



*First
Presbyterian Church*

Port Charlotte, FL



Sunday, December 7, 2025

**Second Sunday of Advent
Lord's Supper Celebration**

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God Calls Us to Worship



CHIMES, GREETING & PRELUDE

Emmanuel

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

Emmanuel

EXCHANGE OF PEACE †

CALL TO WORSHIP †

One: The light shines in the darkness,

All: We come to worship, seeking the peace of Christ.

One: Shine into our lives and your world this Advent.

All: Renew in us Jesus' call to be peacemakers this day.

OPENING HYMN †

#255 Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming

SECOND 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.

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.

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

† Please stand in body or in spirit.



and sanctuary in our community. Amen.

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

We Renew Our Relationship With God

PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL & HYMN OF CONFESSION

We Come to Ask Your Forgiveness

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

OFFERTORY

Emmanuel Hallowed Manger Ground

OFFERING HYMN†

#816 We Give Thee But Thine Own

PRAYER & HYMN OF DEDICATION†

Father Take The Gifts We Bring

God Speaks to Us



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Reading Malachi 4:1-5 (NLT)

4 The Lord of Heaven's Armies says, "The day of judgment is coming, burning like a furnace. On that day the arrogant and the wicked will be burned up like straw. They will be consumed—roots, branches, and all.

2 "But for you who fear my name, the Sun of Righteousness will rise with healing in his wings. And you will go free, leaping with joy like calves let out to pasture. 3 On the day when I act, you will tread upon the wicked as if they were dust under your feet," says the Lord of Heaven's Armies. 4

"Remember to obey the Law of Moses, my servant—all the decrees and regulations that I gave him on Mount Sinai for all Israel. 5 "Look, I am



sending you the prophet Elijah before the great and dreadful day of the Lord arrives. 6 His preaching will turn the hearts of fathers to their children, and the hearts of children to their fathers. Otherwise I will come and strike the land with a curse.”

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

New Testament Reading Matthew 3:1-12 (New Living Translation)

3 In those days John the Baptist came to the Judean wilderness and began preaching. His message was, 2 “Repent of your sins and turn to God, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near.” 3 The prophet Isaiah was speaking about John when he said, “He is a voice shouting in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord’s coming! Clear the road for him!’ 4 John’s clothes were woven from coarse camel hair, and he wore a leather belt around his waist. For food he ate locusts and wild honey. 5 People from Jerusalem and from all of Judea and all over the Jordan Valley went out to see and hear John. 6 And when they confessed their sins, he baptized them in the Jordan River. 7 But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming to watch **him** baptize, he denounced them. “You brood of snakes!” he exclaimed. “Who warned you to flee the coming wrath? 8 Prove by the way you live that you have repented of your sins and turned to God. 9 Don’t just say to each other, ‘We’re safe, for we are descendants of Abraham.’ That means nothing, for I tell you, God can create children of Abraham from these very stones. 10 Even now the ax of God’s judgment is poised, ready to sever the roots of the trees. Yes, every tree that does not produce good fruit will be chopped down and thrown into the fire. 11 “I baptize with water those who repent of their sins and turn to God. But someone is coming soon who is greater than I am—so much greater that I’m not worthy even to be his slave and carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. 12 He is ready to separate the chaff from the wheat with his winnowing fork. Then he will clean up the threshing area, gathering the wheat into his barn but burning the chaff with never-ending fire.”

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



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE PREACHED WORD

"The Elijah Copycat"

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

Interlude: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

THE COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God Sends Us Into the World

CLOSING HYMN †

Let There Be Peace on Earth

DISMISSAL, BENEDICTION & THREE-FOLDED AMEN †

SENDING HYMN †

Go Now in Peace

We thank Mr. Richard Rohler for serving as our Liturgist and the candle lighting participants for lighting the candle of Peace.

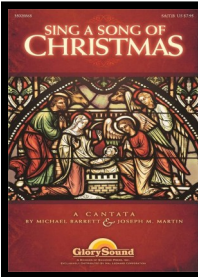


CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



December Blessing Tree

Please take a tag from the Blessing tree to get shoes for the children of migrant workers in Immokalee. We will collect until the end of December and deliver to the families in January.



SING A SONG OF CHRISTMAS CANTATA

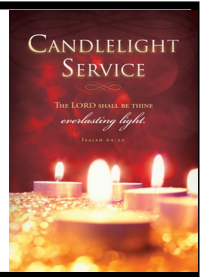
Sunday,
December 14, 2025 at 9 AM

With the voices of FPCPC & Faith Lutheran Church

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLE-LIGHT SERVICE

Wednesday,
December 24, 2025 at 6 PM

The best of Christmas Hymns and Carols



Join us on Tuesday, December 16, 2025
at 5 PM to watch

Christmas with *The Chosen*
with popcorn and drinks.



Prayer Group Wednesdays at 12 noon

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

Special Announcement: Please note that all Joy offerings are placed in the Benevolent Fund to help our community outreach.

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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ELDERS

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	Patti Bevans
—	Norma Campbell	Veronica Walters



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