

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
310 Plantation Road Perry, FL 32348
1st Sunday of Advent
11:00 am November 28, 2021

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE

Bob and Marne Helberg: We light this candle as a sign of the light of Christ. Advent means coming. We are preparing ourselves for the day when the nations will beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.....Isaiah 2:4

ALL: Let us walk in the light of our Lord.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

No. 83

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

O Lord Jesus Christ, who gave your life for us that we may receive pardon and peace: Mercifully cleanse us from all sin, and keep us in your favor and love, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Almighty God, who freely pardons all who repent and turn to him, now fulfill in every contrite heart the promise of redeeming grace; remitting all our sins, and cleansing us from an evil conscience, through the perfect sacrifice of Christ Jesus our Lord.

People: Amen

*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

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Come, O Come"

Juanita Ratliff

Music by David and Bonnie Huntsinger

Words by David Huntsinger

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 9:2-7

*HYMN

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

No. 643

(Stanzas 1,6,7 Only)

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 1:18-25

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Dr. Don McGarity

"The Weight Of The World"

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

THE 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 *"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"* No. 119

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: May Almighty God bless you the Father, the Son
and the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Minister: Go in peace.

People: Thanks be to God.

*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!



1st Sunday of Advent

Leading Worship: Dr. Don McGarity; Steve Brown, Liturgist; Leah Metzger, Accompanist & Director; Karl Morgan, Elder of the Month.

Announcements

Altar Committee Meeting November 30th 4:30 pm

Worship Meeting November 30th at 5:30 pm

Called Congregational Meeting:

The Nominating Committee has requested a congregational meeting on Dec 5, 2021, immediately following the church service for the purpose of presenting the names for Elder elect, and the trustee's names both class of 2024.

Monday Morning Yoga 10 am

Choir Rehearsals Wednesdays 7 pm

Art and Fellowship Wednesdays 10 am in Fellowship Hall

Prayer Meeting Thursdays 9:30 am in the church office

Ushers for Dec 5th: Warren Gregory, Polly Kincaid, Betty Culbreath, Tuckie Maultsby

*Prayers Of and For The People
First Presbyterian Church
November 23, 2021*

Tuckie Maultsby and family, mourning the loss of her son

Nancy Bell's Mom

Sandi Hilgendorf 11/29 surgery

Doris Cruce, cancer battle

Our government

Judy Neal, continued

Shut-Ins

Blessings on families and travelers.

All battling for good health.

Help us be answers to prayers.

All these requests and unspoken in our hearts. Amen

BIOGRAPHY

The Rev. Dr. Don McGarity

Dr. & Mrs. (Bonnie) McGarity were born in Houston, Texas, were confirmed in the same Presbyterian Church, sang in the choir together and in 1965 were married by their Presbyterian minister. In December they will celebrate their 56th Anniversary. They have two children, four grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

After a career in Music, Dr. McGarity felt the call to the ministry. In 1972 the McGarity's moved from Houston to Austin, TX where he attended and graduated from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity (1975). He later received his doctorate in 1981 at McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago.

He served churches in Texas before becoming the Senior Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Jacksonville, FL. Rev. McGarity then became the organizing and founding pastor of the Amelia Plantation Chapel, an Interdenominational Community Church established by the presbytery in the Resort of Amelia Island Plantation.

The McGarity's retired to Gainesville because of the religious, educational and fine arts opportunities as well as the excellent medical facilities. In retirement he has served as Stated Supply at Bethlehem Presbyterian, Archer and 1st Presbyterian, Starke. More recently he was Area One Relationship Coordinator for the Presbytery of St. Augustine which included Perry. He retired for a 3rd time in November.

Since moving to Gainesville Dr. McGarity has been involved locally at various times with First Presbyterian Church, St. Frances House, The Gainesville Pops, The Gainesville Community Band, Shands Institutional Review Board, Oak Hammock and The Village Retirement Communities. He established the Volunteer Chaplaincy Program at Oak Hammock when it opened in 2004.