



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of Lynn Haven



-MORNING WORSHIP-
1ST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

December 26, 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 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

“In Dulci Jubilo”

Traditional, arr. Anna Laura Page

CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Isaiah 9:2, John 1:5)

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light!

Those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined!

The light shines in the darkness; the darkness did not overcome it!

For Christ is born; God is with us, now and forever! Let us worship with joy and gratitude!

*HYMN

“Hark, the Herald Angels Sing”

1 Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn king.
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations, rise;
join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

Refrain:

*Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn king!”*

3 Hail the heaven-born Prince of
Peace!
Hail the sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.

2 Christ, by highest heaven
adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come,
offspring of the virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail the incarnate deity,
pleased in flesh with us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel. [*Refrain*]

Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth.
[*Refrain*]

OPENING PRAYER

God with us, we praise you for Immanuel, born into the world. Your Word became flesh and lives among us. As we worship this day, may we welcome and receive Christ into our lives once more. And, by the power of your Holy Spirit, may we walk in his light as we minister to others. In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.

PIANO PRAISE

“Jesus, Jesus, Oh What a Wonderful Child” Spiritual, arr. James Koerts

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

PSALTER Psalm 148

Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise God in the heights!

² Praise him, all his angels;
praise God, all his host!

³ Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you shining stars!

⁴ Praise God, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens!

⁵ Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for God commanded and they were created.

⁶ God established them forever and ever;
he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

⁷ Praise the LORD from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps,

⁸ fire and hail, snow and frost,
stormy wind fulfilling God's command!

⁹ Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!

¹⁰ Wild animals and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds!

¹¹ Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!

¹² Young men and women alike,
old and young together!

¹³ Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for God's name alone is exalted;
God's glory is above earth and heaven.

¹⁴ God has raised up a horn for his people.
Praise the LORD!

EPISTLE Colossians 3:12-17

¹² As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³ Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be

thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

MESSAGE

“Christmas Praise”

Rev. Lisa Martin

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

INSTALLATION OF ELDERS

Kathy Welsh and Don Mowat

*DECLARATION OF OUR 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.

SOLO

“There’s a New Kid in Town”

D. Cook, C. Putnam, K. Whitley

THE 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

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

(see insert)

*BENEDICTION & THREE-FOLD AMEN

DANISH

*POSTLUDE

“Christmas Postlude”

Carl Moulding

218 Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Refrain (Unison)

F B \flat F Dm Gm B \flat C F B \flat C
 Go, tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - ery-where;

F B \flat F Dm B \flat 6 B \flat C C7 F
 go, tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born.

Parts

F C7 G E A F E A Gm B \flat C C7 F
 1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
 2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when, lo! a - bove the earth
 3 Down in a low - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born,

F A \flat m7 E Dm7 G G7 C C7 E
 to Refrain
 be - hold, through-out the heav - ens there shone a ho - ly light.
 rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
 and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

WORDS: John W. Work (1872-1925)
 MUSIC: African-American spiritual

GO, TELL IT
 Irregular

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- December 26 -

Merry Christmas! Christ is born! Please join us for fellowship following worship this morning. We'll enjoy a sampling of holiday treats brought by many people!

Today we install Ruling Elders Kathy Welsh and Don Mowat to the session Class of 2024. Their service begins on January 1. Your prayers for our session are greatly appreciated as we respond to the goodness of God in serving this congregation.

We receive the Two-Cents-a-Meal offering today, which supports food insecurity ministries of our congregation and Florida Presbytery. Thank you for giving generously so that children, youth, and adults may not suffer from lack of food this time of year. The basket is in the Narthex.

Anyone wishing to make a year-end financial contribution to the church is asked to do so by 12/31, so that you receive tax credit for the correct year. Thanks to the congregation for generous giving this year! Because of you we have been a blessing to many worthwhile local and global organizations. Truly, we are blessed to be a blessing!

Senior Adult Ministry Update: The Session has voted to increase our monthly gift card for an anonymous Lynn Haven senior citizen to \$50.00 beginning January 2022. In addition, we will be giving this financially insecure female a gift basket for Epiphany. Some of her preferences from Family Service Agency which facilitates the Adopt a Senior program are: Audio books about nature, the Holy Land, zoos, Soft candies, Greeting cards, blank cards, Dove and Ivory skincare products, Lavender, lily of the valley, and the colors violet and blue. Please place your donations – unwrapped – on the front pew closest to the Sanctuary Parlor by Jan. 9.

Devotional booklets for January-March are located in the Narthex. Please take and enjoy; and take some to share! These booklets are gifts from the session.

Next Sunday, January 2, we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Please ready your hearts and minds to receive “the gifts of God for the people of God.” What a great way to begin a new year!



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