



First
Presbyterian Church

Port Charlotte, FL



Sunday, December 1st, 2024

**First Sunday of Advent
Lord's Supper Service**

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God Calls Us to Worship



CHIMES, GREETING & PRELUDE

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

God Is Here Today

EXCHANGE OF PEACE †

CALL TO WORSHIP †

Liturgist: The banquet table is prepared: God calls us to feast together.

Congregation: We have come from east and west, from north and south, to sit together at the Lord's table.

Liturgist: Compassion, love and grace pour out like fine wine.

Congregation: God's Word is bread for our journey.

Liturgist: Let us join Christians around the world to share in God's gifts.

Congregation: Let us taste and see that the Lord is good!

OPENING HYMN †

#460 Let Us Break Bread Together

ADVENT LITANY

Candle of HOPE

Reader 1: We are people of hope.

Reader 2: God longs for a day when weapons will be replaced with tools for rebuilding.

Congregation: We see God's goodness and signs of new life all around us.



† Please stand in body or in spirit





Reader 1: The first candle of Advent reminds us that we are called to live as people of hope.

Reader 2: We light this candle to remind us to see God’s hope shining in our world.

[Two members of Session lights the candle of hope]

Reader 1: Let us pray:

Congregation: Holy One, help us to walk in the light of God. May our lives reflect the warmth and wonder of this flame. Make your church a place of hope in our community. Amen.

Interlude: *Hope is a Star* (1st Stanza)

We Renew Our Relationship With God

PRAYER OF ADORATION

LORD’S PRAYER

CALL TO CONFESSION

HYMN OF CONFESSION

We Come To Ask Your Forgiveness

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CHILDREN’S BLESSING

We Respond to God

OFFERTORY

Break Forth O Beauteous, Heavenly Light





OFFERING HYMN † #816 *We Give Thee But Thine Own* (1st stanza)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN OF DEDICATION *Father Take The Gifts We Bring* (modified)

God Speaks to Us

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 17:17 (New International Version)

¹⁷ “A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity.”

Interlude: #563 *Open My Eyes That I May See* (1st Stanza)

New Testament Reading

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 (New Living Translation)

9 How we thank God for you! Because of you we have great joy as we enter God’s presence.

10 Night and day we pray earnestly for you, asking God to let us see you again to fill the gaps in your faith.

11 May God our Father and our Lord Jesus bring us to you very soon.

12 And may the Lord make your love for one another and for all people grow and overflow, just as our love for you overflows.

13 May he, as a result, make your hearts strong, blameless, and holy as you stand before God our Father when our Lord Jesus comes again with all his holy people. Amen.



Interlude: #563 *Open My Eyes That I May See* (2nd Stanza)





PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE PREACHED WORD

Love Is Commitment

Interlude: #563 *Open My Eyes That I May See* (3rd Stanza)

God Invites Us to Feast

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S TABLE

THE MAKING OF PEACE

THE INVITATION

Interlude: #464 Come To The Table

SURSUM CORDA / SANCTUS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God Sends Us Into the World

CLOSING HYMN †

“Ubi Caritas”

DISMISSAL, BENEDICTION & THREE-FOLDED AMEN †

SENDING HYMN †

Song of Hope



CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Mission Peniel

The Mission Peniel Giving Tree is up. Please pick one more gift tags, so you can help make someone's Christmas even better. There are a total of 50 tags. Gifts by December 12.



December 8 at 3 PM

With Organist Cary Price

Please invite family and friends to enjoy great Christmas songs and hymns.



CHRISTMAS CANTATA



December 15 at 9 AM

With FPCPC Choir

A service dedicated only to music and prayers.

PRAYER LIST

Adams Family	-	<i>strength & comfort</i>
Kathy Alexander	-	<i>health needs</i>
Bernadine & Tom Allesee's Family	-	<i>safety & health</i>
Susan Baivey	-	<i>health needs</i>
Charlie Brox	-	<i>health needs</i>
Barbara Edwards	-	<i>health needs</i>
Jean Heim	-	<i>health needs</i>
Ruth Hester	-	<i>health needs</i>
Alzie & Senior Lee family	-	<i>strength & comfort</i>
Sue Littrell	-	<i>health needs</i>
Violet Logan/Green	-	<i>strength & comfort</i>
Donna & Loren Livengood	-	<i>health needs</i>
Margorie Hansen	-	<i>health needs</i>
Margorie Hill	-	<i>health needs</i>
Courtenay Mason	-	<i>health needs</i>
Brad Messick	-	<i>health needs</i>
Louis Miceli	-	<i>health needs</i>
Olin Scott	-	<i>housing needs</i>
Mavis Powell	-	<i>health needs</i>
Danny Webb	-	<i>strength needs</i>
Elaine & Ambrose Woods	-	<i>health needs</i>

FPCPC FAMILY -

If you know of any shut-ins or anyone who may need our prayers,
please call the church office at 941-625-5045.



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CLASS OF 2024	CLASS OF 2025	CLASS OF 2026
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Ambrose Woods	Joan Hawkins	Nancy Sharpless
—	Alzie Lee	Donna Young

DEACONS

CLASS OF 2024	CLASS OF 2025	CLASS OF 2026
—	Hazel Mason	Carol Dunkak-Dunekirchen
—	Carolyn Brox	Carol McLennon
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