



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of Lynn Haven



-MORNING WORSHIP-
2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 5, 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

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

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CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

CHOIR & CONGREGATION

“While We Are Waiting, Come”

Don Cason

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

With pow’r and glory, come; with pow’r and glory, come.
Jesus our Lord Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.

Come Savior, quickly come; Come Savior, quickly come.
Jesus our Lord Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.

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

*OPENING PRAYER

God of the dawn that breaks among us, free our spirits to be one with your Spirit as we worship this day. Bless us so that we may receive the gifts of Jesus’ sacrifice with adoration and rejoicing. In the name of the one who will guide our feet into the way of peace we pray. Amen.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you have looked favorably upon us and redeemed us, yet we continue to stray from following you, thinking that we are our own masters. You have been faithful to your covenant with us, yet we are fickle and hesitant to trust your will for our lives. Forgive us, we pray. By your tender mercy, give light to all who sit in the darkness of sin. In Christ we pray. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

SOLO

“Advent Hymn”

Christy Nockels

*Christ whose glory fills the skies, Christ the everlasting light
The son of righteousness arise, And triumph o'er these shades of night*

*Come Thou long awaited one, In the fullness of Your Love
And loose this heart bound up by shame, And I will never be the same*

*Refrain: So here I wait in hope of You, Oh my soul's longing through and through
Dayspring from on high be near, And daystar in my heart appear*

*Dark and cheerless is the morn, Until Your love in me is born
And joyless is the evening sun, Until Emmanuel has come*

Refrain

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

GOSPEL Luke 1:68-79

(see back side fold)

MESSAGE

“Breaking Dawn”

Rev. Lisa Martin

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*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.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

CHANCEL CHOIR

“Come to the Table of Grace”

Barbara Hamm

*Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of grace.
This is God's table; its not yours or mine. Come to the table of grace.*

Come to the table of peace ...

Come to the table of love ...

Come to the table of hope ...

Come to the table of joy ...

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(see back side fold)

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 THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

WE DEPART TO SERVE THE RISEN LORD

*HYMN

“O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”

(see insert)

*BENEDICTION & THREE-FOLD AMEN

DANISH

*POSTLUDE

“People, Look East”

BESANÇON

THE GOSPEL Luke 1:68-79

⁶⁸ “Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.
⁶⁹ He has raised up a mighty savior for us
in the house of his servant David,
⁷⁰ as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,
⁷¹ that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all
who hate us.
⁷² Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors,
and has remembered his holy covenant,
⁷³ the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham,
to grant us ⁷⁴ that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies,
might serve him without fear, ⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness
before him all our days.
⁷⁶ And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,
⁷⁷ to give knowledge of salvation to his people
by the forgiveness of their sins.
⁷⁸ By the tender mercy of our God,
the dawn from on high will break upon us,
⁷⁹ to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You 104

1 O Lord, how shall I meet you, how wel-come you a-right?
 2 Love caused your in-car-na-tion; love brought you down to me;
 3 You come, O Lord, with glad-ness, in mer-cy and good-will,

Your peo-ple long to greet you, my hope, my heart's de-light!
 your thirst for my sal-va-tion pro-cured my lib-er-ty.
 to bring an end to sad-ness and bid our fears be still.

O kin-dle, Lord most ho-ly, a lamp with-in my breast,
 O love be-yond all tell-ing, that led you to em-brace
 In pa-tient ex-pec-ta-tion we live for that great day

to do in spir-it low-ly all that may please you best.
 in love, all loves ex-cel-ling, our lost and fal-len race.
 when your re-newed cre-a-tion your glo-ry shall dis-play.

Though many Advent hymns address Christ with entreaty and invitation, this more contemplative text considers how an individual prepares for and responds to Christ's coming. It also brings together a recollection of the First Coming with an anticipation of the Second Coming.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- December 5 -

Today we celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion. Everyone is welcome to the Table of Grace! Please pick up your bread and juice in the Narthex and keep them in your pew holders during worship.

This afternoon, 2-4 pm, is the Women's Ornament Exchange! All women are invited to the Fellowship Hall for this festive and fun gathering! Ornaments are to cost no more than \$5 and need to be wrapped. If you don't have an ornament, come anyway; we'll have some extras on hand!

Pastor Lisa's Zoom Advent Bible Study continues each Monday of Advent. We're exploring how each of the Gospel writers presents the Christmas story. This week we explore Matthew. Join us! Contact Pastor Lisa for the Zoom link!

The session has called for a congregational meeting next Sunday, 12/12, to hear a report from the nominating committee regarding elders for the class of 2024, as well as the overall size of session. We will also vote on Rev. Martin's terms of call for 2022.

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. Easy, right?!? We have doorhangers that prayer walkers may hang on front doors. No ringing doorbells or knocking, no pressure, no stress for the walkers or folks in the house! Just an easy and healthy way to let our neighbors know that someone prayed for them. If you're interested, please contact Ann Fyfe (Worship chair) at 850-832-3339 / jafyfes2@gmail.com.

Looking Ahead:

- **12/5** Women's Ornament Exchange, 2-4
- **12/6** Advent Bible Study, 6-7
- **12/12 Advent 3** Congregational Meeting
- **12/13** Advent Bible Study, 6-7
- **12/19 Advent 4** Christmas Fellowship covered-dish Luncheon & Christmas Joy Offering
- **12/20** Advent Bible Study, 6-7
- **12/24 Christmas Eve** Candlelight Communion worship, 5 pm
- **12/25** Merry Christmas!
- **12/26 1st Sunday of Christmas,** Installation of elders



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