

*First
Presbyterian Church*

Port Charlotte, FL



Sunday, December 8, 2024

2nd Sunday of Advent (Peace)

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God Calls Us to Worship



CHIMES, GREETING & PRELUDE

The First Noel

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

#243 Emmanuel

EXCHANGE OF PEACE †

CALL TO WORSHIP †

One: A voice in the wilderness cries out:

All: Prepare the way of the Lord!

One: Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill be made low.

All: The crooked shall be made straight, and rough places, smooth.

One: A voice in the wilderness cries out:

All: All people shall see the salvation of God!

One: Lift up your hearts in expectation!

All: We will lift up our praise to the One who is coming into the world once more.

OPENING HYMN †

#244 Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

2ND ADVENT CANDLE LITANY

Reader 1: We are people of peace.

Reader 2: God seeks justice and compassion. God listens to the cries of the vulnerable and longs for wars to cease.

All: We pray God's peace is at work in our hearts, our homes, our neighborhoods and the world.

† Please stand in body or in spirit



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

Reader 2: We light this candle as an invitation to work for justice and peace.

(Light the candle of peace)

Reader 1: Let us pray:

All: Holy One, help us to fan the flame of peace. May our lives reflect the warmth and wonder of this candle. Make your church a place of peace and sanctuary in our community. Amen.

Interlude: *Hope is a Star* (2nd Stanza)

We Renew Our Relationship With God

PRAYER OF ADORATION

LORD'S PRAYER HYMN

Our Father In Heaven

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, baptism promises the washing away of our sin and the start of our new life in Christ. But we confess that we are still in love with our old ways.

We sin against you and one another, in what we do and in what we fail to do. We excuse ourselves, and take comfort in what is familiar and pleases us rather than what serves you.

Forgive us when we mistake such comfort for the peace you offer us in Christ Jesus. And prepare our hearts to embrace new ways of following him.





ASSURANCE OF PARDON



We Respond to God

MINOR DOXOLOGY

#813 Glory Be To The Father

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

ANTHEM-CHANCEL CHOIR

Jesus, Mesiah

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

OFFERTORY

People, Look East

OFFERING HYMN†

#816 We Give Thee But Thine Own

PRAYER OF DEDICATION†

HYMN OF DEDICATION†

Father Take The Gifts We Bring

God Speaks to Us

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5:13 (New Living Translation)

¹³ “You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it salty again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HYMN FOR ILLUMINATION

#633 Open Our Eyes, Lord

THE PREACHED WORD

“Christian Soy Sauce”



God Sends Us Into the World

CLOSING HYMN✝

#245 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

COMMISSION & BENEDICTION✝

SENDING HYMN✝

Song of Hope



CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Today, December 8 at 3 PM

With Organist Cary Price

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



Mission Peniel

The Mission Peniel Giving Tree is up. Please pick one or more gift tags so you can help make someone's Christmas even better.

There are a total of 50 tags.

Bring Gifts by December 12.

A graphic for a Christmas cantata. It features a red treble clef with a snowflake on top. Below it, the words "CHRISTMAS CANTATA" are written in a red serif font. At the bottom, there is a red background with white musical notes and snowflakes.

**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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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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