

*First
Presbyterian Church*

Port Charlotte, FL



Sunday, December 14, 2025

Third Sunday of Advent

Christmas Cantata

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God Calls Us to Worship



CHIMES, APOSTOLIC GREETING & PRELUDE

I Wonder as I Wander & 'Twas In the Moon of Winter

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

Emmanuel

EXCHANGE OF PEACE†

CALL TO WORSHIP (non-responsive)†

OPENING HYMN†

#275 Sing We Now of Christmas

THIRD 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.

[The Candle of Joy is Lit]



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* (3rd Stanza)

We Renew Our Relationship With God

PRAYER OF ADORATION

LORD'S PRAYER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious Judge, we look around us and we are not proud of what we see. People criticize each other and listen only to those who agree with them.

We grumble and think the past holds the solutions, forgetting its inequities and iniquities. We are impatient for things to improve but we do not want to change our ways.

Forgive us for sharing in the ungrateful mood of our times, and renew in us the joy and gratitude we once knew for Your gifts to us in Christ Jesus.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We Respond to God

OFFERTORY

The Coventry Carol

OFFERING HYMN†

#816 We Give Thee But Thine Own



PRAYER OF DEDICATION†

HYMN OF DEDICATION†

Father Take The Gifts We Bring

Christmas Cantata

Sing a Song of Christmas

by Michael Berrett and Joseph M. Martin

Directed by Sue Brembs

Assisted by Candace Montesi

Accompanist: Heather DeGroot

Narrator: John Schleede

Choir Members:

Ruth Ash

Linda Jackling

Linda Schleede

Normal Campbell

Alzie Lee

Amy Rupert

Nicole Christian

Carol McLennon

Barbara Soine

Sandy Despreaux

Ann Miceli

Nancy Smith

Betania Esteves

Candace Montesi

Veronica Walters

Carolyn Herbst

Debby Porter

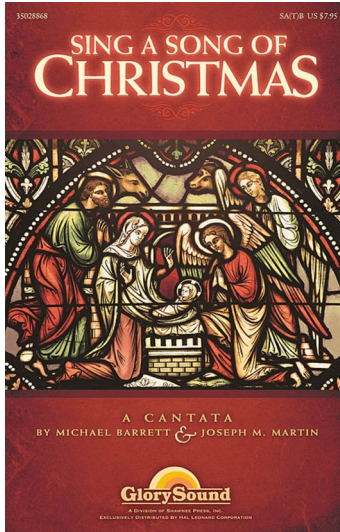
God Sends Us Into the World

COMMISSION & BENEDICTION†





- I - PRELUDE OF JOY**
- II - A SONG OF CHRISTMAS**
- III - COME, EMMANUEL**
- IV - PREPARE THE WAY**
- V - CALL THE BABY JESUS**
- VI - SLEEP LITTLE LAMB**
- VII - COME HEAR THE MUSIC**
- VIII - IN BETHLEHEM**
- IX - CHRISTMAS SONGS OF JOY**



We would also like to thank all who participated in the Christmas Cantata from both First Presbyterian Church of Port Charlotte and Faith Lutheran Church of Rotonda West.



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.



Prayer Group Wednesdays at 12 noon

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



CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Wednesday, December 24, 2025 at 7 PM

The best of Christmas
Hymns and Carols



Special Announcement:

Please note that all **Joy offerings** are placed in our 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>
Amy Rupert	-	<i>strength & comfort</i>
George Mothershed	-	<i>health needs</i>
Paul Heins & Ann Boubant	-	<i>strength & comfort</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.



CHURCH STAFF

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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	Patricia Bevans
—	Norma Campbell	Veronica Walters



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