

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
310 Plantation Road Perry, FL 32348
3rd Sunday of Advent
11:00 am December 11, 2022

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE "What Child Is This?" R. Vaughan Williams
Dr. Mark Coffey, Guest Organist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF FRIENDSHIP PADS

INTROIT "Call to Advent" Arr. J. Jerome Williams

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE OF JOY

Liturgist: The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. ---Isaiah 35:1

People: The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the the calf and the lion and the fatling together and a little child shall lead them. ----Isaiah 11:6

Liturgist: The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. ---Isaiah 35:1

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us come before the Lord with open hearts,

People: Let us bring our broken dreams, our conflicts and our griefs.

Leader: For God is good and out of sorrow will come new gladness.

People: The Lord will fill us again with power to sing with joyful hearts!

*HYMN "Once in Royal David's City" No. 155
(Red Hymnal)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Minister: Lord Jesus, you were sent to heal the contrite heart: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Minister: Lord Jesus, you came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Minister: Lord Jesus, you are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Minister: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All: AMEN.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI No. 623(Red Hymnal)
"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

ANTHEM "Breath of Heaven (Mary's Song)" By Amy Grant
Juanita Ratliff

FIRST GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 1:1-17

*HYMN "What Child Is This?" No. 137
(Red Hymnal)

SECOND GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 1:18-25

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON God Is With Us Dr. Don McGarity

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 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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

OFFERTORY

“Noel”

J.P. Dandrieu

*DOXOLOGY

“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.”

OFFERTORY PRAYER (Unison)

O God, who hast so greatly loved us and mercifully redeemed us, give us grace, that in everything we may yield ourselves, our wills, and our works, a continual thank offering unto thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

No. 132

(Red Hymnal)

*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.

*HYMN

“Threefold Amen”
Amen. Amen. Amen.

*POSTLUDE

“In Dulci Jubilo”

J.S. Bach



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PERRY, FLORIDA**

***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: Dr. Don McGarity; Chuck Eckel, Liturgist; Leah Metzger, Accompanist & Director; Dr. Mark Coffey, Guest Organist

Notes & Announcements



The flowers are given by Steve & Cindy Brown in thanksgiving for the musical offerings of Leah, the FPC choir and Dr. Coffey. Glory be to God for the gift of music.

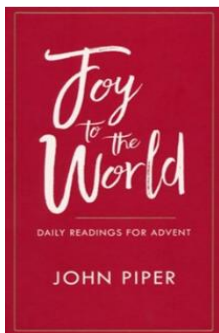
- Session meeting today, December 11, 2022 following Worship
- Christmas Supper, December 14th 5:45 pm (no charge for this supper)
- Christmas Program, December 18th at 5 pm
- Ushers for December 18th 11 am and 5 pm: Jeanne Hilgendorf, David Culpepper, Warren Hilgendorf, Jeanne Raulerson
- FPC website www.firstpresperry.org

Prayers Of and For The People First Presbyterian Church

*Musgroves
Teachers
Freedom
Stephen's family in Trinidad
All who are grieving
Dominic Sandonato
Carusos
Neals
covid sufferers
Earlys moving
Sandra A, moved
All who worship with us at home: Mary Lou, Sheena, Ben,
Gretchen, Jo, Glenn, Joann, Alice, Patricia, Ron, Elvena*

Session Members

Jeanne Hilgendorf **Fellowship** Class of 22
Heather Speas **Mission/outreach** Class of 22
Alex Lutz **Worship** Class of 22
Joey Ratliff **Administration** Class of 23
Marne Helberg **Worship** Class of 23
Rachel Poppell **Christian Education** Class of 23
Sandi Hilgendorf **Clerk, Fellowship** Class of 23
Martha Davis **Administration** Class of 24
Chuck Eckel **Mission/Outreach, Admin.** Class of 24



Advent devotionals are available in the narthex. Please take one for your family. Children's advent calendar postcards are also available. Please use these to enhance your preparations and study as we approach Christmas