

First
Presbyterian Church
Port Charlotte, FL



Sunday, November 30, 2025

First Sunday of Advent

Candle of Hope

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God Calls Us to Worship

CHIMES, GREETING & PRELUDE

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel with The Moonlight Sonata

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

Emmanuel

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God calls out to us: "Comfort, comfort my people."

All: We come seeking the tender mercy of our Lord.

One: A voice in the wilderness prepares the way.

All: We open our lives to make room for Christ.

One: John the Baptist pointed to the Light.

All: We gather to worship the One who was before all things.

One: Together let us worship God, who reveals glory, light, and grace in Jesus Christ.

OPENING HYMN

#244 Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

FIRST ADVENT CANDLE LITANY

Reader 1: We are people of hope.

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

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

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

 Please stand in body or in spirit



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

Reader 1: Let us pray:

All: 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 CONFESION

PRAYER OF CONFESION

Gracious Lord, we are quick to identify our enemies and slow to name the ways we hurt others. You lead us in the ways of righteousness, and yet we prefer to walk our own path. We are called to follow Your lead in creating a beloved community, yet we idolize wealth and power.

Heal us and help us, O God. Turn us from the ways of sin, the means that create unjust ends. Grant that we may seek to be for others what You are for us: a source of light on the way to peace.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We Respond to God

MINOR DOXOLOGY +

#813 *Glory Be To The Father*



AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ⁺

ANTHEM-CHANCEL CHOIR

CHILDREN'S SERMON

OFFERTORY

Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne

DOXOLOGY ⁺

#815 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

PRAYER OF DEDICATION ⁺

HYMN OF DEDICATION ⁺

#817 O Bless The Gifts

God Speaks to Us

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 40:1-5 (NIV)

1 Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. 2 Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. 3 A voice of one calling in the wilderness, "Prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. 4 Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. 5 And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

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

New Testament Reading John 1:19-30 (NIV)

19 Now this was John's testimony when the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him who he was. 20 He did not fail to confess, but confessed freely, "I am not the Messiah." 21 They asked him,

The Apostles' Creed

Jesus, Emmanuel





"Then who are you? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." 22 Finally, they said, "Who are you? Give us an answer to take back to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" 23 John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, "I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way for the Lord.'" 24 Now the Pharisees who had been sent 25 questioned him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" 26 "I baptize with water," John replied, "but among you stands one you do not know. 27 He is the one who comes after me, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie." 28 This all happened at Bethany on the other side of the Jordan, where John was baptizing. 29 The next day, John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! 30 This is the one I meant when I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE PREACHED WORD

"A Message of Hope"

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

God Sends Us Into the World

CLOSING HYMN ⁺

#245 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

COMMISSION & BENEDICTION ⁺

SENDING HYMN ⁺

Song of Hope

We thank Elaine Woods for serving as our Liturgist and Richard Lund and his daughter Wendy for lighting the candle of HOPE.



CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



December Blessing Tree

Please help us collect clothing for our farmers for Mision Peniel in Immokalee, FL. Adults and Seniors: jeans, shirts, socks, and sweaters.



Prayer Group Wednesdays at 12 noon

Join us in a spiritual communion with God as we pray with Thanksgiving, adoration and confession



Join us on December 16, 2025
at 5 PM to watch
Christmas with The Chosen
with popcorn and drinks.



Help us celebrate our
November birthdays with
cake and conversation
after the service.

November 3 - Tanner Braun
November 8 - Kathy Bruyere
November 8 - Mavis Powell
November 28 - Stephen Goettler
November 28 - Courtenay Mason

PRAYER LIST

Bernadine Allesee & Family	-	<i>strength & comfort</i>
Ray & Eric Bittinger	-	<i>health & strength</i>
Hazel & Jerry Brown	-	<i>health needs</i>
Carolyn & Charlie Brox	-	<i>health needs</i>
Barbara Edwards	-	<i>health needs</i>
Jean Heim	-	<i>health needs</i>
Marjorie Hill	-	<i>health needs</i>
Carolanne Hoehle	-	<i>health needs</i>
Senior Lee	-	<i>health needs</i>
Sue Littrell	-	<i>health needs</i>
Violet Logan/Green	-	<i>strength & comfort</i>
Richard Lund	-	<i>health needs</i>
Courtenay Mason	-	<i>health needs</i>
Brad Messick	-	<i>health needs</i>
Louis Miceli	-	<i>health needs</i>
George Mothershed	-	<i>health needs</i>
Nancy Newport	-	<i>health needs</i>
Julie Nunez	-	<i>health needs</i>
Valciana Officer	-	<i>health needs</i>
Ray Omar	-	<i>health needs</i>
Holly Parkin	-	<i>health needs</i>
Deb Phelp's family	-	<i>strength & comfort</i>
Mavis Powell	-	<i>health & comfort</i>
Sue & Mark Thompson	-	<i>health & comfort</i>
Bernardo Vieira	-	<i>health needs</i>
Debbie Webb	-	<i>health needs</i>
Danny Webb	-	<i>strength 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 2025	CLASS OF 2026	CLASS OF 2027
Cathy Asaro	Amy Rupert	Sandy Asaro
Joan Hawkins	Nancy Sharpless	Toni Madej
Alzie Lee	Donna Young	Claudette McLennon

DEACONS

CLASS OF 2025	CLASS OF 2026	CLASS OF 2027
Hazel Mason	Carol Dunkak-Dunekirchen	Holly Parkin
Carolyn Brox	Carol McLennon	Patricia Bevens
—	Norma Campbell	Veronica Walters



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