

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
310 Plantation Road Perry, FL 32348
4th Sunday of Advent
11:00 am December 18, 2022

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF FRIENDSHIP PADS

INTROIT *"Light One Candle to Watch For Messiah"*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Isaiah 40:3-5)

Leader: Prepare the way of the Lord!

People: Lift every valley, lift every voice.

Leader: Prepare the way of the Lord!

People: And all flesh shall see the salvation of our God.

*HYMN *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"* No. 88

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Great God, as we behold the birth of Jesus again, we are mindful of how we have failed to receive the fullness of that gift. The story points us to your glory, yet we struggle to join in the song of praise and thanksgiving. We are distracted and confused, so focused on things that matter little that we overlook the good news of great joy that you have prepared. Tell us again that the Savior is born. Tell us again that we are forgiven. Tell us again that our lives can be abundant in faith, hope and love because of what you have given us in Jesus Christ. 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 *"O Come, All Ye Faithful"*

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 1:18-25

SERMON Rev. Larry Green

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.

*HYMN *"Joy To The World"* No. 134

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Hey! FPC!

Praying for All Good Things @ Home w FPC!

I am doing Good w Surgery and Now Rehab in G'ville!

My Brother Jim Wilson JR is a lot of my success and My Lord Jesus is 100% of My Success Through this difficult time! I am oh So Thankful! So Blessed!

May God Bless You All!

Thank You Each for Your Prayers and Well Wishes! I Am Also Very Thankful for you!

Sincerely,
Jo

***Prayers Of and For The People
First Presbyterian Church***

Musgrove family

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

Notes & Announcements



The flowers are given by Charles and Tuckie Maultsby in memory of her son, Hunt Abney.

- Christmas Program, today, December 18th at 5 pm
- If you would like to help with finishing decorating the church for Christmas Eve please meet in the Fellowship Hall at 10 am on Friday, December 23rd.
- Christmas Eve service 5 pm
- The cost for altar flowers will be \$30 beginning Jan 2023
- There will be no assembly or Sunday school Dec. 25th or Jan 1st.
- Ushers for December 25th: Bobby Harper, Brenda Wilson, Martha Davis, Mike Perrine, Jim Culbreath
- FPC website www.firstpresperry.org

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