

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11:00 a.m. December 1st, 2019

1st Sunday in Advent

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Eternal God, through long generations you prepared a way for the coming of your Son, and by your Spirit you still bring light to illumine our paths. Renew us in faith and hope that we may welcome Christ to rule our thoughts and claim our love, as Lord of lords and King of kings, to whom be glory always.

Amen.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SENTENCES

LEADER: We gather because we are waiting.

PEOPLE: We are waiting for the coming of Christ anew.

LEADER: We work because we are waiting.

PEOPLE: We are waiting for a world of love and justice.

LEADER: We worship because we are waiting.

ALL: We are waiting for God, whose glory is about to be revealed.

INTROIT "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

*OPENING HYMN "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" No.123
(verses 2, 3, & 4)

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, who sent a star to guide men to the holy child Jesus: we confess that we have not followed the light of your word. We have not searched for signs of your love in the world, or trusted good news to be good. We have failed to praise your Son's birth, and refused his peace on earth. We have expected little, and hoped for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew in us all fine desires, so we may watch and wait and once more hear the glad story of our Savior Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE "Angels We Have Heard on High (refrain)"

Gloria, in excelsis Deo, Gloria, in excelsis Deo

PASSING THE PEACE

May the Peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 2:1-5
(pg.550)

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Come, O Come"

Juanita Ratliff
David and Bonnie Huntsinger

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 13:8-14
(pg.923)

SERMON

The Rev. Natasha Sudderth

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence 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 the life everlasting. Amen.

*HYMN

"One Bread, One Body"

GTG (insert)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

No. 626

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

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*CLOSING HYMN "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" (insert)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*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: The Rev. Natasha Sudderth-Davis (Pastor); Nancy Bell (Liturgist); Rayma Ball (Director of Music); Leah Metzger (Accompanist); Glenn Knowles, Marilyn Culpepper, Patricia Lindsey, Betty Culbreath, and Daniel Everett (Ushers and Greeters); Sandra Allen (Elder of the Week).



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CHILDREN'S CHURCH (CC): All children join their families in the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Children up through the 5th grade are invited to the front of the sanctuary for a Word with the Children. The children (first grade and under) will be led to their classroom by our volunteer, for a snack, Bible devotion and craft.

HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES are available to aid those with hearing difficulties. If you would like to use one of these aids, please check in at the sound booth.

A NURSERY is provided for infants and toddlers during Sunday School hour and the Worship hour.



There are **sign-up sheets available** for ministry opportunities and other special information. Please visit the information table in the Narthex.



If you do not have email or would like a copy of the **December** newsletter, copies are available in the Narthex. If you have an announcement, note, or picture etc. to put in the **January**

Newsletter please have your detailed info given to the office by way of email by **Monday, December 23, 2019**.

THE BREADBASKET OFFERING enables our church to assist those in our community who are in need. Gifts to this offering provides help with medication, utility bills, food and other necessities. We have had many requests, so please consider making a donation and placing it in the Breadbasket envelope in the pew rack. Thanks be to God for your gracious donations!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



December 3 – Melissa Everett
December 6 – Stan Whiddon



December 2 – Daryll & Dawn Gunter
December 2 – Charles & Tuckie Maultsby

This week's events:

Sunday, Dec. 1 st	9:30 am	Fellowship (in library)
		No Assembly
	10:00 am	Small Groups
	11:00 am	Worship
		called congregational meeting
	6:00 pm	Youth Group
Tuesday, Dec. 3 rd	10:00 am	Bible Study
Wednesday, Dec. 4 th	5:45 pm	Fellowship Supper
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Next Sunday, Dec. 8 th	9:30 am	Fellowship
	9:45 am	Assembly
	10:00 am	Small Groups
	11:00 am	Worship
	6:00 pm	Youth Group



Anyone that can stay after the called congregational meeting to help set the fellowship hall back up would be greatly appreciated.



The flowers this morning are given to the Glory of God by Bob & Marne Helberg, "in thanksgiving of our church family."

The nominating committee places the following names for election to the position of ruling elder for the class of 2022, Brenda Wilson, Heather Speas and Stan Whiddon. It further places the name of Mike Perrine as a trustee of the corporation to serve through 2022. The election of officers will take place today, December 1, 2019, at a called congregational meeting. Members are requested to attend the meeting.

ADVENT Devotions: Weekly devotionals will be going out by email. If you do not have email you may pick up a copy at Wednesday night Fellowship suppers.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS: This Wednesday, December 4th, supper is potluck. Bring a casserole, meat, side dish, or dessert to share. The **potluck team** will set up. Dress is casual. Supper begins at 5:45 p.m.



Find us on Facebook and on our web page @ www.fpcperry.com

Online giving is available through the church website. If you have any questions, contact Ellie in the church office. Look for this icon on the website.

Click on the Giving button to make an online payment:

Giving



The annual chili cook-off will be rescheduled for a later date.

THROUGH THE PRAYER CHAIN, members of First Presbyterian are given the opportunity to turn to God in supplication for others. You may start a prayer request by contacting Margaret Poppell at perryfpcprayers@yahoo.com, 843-8689.



Reminder for those who have signed up for filling a **Christmas Food Basket**. See Jeanne Hilgendorf (578-2895) and return by 12/11/19.



Christmas Card Exchange Would you like to send out greetings to other members for Christmas? The First Presbyterian Post office box is open!!! (In the Fellowship Hall) Just Fill out your cards with the recipient's name and date and place it in one of the slots with their last name initial on it and **DONE** no need for a Stamp!!! A wonderful way to express season greetings to each other.

A Service of Witness to the Resurrection

Celebrating the Life of

**Patricia English Punda
1952-2019**

First Presbyterian Church
310 Plantation Road – Perry, Florida
December 8, 2019
2:00 p.m.

Family Visitation to Follow

*In Lieu of Flowers, memorial gifts can be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Perry, Florida