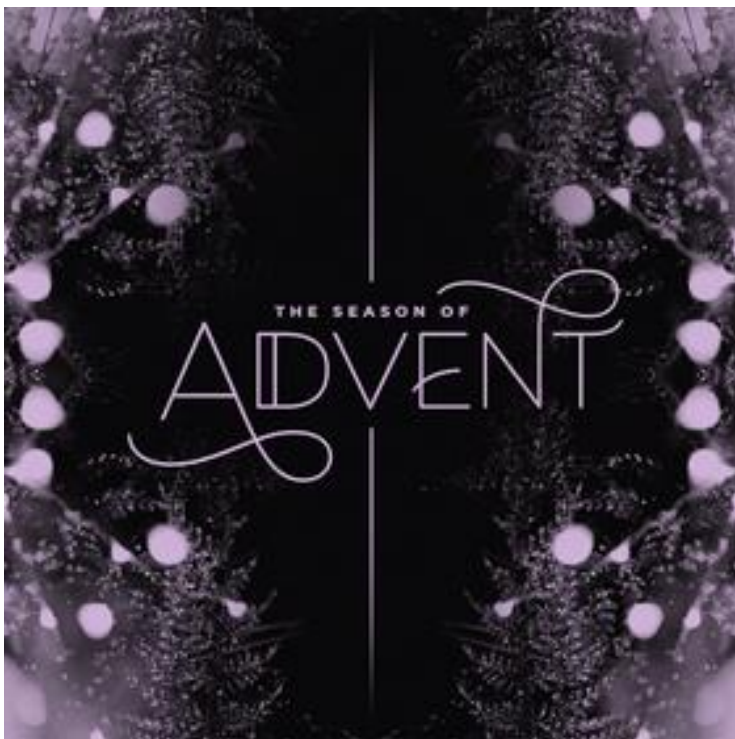




FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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- MORNING WORSHIP -

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Hanging of the Greens

November 28, 2021

10:00 AM

ADVENT | CHRISTMAS | EPIPHANY
LENT | EASTER | PENTECOST



Welcome to all who gather to worship this day! 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.

- About the Service -

Each worship service is filmed for later access on Facebook and our church website. Please refrain from loud conversation once the Prelude begins!

The single chime and Prelude call us to silent, prayerful preparation for worship. Please refrain from loud conversation during the Prelude.

*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.



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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 the church):

Moderator: **The Rev. Lisa Martin**

Clerk of Session: **Rosa Stanley**

Class Of 2021: **Marcia Burden, Steve Gabbard**

Class Of 2022: **Rich Kangas, Nancy Mills, Wanda Wallace**

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

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

“Trumpet Tune on ‘Stuttgart’”

Pietro Cattaneo

CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

How shall we prepare this sacred space for the birth of Jesus?

With garlands of cedar, pine, and fur – trees of royalty – and with symbols of Christ’s identity and mission in the world.

How shall we prepare our hearts for the revelation of God?

By hearing the words of Scripture that celebrate the loving, saving work of the Lord.

In the story of Jesus, the redeeming power of God is revealed.

We joyfully worship God this Advent season as we prepare our hearts and homes to welcome the Prince of Peace!

*HYMN

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” STUTTART

(see insert)

HANGING OF THE GREENS

HANGING OF THE GREENS - ITS MEANING

ANTHEM

CHANCEL CHOIR

“While We are Waiting, Come”

Don Cason

1. *While we are waiting come*
While we are waiting come
Jesus our Lord Emmanuel
While we are waiting come

3. *Come Savior quickly come*
Come Savior quickly come
Jesus our Lord Emmanuel
While we are waiting come

2. *With pow'r and glory come*
With pow'r and glory come
Jesus our Lord Emmanuel
While we are waiting come

4. *While we are waiting come*
While we are waiting come
Jesus our Lord Emmanuel
While we are waiting come

ADVENT WREATH & CANDLES

SCRIPTURES OF ADVENT Isaiah 40:3-5

MESSAGE

“Prepare”

Rev. Lisa Martin

*DECLARATION OF FAITH (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.

THE CHRISMON TREE

accompanied by carols of the season

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE 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.

WE DEPART TO SERVE THE RISEN LORD

*HYMN

“Prepare the Way, O Zion” BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN (see back sidefold)

*BENEDICTION & THREE-FOLD AMEN

DANISH

Amen, Amen, Amen!

