

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
11:00 a.m. December 8th, 2019  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent

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WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Holy God, through prophets you sent your word into the wilderness, crying out to repent, seek forgiveness, and prepare the way of the Lord. We pray that you prepare us to go into our world as agents of Peace so that all flesh may know the gift of your saving grace in Christ.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God's Spirit has led us here.

**People: And where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is Hope.**

Leader: God's Spirit has led us here.

**People: And where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is Peace.**

Leader: God's Spirit has led us here.

**People: And where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is Joy.**

Leader: God's Spirit has led us here.

**People: And where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is Love.**

Leader: There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in the place,

**ALL: And we know that it's the Spirit of the Lord!**

\*OPENING HYMN "Sweet, Sweet, Spirit"

No.252  
MANNA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not**

**expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world.**

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

ANTHEM "When Will Messiah Come?" J.P. Martin

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 11:1-10 (p. 558)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 3:1-12 (p. 784)

SERMON The Rev. Natasha Sudderth

\*HYMN "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" No.128  
CAROL

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Selected Verses) Brief Statement of Faith  
**In life and in death we belong to God. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.**

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.**

\*CLOSING HYMN "O Thou Joyful, O Thou Wonderful" No. 119  
O SANCTISSIMA

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends.  
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.  
In all your living and through your loving.  
Christ be your shalom. Christ be your shalom.

\*POSTLUDE

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

**Leading Worship:** The Rev. Natasha Sudderth-Davis (Pastor); Juanita Ratliff (Liturgist); Rayma Ball (Director of Music); Leah Metzger (Accompanist); Bob Helberg, Angela Wilson, Nancy Bell, and Donna Sprigle (Ushers and Greeters); Chuck Eckel (Elder of the Week).

**Children's Church (CC):** All children join their families in the 11:00 a.m. worship service. The children (first grade and under) will be led to their classroom by our volunteer.

**Nursery** is provided for infants and toddlers during Sunday School hour and the Worship hour.

**Hearing Assistance Devices** are available. If you would like to use one of these aids, please check in at the sound booth.



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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!

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH: CALLING ALL ARTISTS!

We would like to invite the young artists in our congregation to help make our advent bulletins beautiful and special with their personal artwork. Anyone interested in helping out may bring artwork to the church office.

✍ We are looking for pictures of the story of Jesus' birth (the manger, Mary, Joseph, shepherds, wise men, a star, animals, etc.)

✍ Be sure to sign your work on the front bottom right and write your name and age on the back.

✍ Most important thing is to have fun! We can't wait to see what you come up with.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**December 9** – Laura Early  
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**December 11** – Eric Morgan  
**December 12** – Denise Kepler

### This week's events:

Sunday, Dec. 8 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am	Fellowship
	9:45 am	Assembly
	10:00 am	Small Groups
	11:00 am	Worship
	2:00 pm	Service for Patti Punda
	6:00 pm	Youth Group
Tuesday, Dec. 10 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	Bible Study
Wednesday, Dec. 11 <sup>th</sup>	5:45 pm	Fellowship Supper
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, Dec. 14 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
Next Sunday, Dec. 15 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 am	Fellowship
	9:45 am	Assembly
	10:00 am	Small Groups
	11:00 am	Worship
	3:00 pm	Cantata
	6:00 pm	Youth Group



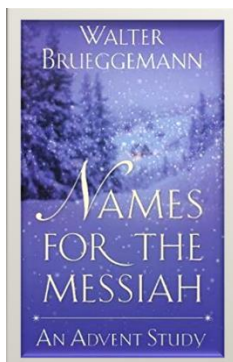
**“The flowers** in the sanctuary are given by Richard Zeigler to the Glory of God and with gratitude to the church members of this church for being very kind to me. Friends enhance our lives and help make every day special.”

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS:

Reservations are not necessary, and dress is casual. Meal costs are: 6<sup>th</sup> grade - adult, \$3.50, and children \$2.00. The maximum charge for a family with children is \$10.00. **Jeanne & Warren Hilgendorf's team** will cook, set-up and clean-up.



**ADVENT Devotions:** Weekly devotionals are going out by email. If you do not have email you may pick up a copy at Wednesday night Fellowship suppers or the Narthex.



## Advent Study

The study will begin Monday, December 9, 2019 at 6:30 in the library.



Find us on Facebook and on our web page @ [www.fpcperry.com](http://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

**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](mailto: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.



Choir Rehearsal on Dec. 14, 2019 9am to 11:30pm.



December 15, 2019 at 3pm

### 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

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