

FOO+HILLS

Worship Center

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A Charlie Brown Christmas debuted on national prime time television on December 9, 1965. After 60 years, the beloved animated show is a classic. Watching it has become a Christmas tradition for many families.

There's one moment in this show that went seemingly unnoticed for 50 years. When Linus is telling Charlie Brown what Christmas is about (reciting [Luke 2:8-14](#)); right in the middle of his speech, Linus drops his blue security blanket. Most telling is in the specific moment he drops the blanket, he says the words, "**Fear Not**"



Looking at it now, it is pretty clear what Charles Schultz was saying, and it's so simple, it's brilliant.

The birth of Jesus Christ
separates us from all our fears.

The birth of Jesus frees us from the habits we are unable (or unwilling) to break ourselves. The birth of Jesus allows us to simply drop the false security we have been grasping so tightly and learn to trust and cling to Him instead. Fear Not because **Christ has been born!**

The world of 2025 can be a really scary place. And most of us find ourselves grasping to something temporal for security, whatever that thing may be. Essentially, 2025 is a world in which it is very difficult for us to "fear not." And 2026 with all its new fears will soon arrive.

But in the midst of fear and insecurity, this simple cartoon image from 1965 continues to live on as an inspiration for us to seek true peace and true security in the one place it has always been and can always still be found. In Jesus Christ our Lord. **Merry Christmas!**

I'll Have a Blue Christmas

This time of year, most of us love to hear the sounds and music associated with Christmas. From the sound of the Salvation Army bell ringing to the carols being played in EVERY store. For some of us though it can be especially difficult. For those of us that have lost something or someone special to them. It can be anything near and dear to your heart. Maybe it is the loss of a loved one, a miscarriage, the loss of mobility, the loss of a job, or maybe the loss of a pet...anything you cared for and loved that is no longer with you as it once was. Find solace with others who know how you feel. Come to the Blue Christmas service on the shortest day of the year, December 21st at 3 pm. With Pastor Brad preaching, hopefully you'll leave feeling a little relief to make an unbearable holiday, a bit more tolerable, hopeful and peaceful.



What About Santa?

The Women of Foothills, previously known as "United Women in Faith", will NOT be selling cookie trays this year. Instead, Cindy and Lynn  came up with the idea to have a Christmas Cookie Exchange Party on a Saturday or Sunday. This way, there will still be cookies to leave out for Santa on Christmas Eve!

If you are interested in participating, please, see Lynn  after church, in the lounge or call her soon at (518) 725 - 9611 Ext 2



*Christmas Eve Candle Light
Worship Services
5pm Contemporary
7pm Traditional*

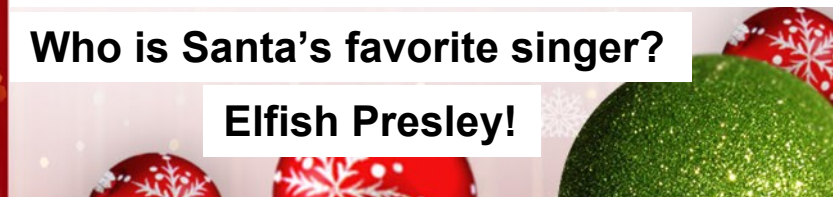


What is Santa Claus's favorite type of potato chips? Answer: Crisp Pringles!

How do Christmas trees get ready for a night out? Answer: They Spruce Up!

Who is Santa's favorite singer?

Elfish Presley!



In Case You Didn't Know

In case you hadn't heard, there was a government shutdown in October/November and as a result many people in Fulton County and around the country did not receive their Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) allotment in November until late in the month. With Thanksgiving being in November, SNAP being unavailable put our Food Pantry in a tight bind.

BUT! We are extremely blessed to say the least.

Between all of you, some very kind neighbors, food drive collections and several local businesses we pushed through and have been able to supply people with turkeys for Thanksgiving and still have a freezer FULL of protein options and shelves stocked with

fruits and veggies. We finished out the month with providing 750 people enough food to have three meals for three days. Plus, we were able to give out a few extras like jelly to go with the jar of peanut butter or a dessert. We even sponsored one family of five, that is near and dear to many in the Food Pantry (and Office). We supplied them with **ALL** the fixings for a Thanksgiving meal, including a gallon of milk, a pound of butter, dinner rolls and dessert. The family is extremely grateful. The mom is home from the hospital, after having a heart attack and renal failure. She is preparing the food little by little with the kids help. My mom always said, to give is so much better than to receive. And of course, she was right!



She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins

Matthew 1:21



From the Heart

As written about previously, every so often our Missions Group delivers lap robes and blankets to the nursing homes and the local hospital. Each one is made with love and care for every individual who receives one, even if we don't know the actual people personally. The handwritten Thank-You card (center), was received this past week. It is from someone that uses

To everyone at the Foothills
Worship Center,

Thank you for the beautiful
care package + for surrounding
me + other patients with such
heartfelt gifts.

I am deeply grateful for
you all!

May God bless you
for the comfort you
have given us!

Happy Holidays
Christine Rappaport

one of these beautiful "works of art" that was crafted and created from the heart of one of our Mission Group members. It is may be just yarn but it is transformed into a comforting and warm gift. In December, our Missions Group will start making Cozy Wraps, a new item being added to the list of other precious gifts already being made for the cold winter months ahead. Good job to all the faithful servants!

Let's Go Christmas Caroling

December 28th
After Church
Meet @ Noon
In the Lounge

Questions? See Malcolm



Happy Birthday Pastor Brad!

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We Love You!



From All of Us in the Office, To All of You,
Have a Merry Christmas & a Very
Happy New Year!



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



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| Wanda Ellis | 12/01 |
| Jill Lathrop | 12/02 |
| Lorraine Smith | 12/03 |
| Melinda Harrington | 12/06 |
| Marshall Alessi | 12/07 |
| Brad Chesebro | 12/09 |
| William Rowback | 12/13 |
| Midge Mock | 12/16 |
| Emily Semione | 12/16 |
| Joni Dennie | 12/18 |

