: Red Hymnal #194 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

The Lord's Prayer & Prayer of God's People

The Answer to Life's Riddle Luke 20: 41 – 44

Hymn of Response: Red Hymnal #460 Amazing Grace

We Are Dismissed with God's Blessing

We are ever dependent on God's blessing and help to live faithfully for the glory of Christ and the good of our neighbor. We are sent forth with God's blessing to labor in God's mission in the week ahead.

Benediction

Sending Hymn: Red Hymnal #224 Go Tell it On the Mountain (verse 1)

Postlude

~ FAMILY DISCUSSION QUESTIONS~

1. Where in your life right now do you feel the tension of Advent's "now and not yet"—confessing that Jesus is Lord on Sunday, yet feeling anxious or uncertain as you look at your week or the world around you?
2. Why was it so shocking in David's culture for a father to call his own son "Lord" (Adonai), and why is Jesus being both David's human Son and David's divine Lord essential for our salvation and our Advent hope?
3. Read Psalm 110:1 alongside Hebrews 2:8–9 and 1 Corinthians 15:25–26. How does knowing that Jesus is already enthroned at God's right hand—actively placing every enemy, even death, under his feet—reshape what Christian hope looks like compared to wishful optimism.
4. Looking at Luke 20, the religious leaders sat silenced before Jesus's wisdom yet refused to bow to his authority. What are the subtle ways we sometimes sing "Jesus is Lord" with our lips while acting as practical atheists—or treating Jesus as a helpful consultant rather than a King—from Monday to Saturday?
5. The sermon highlighted both open self-indulgence and religious rule-keeping as ways we protect our own sovereignty. Which tendency are you more tempted toward—pulling away to run your own life, or trying to manage God through good behavior and Bible knowledge?
6. In Hebrew, glory carries the idea of weightiness—making Jesus the "King of Heavy." When you find yourself exhausted from a quiet tug-of-war with God, what fear or unbelief about Jesus's character usually keeps your hands clenched on the rope?
7. Psalm 110:1 declares that Christ's enemies will become his footstool, yet at Calvary Jesus allowed himself to be treated as an enemy and crushed in our place (2 Corinthians 5:21). How does seeing your Lord as the Lamb slain for you change the way you view surrender?
8. Read John 8:36 and 1 Corinthians 2:9–10. Why is the cultural promise of total autonomy ("shouting Mine!") actually a subtle form of slavery, and what does it look like in practice to experience Christ's Lordship as the birthplace of real freedom?
9. Think about one concrete area this week—an uncertain diagnosis or future, a tense family relationship, your calendar, or your finances. In view of God's grace, what would it look like to lay down the tug-of-war rope and rest that corner of your life under Jesus's feet?
10. Return to the Christmas riddle: you cannot light the tree, the fireplace, or the arch until you first strike a match. Where have you been trying to ignite peace, joy, or change on your own strength, and how can our group pray for you to rest first in the prior love of Jesus as Lord this Advent season?


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