

Service for the Lord's Day

First Sunday of Advent

Kindly silence your cell phones and electronic devices

Gathering for Worship

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

I Heard God Today

A. Mieir

✦ PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Please pass the peace of Christ with one another.

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

(See inside front of hymnal)

Let There Be Peace

Preparation to Hear the Word

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Jim and Sally Daley

SUNG RESPONSE

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

Veni Emmanuel

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come all who seek truth - let us go up to the Lord's house,

People: **that we might learn holy ways and follow right paths.**

Leader: Come - all nations, all peoples- stream through open gates,

People: **that we might gather in the hallways of justice, the courts of peace.**

Leader: Come - children of God - let us walk in the light of the Lord!

All: **With hope in our hearts, let us worship God!**

✦ HYMN #11

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?

Valet Will Ich Dir Geben

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you set before us the way of goodness and beckon us to follow you, but we disregard your teachings and disobey your Word. You call people of every land to dwell in harmony, but we sow division and harvest discord. You command us to craft tools that sustain life, but we cling to weapons that damage and destroy. Forgive us, Lord. Your creation yearns for wholeness; your people long for justice and peace. Keep

us ever watchful and awaken us to your ways as we wait in hope for the light of the world. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

SUNG PRAYER

*Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded, For with blessing in His hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth, Our full homage to demand.*

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

✦ GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Proclamation of the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 2: 1-5

Pew Bible pg. 773 (OT)

ANTHEM

Come, Emmanuel

Don Besig

Come, Emmanuel, we're waitin' for you.

We long to know the story is true

That God will send to earth a Son,

And the whole wide world is waitin' for You to come.

Come, Emmanuel, the time is at hand

To spread the news all over the land,

That You will come to set us free,

And the whole wide world is waitin', waitin' to see.

*Some are waitin' for a mighty King with crimson robes and golden rings,
To rule with a strong and powerful hand, but that is not the Father's plan.*

Come, Emmanuel, the moment is near

For all to see and all to hear

That faith and hope are born anew,

And the whole wide world is waitin', waitin' for You.

*And You will come as a tiny child, poor and humble, meek and mild,
To live in faith and teach of love, to serve on earth and reign above!!*

(Repeat first 4 lines.)

Come, Emmanuel, come, Emmanuel,

Come, Emmanuel, Come Emmanuel.

Come.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 24: 36-44

Pew Bible pg. 33 (NT)

SERMON

"Living as if..."

Rev. Susan Takis

Responding to the Word

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.19

Out of Israel, God in due time raised up Jesus. His faith and obedience were the response of the perfect child of God. He was the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel, the beginning of the new creation, and the pioneer of the new humanity. He gave history its meaning and direction and called the church to be his servant for the reconciliation of the world.

✦HYMN #505

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

St. Flavian

The Sacrament of Communion

The Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise...

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

The Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup

The Communion of the People

The Prayer after Communion

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

"Sleepers, Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us

J. S. Bach

✦Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

✦Prayer of Dedication

Sending Forth to Serve

✦HYMN #38

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear (vv 1 & 4)

Carol

✦CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*God will take care of you, thru every day, o'er all the way
God will take care of you; God will take care of you.*

POSTLUDE

Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers

A Welsh Folk Song

✦All who are able, please stand

The First Presbyterian Church of Wildwood

December 1, 2019
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Sunday Service 10:30 AM

Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Announcements – December 1, 2019

Angel Tree

The Angel Tree gift tags are available on the tree in the narthex. Please see the enclosed green flyer for details.

Poinsettia Orders through Today

We are taking poinsettia orders through today. See the enclosed insert. Extra order forms are available at all three entrances to the sanctuary.

2 Cents A Meal Offering, Sunday December 8

The monthly offering to support our presbytery's missions will be collected next Sunday, December 8. There will be a basket in front of the pulpit for your offerings, or you may use the special envelopes found in the pew racks.

A Service of Lessons & Carols, Sunday December 15, 10:30am

Mark your calendars for this special worship service, based on the traditional Lessons and Carols service of King's College, Cambridge. Our chancel choir will sing and members of the congregation will read scripture. Don't miss this worship service (and bring your friends!) We will enjoy our monthly potluck following the service.

Ladies Luncheon, Tuesday December 17

Our next luncheon will be on Tuesday, December 17, 11:00am, at the Rose Plantation in Fruitland Park. For reservations, call or e-mail Carol Norton, 352-748-3459, or cjl540@gmail.com. All ladies of the church are welcome and encouraged to join us for this time of fellowship.

"Blue Christmas" Service of Healing & Wholeness, December 19

Are the holidays a difficult time for you? Are you experiencing a difficult loss, a hard transition or a life change? Do you simply need a time of quiet amid the chaos of the season? You are invited to a special service of Scripture, music, communion and private prayer & anointing with oil on Thursday, Dec. 19 at 6 pm in our sanctuary. Please invite your friends to this special time of worship.

Candlelight Communion Christmas Eve Service, December 24

Join your church family on Tuesday, December 24 at 6pm for our Traditional Candlelight Communion Christmas Eve Service. We hope to see you then as we celebrate the birth of the Christ child. Invite your friends to this very special worship service.

Liturgist Sign-up Sheet

The sign-up sheet for 2020 is on Pastor Susan's door. If you would like to serve as a liturgist, please pick a date and write your name on the list. You will be given the liturgy ahead of time. This is a fun and meaningful way to serve.

SERVING DURING WORSHIP TODAY

Sound: Terry Becker

Communion Servers: Louise Fahey, Sally Daley, Carol Parham, and Mary Ann Scott

Ushers: Collin & Sharon Kelly; Jim & Cheri Boring

Choir Director: Connie Emery

Accompanist: Eunice Mosier

Our Church Family Prayer Concerns

Dorothy Baker, Dawn Cullen, Reola Melton, Bill Phillips

This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries

Howard Newman, December 1; Raymond Wolf, December 3;

Suzanne Gordon, December 6; Lois Roberts, December 6

Looking Ahead

Dec. 1, Sun.	Choir Rehearsal	9:30am
	Worship/Communion	10:30am
	Blood Pressure Clinic in Fellowship Hall	11:30am
Dec. 3, Tues.	Tuesday Presbyterian Women's Circle	2:00pm
Dec. 4, Wed.	Mission Team Meeting	10:30am
	Choir Rehearsal	6:00pm
Dec. 5, Thurs.	Thursday Presbyterian Women's Circle	2:00pm
Dec. 8, Sun.	Choir Rehearsal	9:30am
	Worship/2 Cents a Meal	10:30am
Dec. 9, Mon.	Deacons Meeting	2:00pm
Dec. 10, Tues.	Finance Team Meeting	10:30am
Dec. 11, Wed.	Wednesday Presbyterian Women's Circle	10:00am
	Choir Rehearsal	6:00pm
Dec. 15, Sun.	Choir Rehearsal	9:30am
	Worship.....	10:30am
	Potluck after Worship.....	11:30am

We Welcome Our Guests to Worship

Welcome! Your presence with us this morning adds joy to our worship service. Please help us acknowledge your visit by including your name and contact information when the friendship pad is passed during the announcements. You are invited to join us for fellowship following the service. If you are looking for a church home, and feel God is leading you to FPC, please speak with Pastor Susan following worship or call her during the week at 352-748-2530.

THE MISSION OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IS:

To be welcoming, caring, and compassionate, joyfully celebrating the Lord, growing spiritually through His presence, while sharing His love and grace.