

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**310 Plantation Road Perry, FL 32348**  
**4th Sunday of Advent**  
**11:00 am December 19, 2021**

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WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT                      *“Emmanuel”*                      Isaiah 7:14

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

\*HYMN                      *“Hark the Herald Angels Sing”*                      No. 119

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God our Savior, we ask for your mercy. Though we have heard Mary's song, we still seek security in pride and power and possessions. Though we know your story, we resist the costs of following you. We pass by those considered lowly in this world. We turn away from hungry people who still wait to be filled. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to work for the justice you intend. Make us messengers of the peace you bring. As we wait for you, turn our apathy into acts of love and service. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Emmanuel. Amen. (Silent Reflection)**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

\*HYMN                      *“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”*                      No. 143

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING                      Malachi 3:1-4

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SERMON                      *“Sheepish”*                      Rev. Tai Cole

\*HYMN                      *“In the Bleak Midwinter”*                      No. 144

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH                      *The Apostles Creed*  
**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived of the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from whence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen**

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

OFFERING

\*DOXOLOGY & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*HYMN "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" No. 136

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION No. 92  
"While We Are Waiting, Come"  
(Verse 2)

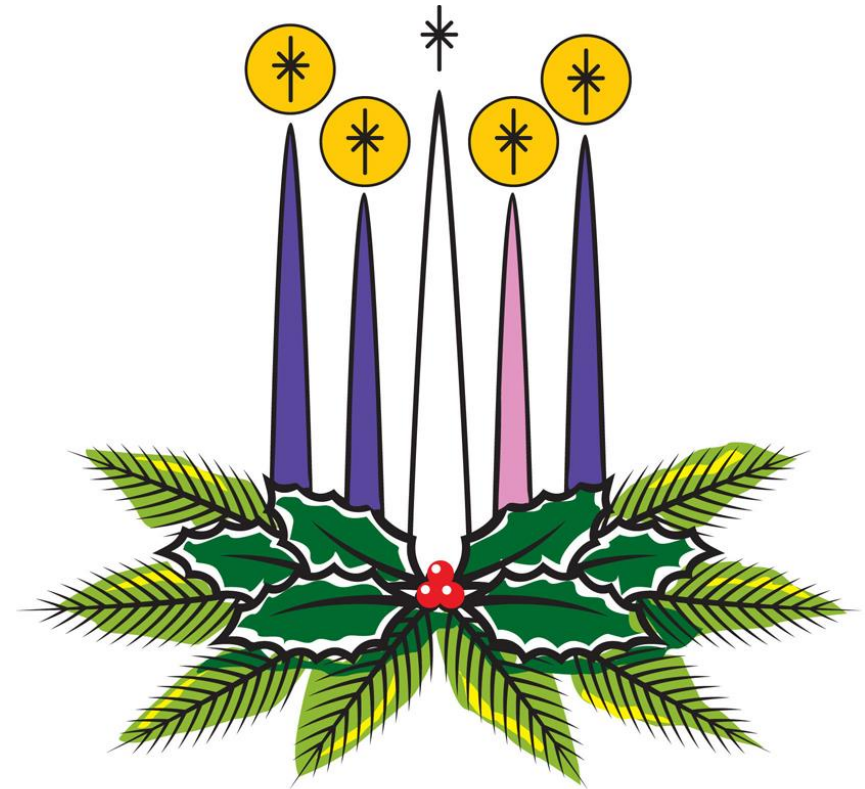
\*POSTLUDE

**\*Those who are able, please stand.**

We warmly greet all who have come to worship God. Your presence will enhance our worship experience and our fellowship together. Sincere thanks to each of you for your participation in the service. Glory be to God!

**Leading Worship:** Rev. Tai Cole; Jamie Poppell, Liturgist; Bob Bell, Accompanist; Alex Lutz, Elder of the Month.

*Rev. Tai Zimmerman Cole works for the Center for the Study and Promotions of Communities, Families and Children at Florida State University's College of Social Work. Tai is a graduate from North Carolina State University in Religious Studies. She has a Master of Divinity and Master of Christian Education from Union Theological and Presbyterian School of Christian Education. In 2014, Tai completed her certification in Christian education. In the spring of 2020 she received her master's degree in Clinical Social Work from Florida State University. Her primary task at the CFC Center implementing the Rebound and Recovery: Social Emotional curriculum she wrote and working on the Substance Use Disorder Curriculum for the Florida Higher Education Consortium. She also works as a clinical social worker serving children and adolescents who have experienced traumatic events using cognitive behavioral therapy and play therapy. Tai's husband John serves First Presbyterian Monticello and is completing his PhD in Religion at FSU. They have four children, Jacob, Jessie, John Edward, and Owen along with two cats Heidelberg and Geneva.*



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## Announcements



**Tuesday Bible Studies:** Beach Bible Study 9:30 am, FPC  
Bible Study 10:00 am

**Choir Rehearsal** Wednesdays 7 pm

**Prayer Meeting** Thursdays 9:30 am in the church office

**No Sunday School** Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> and Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Ushers for Dec 26<sup>th</sup>:** Bob Helberg, Nancy Bell, Marne Helberg, Cathy Wiggins, Zachary Wiggins

### *Prayers Of and For The People*

#### *First Presbyterian Church*

*December 16, 2021*

*Families saddened by loss this Christmas Season, Susan,  
Tuckie, Nancy, Archers, Ziegler's, Cruces.*

*Family of Shirley Hall*

*Bob Lutz, healing*

*New and past members with us this December*

*Huck Whiddon, ER visit last nite*

*Grateful for Church Supper last nite*

*Our country*

*Norma Blumes' sister Sandra*

*Alan Jenkins, heart health*

*Malcolm Page, heart issue*

*Lynn Williams, ongoing heart*

*Kathy Sipple, covid recovery*

*Judy Neal, her brother, and Larry*

*Our session planning 2022!*

*Our supply pastors*

*Cheryl Weiss*