



*First*  
*Presbyterian Church*

Port Charlotte, FL



*Sunday, December 15, 2024*

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent (Joy)

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# *God Calls Us to Worship*



## **CHIMES, GREETING & PRELUDE**

*While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks*

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **CHORAL INTROIT**

*#243 Emmanuel*

## **EXCHANGE OF PEACE †**

## **NON-RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP †**

## **OPENING HYMN †**

*#275 Sing We Now of Christmas*

## **3RD ADVENT CANDLE LITANY**

Reader 1: We are people of joy.

Reader 2: God causes flowers to bloom in the desert; the wilderness is glad and breaks into song.

All: We open our eyes and we are surprised by joy in our lives.

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

Reader 2: We light this candle, recalling moments of laughter, great beauty and deep faith.

(Light the candle of JOY)

Reader 1: Let us pray:

All: Holy One, regardless of what happens in our lives or in our world. May we reflect the warmth and wonder of this flame. Make your church a place of joy and life in our community. Amen.

† Please stand in body or in spirit.

Interlude: *Hope is a Star* (3<sup>rd</sup> Stanza)

## *We Renew Our Relationship With God*

**PRAYER OF ADORATION**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**



All knowing God, We know perfect joy only comes through faith in you, yet we seek it elsewhere.

In search of comfort, we indulge our desires. In search of love, we hide from our faults. In search of approval, we spend beyond our means.

Forgive us, O God, for seeking satisfaction in the wrong places.

Help us turn again to you, our true source of joy, and guide us to discover what is honorable, just, and pleasing in your sight. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**OFFERTORY**

*The King Shall Come*

**OFFERING HYMN** †

*#816 We Give Thee But Thine Own*

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** †

**HYMN OF DEDICATION** †

*Father Take The Gifts We Bring*

**CHRISTMAS CANTATA**

(see page 4-5)

**COMMISSION & BENEDICTION** †



# **The Story That Never Grows Old**

- I. O Come, Emmanuel**
- II. The Story That Never Grows Old**  
**(Soloist, Amy Rupert)**
- III. Good, Good News**
- IV. Cherish That Name**  
**(Soloist, Ann Miceli)**
- VI. Carol Medley**  
**Sing, Sing, Sing**  
**Angels from the Realms of Glory**  
**Hark the Herald Angels Sing**  
**Joy to the World**



# Choir Members

**Norma Campbell**

**Alzie Lee**

**Nicole Christian**

**Carol McLennon**

**Heather DeGroot**

**Ann Miceli**

**Barbara Edwards**

**Amy Rupert**

**Betania Estevez**

**Veronica Walters**

**Created by: D. Clark, arranged by C. Duren, M. Speck, N. Robertson & P. Nitz**

**Narrated by: Weldon DeGroot**

**Directed by: Susan Brembs (First Presbyterian Church)**

**Audio-visual: Cathy Asaro & Nick Miceli (First Presbyterian Church)**

**Choral Director: Susan Brembs (First Presbyterian Church)**



# CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



**December 24 at 6 PM**

**Please join us as we celebrate our Savior with a candlelight evening service at 6 PM.**

## COMING SOON



**January 7, 2025**

**Join us for season 4 of**

***The Chosen***

**Held in the sanctuary on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 PM.**

**We will supply the popcorn & soda.**



**Coming in January**

**Join us for our mid-week Worship Service every Thursday at 7 PM, from January to March 2025.**

# PRAYER LIST

Adams Family	-	<i>strength &amp; comfort</i>
Bernadine & Tom Allesee's Family	-	<i>safety &amp; 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 &amp; comfort</i>
Sue Littrell	-	<i>health needs</i>
Violet Logan/Green	-	<i>strength &amp; 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.



# CHURCH STAFF

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## ELDERS

CLASS OF 2024	CLASS OF 2025	CLASS OF 2026
Charles Brox	Cathy Asaro	Amy Rupert
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
Holly Parkin	—	Norma Campbell



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