



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of Lynn Haven



The Light Shines, Pamela Dunmire

- MORNING WORSHIP -
2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 4, 2022

10:00 AM

ADVENT | CHRISTMAS | EPIPHANY
LENT | EASTER | PENTECOST



We welcome ALL because GOD is WELCOME!

It is our hope that you feel the warmth of God's presence and welcome here. If this is your first time joining us, we are honored by your presence and hope to see you again soon! To stay informed, scan

the QR code or visit **www.firstchurchlh.org** and subscribe to our weekly email. There's a lot going on here, and we want you to be a part of it!

- About the Service -

Portions of each Worship service are filmed for later access on Facebook and our church website.

*The People's words are in **bold text**. *Indicates that the congregation may stand.*

Offering plates are in the Narthex (sanctuary entrance) before and after worship. Because of your generosity, First Church makes a difference in our neighborhood and world. As we like to say, we are "blessed to be a blessing"!



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a member congregation of:

The Presbytery of Florida,
The Synod of South Atlantic, and
The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

The Session (spiritual leaders of this congregation):

Moderator: **The Rev. Lisa W. Martin**

Clerk of Session: **Rosa Stanley**

Class Of 2022: **Rich Kangas, Steve Gabbard**

Class Of 2023: **Huey Hayes, Ann Fyfe**

Class Of 2024: **Don Mowat, Kathy Welsh**

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GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

“Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn”

Brad Thoreson

Marty Hougen

CHIMING THE HOUR

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Lisa Martin

*REJOICING IN GOD’S WELCOME

PSALM 72

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things!

Blessed be God’s glorious name forever; may the Lord’s glory fill the whole earth!

*HYMN 82

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

HYFRYDOL

*PRAYER OF PRAISE

God of life, we give you thanks that Christ, the One who was, and is, and is to come, welcomes us to this place. As one body, with one voice, we honor and glorify you as we worship and as we feast at the Lord’s table spread before us. Through your Spirit’s power and presence, we pray for renewed awareness during this Advent season. Amen.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

Bruce & Katy Mackay

PIANO MEDITATION

“Lo, How a Rose e’er Blooming”

arr. James Koerts

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and welcoming God, have mercy on us. We confess that we do not practice kingdom living. We hear your word, yet we are slow to respond. We do not see others as beloved children whom you create in love. We fail in our attempts to care for your creation. Our focus is inward, not outward. In your mercy, forgive us, for we repent of our ways and look to your power to heal us and raise us up. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The reign of God has come near; the repentant will be judged with love.

Let us be filled with hope, believing in the power of the risen Christ to

bring new life. Brothers and sisters, believe the Good News of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

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, amen.

GOD CALLS US TO LISTEN

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-10

OT, p. 846, softback

p. 555, hardback

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

Choral Response:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

ANTHEM

“Prepare the Way, O Zion”

CHANCEL CHOIR

arr. Sondra Tucker

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 3:1-3

NT, p. 7, softback

p. 778, hardback

MESSAGE

“Kingdom Living”

Rev. Lisa Martin

GOD CALLS US TO RESPOND

*DECLARATION OF FAITH

from *A Declaration, PCUSA*

Jesus, the long-expected Savior, came into the world as a child, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of Mary, a young woman of faith. Jesus lived as a Jew among Jews. He announced to his people the coming of God's kingdom of justice and peace on earth. We affirm that Jesus was born of woman, as is every child, yet born of God's power as was no other child. The coming of Jesus was itself the coming of God's promised rule. Through his birth, life, death, and resurrection, Jesus brings about the relationship between God and humanity that God always intended. Thanks be to God!

- THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION -

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING & LORD'S PRAYER

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

WAITING (CASON)

While we are waiting, come; while we are waiting, come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

GOD CALLS US TO SERVE

*HYMN 137

"He Came Down"

HE CAME DOWN

*BENEDICTION

*THREE-FOLD AMEN

DANISH

POSTLUDE

"Trumpet Tune on 'Stuttgart'"

Pietro Cattaneo

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- DECEMBER 4 -

Today we celebrate the sacrament of holy communion.

Please get your cups of juice and bread from the narthex (sanctuary entrance) before worship. Everyone is welcome to the Table of Grace.

The children of the church will remain in the sanctuary

following worship to prep for our December 18 pageant. All children and youth are invited to participate!

2-4 today: Congregational Christmas Caroling! Go home, change clothes, grab some lunch, and meet in the Fellowship Hall at 2 pm for a time of blessing our community!

Advent Study with Pastor Lisa - You're invited to the Fellowship Hall each Sunday from 8:45 - 9:30 am for an exploration of "Advent through the Ages." Remaining sessions are: Dec. 11 and 18. No need to register ahead!

The Ordination and Installation of Elders-Elect John Deegins and Rich Kangas will take place during worship next Sunday. Also, the congregation will vote on the pastor's terms of call for 2023.

Advent Evensong Worship will take place at 4 pm next Sunday. This special service is brief but holds great importance as a way to live into the holy season of waiting with peace.

Looking Ahead:

- Holiday Luncheon - Dec. 18 after worship
- Christmas Joy Offering - Dec. 18
- Candlelight Communion Christmas Eve worship - 5 pm
- Christmas Day worship - 10 am
- New Year's Day worship - 10 am
- New Year's Open House @ the Martins! 3-5 pm - 1/1/23



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