

Service for the Lord's Day

Second Sunday of Advent

Kindly silence your cell phones and electronic devices

Gathering for Worship

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

✠ 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

Ken and Nancy Myers

Sung Response

Veni Emmanuel

*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!*

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Prepare the way! The promise is come!

People: **The lion shall dwell with the lamb!**

Leader: Prepare the way! The old with the young!

People: **A child shall teach us to stand!**

Leader: Prepare the way! Make the paths straight!

People: **Earth shall fill her deep valleys!**

Leader: Prepare the way! Break down walls of hate!

People: **Mountains shall fall to their knees!**

Leader: The Lord is making peace and reconciling all things.

People: **Soon we shall see the salvation of God!**

All: **Come, let us worship God!**

✠ HYMN #13

Prepare the Way

Bereden Vag For Herran

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, Christ is coming; your kingdom is drawing near. We cannot remain unchanged. As we prepare the way for the Prince of Peace, help us to abandon wayward wanderings and return to faithful paths. We have neglected to plead the case of the poor, and ignored the needs of the afflicted. We have denied our part in systems that oppress, and turned a blind eye toward injustice. Renew our minds and transform our hearts, that our lives might bear the fruit of compassion and care. Baptize us with your Spirit, and claim us again for your holy work, until you come in glory. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

SUNG PRAYER

Picardy

*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.*

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 11: 1-10

Pew Bible pg. 784 (OT)

ANTHEM

The First Nowell
English Carol, 17th Centruy

Hymn 56 (vv1-2)

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 3: 1-12

Pew Bible pg. 3 (NT)

• SERMON

"Into the Wilderness"

Rev. Susan Takis

Responding to the Word

✠HYMN #10

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

Winchester New

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from the Scot's Confession [3.06]

When the fullness of time came God sent his Son, his eternal wisdom, the substance of his own glory, into this world, who took the nature of humanity from the substance of woman, a virgin, by means of the Holy Ghost. And so was born the "just seed of David," the "Angel of the great counsel of God," the very Messiah promised, whom we confess and acknowledge to be Emmanuel, true God and true man, two perfect natures united and joined in one person.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (debtors/debtors)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

✠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 #308

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem (vv 1 & 4)

Kingsfold

✠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

✠All who are able, please stand

The First Presbyterian Church of Wildwood

**December 8, 2019
Second Sunday of Advent**



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

Announcements – December 8, 2019

Angel Tree

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

2 Cents A Meal, Today

The monthly offering to support our presbytery’s missions will be collected today. There will be a basket in front of the pulpit for your offerings, or use the special envelopes found in the pew racks.

“Glory to God” Hymnals

Today is the final day to purchase a hymnal in honor or in memory of a loved one. Forms are available in front of the pulpit. Cost is \$18.

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

We will go to the Rose Plantation in Fruitland Park on Tuesday, December 17, 11:30 AM for our luncheon. We have a limited menu for this luncheon. Please contact Carol Norton, 352-748-3459 or cjln540@gmail.com. for the menu choices and to make your reservation. The restaurant needs to know our selections by Dec. 12. All ladies of the church are welcome to attend.

"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 Thurs., Dec. 19 at 6 pm in our sanctuary. Please invite your friends to this special time of worship.

Christmas Joy Offering, Sunday, December 15

The annual PC(USA) Christmas Joy Offering will be collected on December 15. There will be a special envelope in your bulletin. Make your check out to the church and put “Joy Offering” in the memo line. This offering supports retired church workers and pastors who need assistance as well as supporting students at Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools. Please give generously.

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

2020 Financial Pledges

Thank you to all who have returned their 2020 pledge cards. If you have not had a chance to do so yet, please return them soon, as the finance team is hard at work on the 2020 budget. There are extras on the tables by the sanctuary doors. You may drop your pledge cards in the offering plate, mail them in, or drop them off in the church office.

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.

Our Church Family Prayer Concerns
Dorothy Baker, Dawn Cullen, Tom Mosier, Reola Melton, Bill Phillips

This Week’s Birthdays and Anniversaries

Dawn Cullen, December 10; Tom Mosier, December 11; Pat Jones, December 12

Looking Ahead

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
Dec. 17, Tues.	Ladies Luncheon.....	11:30am
Dec. 18, Wed.	Session Meeting.....	2:00pm
Dec. 19, Thurs.	Blue Christmas/Longest Night Service	6:00pm
Dec. 22, Sun.	Worship.....	10:30am

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.

SERVING DURING WORSHIP TODAY

Sound: Terry Becker

Liturgist: Shirley Palazzo

Ushers: Lynn Barnes, Fran Simone, Regina & Ray Wolf

Choir Director: Connie Emery

Accompanist: Eunice Mosier