*POSTLUDE

“Postlude on ‘Truro’”

David Lasky

OLD TESTAMENT **Isaiah 40:3-5**

³ A voice cries out:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴ Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

⁵ Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

Prepare the Way, O Zion 106



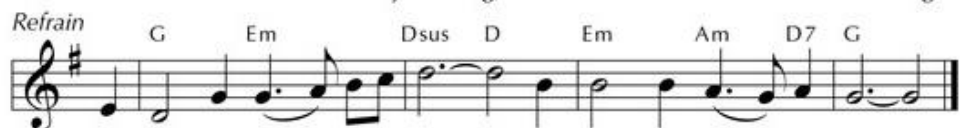
1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
 2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
 3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sav - ior's rule em - brace,



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
 His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
 and ti - dings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
 Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
 All lands will bow re - joic - ing, their ad - o - ra - tion voic - ing.



O blest is Christ who came in God's most ho - ly name.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This engaging Advent text based on Isaiah 40:3-5 and Psalm 24:7-10 has been in use in the Church of Sweden for almost two hundred years. It is set to a version of an even older Swedish tune, which in turn seems to be derived from a German folktune that spread to Scandinavia.

TEXT: Frans Mikael Franzen, 1812, rev. 1819; trans. Augustus Nelson, 1958;
 adapt. Charles P. Price, 1980, alt.

MUSIC: *Then Svenska Psalmboken*, 1697; arr. *American Lutheran Hymnal*, 1930
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BEREDEN VÄG FOR HERRAN
 7.6.7.6.7.7 with refrain

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- November 28 -

The Advent season has arrived! Today we prepare our sanctuary for this holy season of waiting and expectation. Please take part in the activities of the Advent season, and find your soul and spirit refreshed by the love of God shared with others!

Today we receive the Two-Cents-a-Meal Offering, which supports food insecurity ministries of this congregation and the Presbytery of Florida. Thank you for giving generously!

Pastor Lisa is leading a Zoom Advent Bible Study! We'll explore Christmas as it's presented in each of the four Gospels. How might each Gospel writer decorate their home for the holidays? We'll meet each Monday evening of Advent (Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13, 20) from 6-7 pm via Zoom, in the comfort of our own homes! To register, please contact Pastor Lisa.

Angel Tree for ARC of the Bay! The sanctuary Angel Tree has gift tags with names of clients and gift suggestions on each tag. Help us fulfill holiday wishes by taking a tag, purchasing a gift, wrapping it, and putting it under the sanctuary tree (or take to office) no later than December 1. Thanks!

New Ministry Opportunity! The Worship committee is sponsoring a new way to minister to our local community – a **Prayer Walk Ministry!** It will be easily accomplished, fun, and healthy, too! PWM involves walking through our neighborhoods and praying for those who live there. If you're interested, please contact Ann Fyfe (Worship chair) at 850-832-3339 / jafyfes2@gmail.com.

Calling all Volunteers! Church Work Day – Thurs., Dec. 2, 9-12
We have indoor and outdoor cleaning that needs to happen, so let's have a great showing for a cleaning blitz! Contact Steve Gabbard or Huey Hayes, Property chairs, for more information!

Women's Ornament Exchange Party! All women of the congregation are invited to join the Presbyterian Women for a fun afternoon next Sunday, Dec. 5, from 2-4 pm in the Fellowship Hall. If you'd like to bring an ornament to exchange, make sure it costs less than \$5 and wrapped. But don't put your name on it! We'll have lots of fun as we exchange, trade, and "steal" each other's ornaments! If you need a ride, contact Peggy Kangas at 850-265-3060.

The session has called for a congregational meeting on Dec. 12 to hear a report from the FPC Nominating Committee and to vote to elect ruling elders and to vote on the pastor's terms of call for 2022.

Looking Ahead:

- **11/29 Advent Bible Study**, 6-7 pm, via Zoom
- **12/2 Church Work Day**, 9-12 noon
- **12/5 Women's Ornament Exchange**, 2-4, Fellowship Hall

83 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

1 Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
 2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;
 3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,
 4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
 dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
 born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

With its opening "Come," this hymn sounds the note of entreaty and invitation that characterizes the Advent season (from the Latin *adventus* = "coming"). Its blending of memory and hope helps us to give voice to our present faith as we stand between the past and the future.