

Announcements ~ December 1, 2019

Welcome to the First Sunday of Advent and our Hanging of the Greens service! May your Advent season be blessed as we await the coming of the Prince of Peace! Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Everyone is welcome to the Table.

We welcome Caroline Jones and Maxie Hooper into our active membership today! Caroline and Maxie come by Letter of Transfer from First Presbyterian Church of Eufaula, Alabama.

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to David and Carolyn Carlson on the death of his mother Ethel, who died on Wednesday. Visitation will be here at 10 am tomorrow; the funeral will be at 11; the burial will be at Evergreen Memorial Gardens immediately following. We give thanks for Ethel’s life among us, and for her new life in heaven.

A few Angel Tree tags remain on the ARC of the Bay tree! Help brighten Christmas for special needs clients by selecting a tag from the tree, purchasing the item/s listed on the tag, and returning them in gift bags to the church office by Dec. 4. Thank you!

All women are invited to the Presbyterian Women ornament exchange this afternoon, 2 pm, at the home of Carol Kidwell. Lots of fun and “sistership”, too! 935 E. 25th St., PC.

This Tuesday, our choir will be singing at the Lynn Haven tree lighting ceremony! The lighting is at 5:30 pm, with the choir singing at 6 pm. The singing will be featured on television on Christmas Eve. Come on out and enjoy the blessing!

Work Day at FPC this Saturday! 9-noon. We need volunteers to paint two Sunday School rooms, wash Fellowship Hall windows, do general clean up, and work in the yard. Bring your own tools, if you have them! *Thanks in advance! The Property Committee*

Pastor Lisa and Roy invite the congregation to a Holiday Open House next Sunday, 12/8, anytime between 3 - 5 pm. 203 Harrison Place, PC. Let’s celebrate the season together!

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12/4 John Brodhead; 12/9 Connor & Matthew Corbitt; 12/10 Peggy Kangas; 12/14 Marcia Burden, Mary Ann Pennington; 12/17 Jean Woodham; 12/18 Gloria Cutchens/ 12/22 Rich Kangas; 12/28 Cindy Griggs

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARY

12/6 Jerry & Carol Austin

VOLUNTEERS in DECEMBER

**Acolyte:** 12/8 Jason Stanley; 12/15 Matthew Corbitt; 12/22 Madison Hayes; 12/29 Eric Stanley  
**Greeter:** 12/8 Nancy Brzozowski; 12/15 Carol Oakley; 12/22 Teena Dancy; 12/29 Monica Hood

**Ushers:** 12/8 Chris Stanley, David Cooley, Rich Walker, Jason Stanley; 12/15 Larry Hammond, Sandy Destival, Charles Willis, David Kidwell; 12/22 Huey Hayes, Amanda Corbitt, Buzz Leonard, Connor Corbitt; 12/29 Alex Stanley, Monica Hood, Bruce Mowat, Jim Fyfe



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LYNN HAVEN  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2019 - 10:00 AM  
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
HANGING OF THE GREENS

“I was glad when they said to me,  
‘Let us go to the house of the Lord!’” Psalm 122:1

Welcome to all who gather to worship today! We hope you feel warmly welcomed and even “at home,” for all are welcome in God’s house! If you are a guest today, we are honored by your presence with us and hope to see you again! Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Registers located in the pew.

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The Session  
(Spiritual Leaders  
of the Church)

Clerk of Session  
Rosa Stanley

Class of 2019  
David Cooley  
Rich Filippi  
Buzz Leonard

Class of 2020  
Amanda Corbitt  
Huey Hayes  
Monica Hood

\* Congregation is  
invited to stand.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude *X Noel* Louis-Claude Daquin

Chiming the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Introit *Advent I* G. Dillensnyder

Call to Worship

How shall we prepare this place for the birth of Jesus?  
*With garlands of cedar, pine and fir, 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 again the words of Scripture that foretell the  
loving, saving work of God.*

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

*We joyfully worship God as we are reminded of the  
Lord’s vision of wholeness, justice, and peace for all  
creation. Come, Lord Jesus, Come!*

\*Hymn 140 *Once in Royal David’s City* IRBY

THE MEANING OF THE SERVICE



FPC, Lynn Haven  
is a member of  
The Presbytery of Florida  
Synod of South Atlantic  
and  
The Presbyterian Church  
(USA)

**FPC Staff**  
**Lisa Martin**  
Pastor  
**Brad Thoreson**  
Music Director, Organist  
**Ann Frederick**  
Secretary, Bookkeeper  
**Perry Ashe**  
Groundskeeper

**Opening Prayer** (adapted from a prayer by Peter Marshall)

**THE LESSONS OF THE SEASON**

**Prophet** Isaiah 40:3-5  
A voice cries out: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. 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. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

**\*Hymn 82** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* HYFRYDOL

**ADVENT WREATH & CANDLES**

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7  
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. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

**Lighting the First Advent Candle** - FPC youth

**SANCTUARY EVERGREENS**

Isaiah 60:13  
The glory of Lebanon shall come to you, the cypress, the plane, and the pine, to beautify the place of my sanctuary; and I will glorify where my feet rest.

**\*Hymn 136** *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* GO TELL IT  
(While the hymn is sung, the garlands are put in place.)

**Reception of New Members** Caroline Jones, Maxie Hooper

**THE CHRISMON TREE**

Isaiah 11:1-5  
A shoot will spring up from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots will bear fruit. The spirit of the Lord will rest on him - the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and strength,

**Gloria Patri  
(Glory to the  
Father)**

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!

**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.

**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. Amen.

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the spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord. And he will delight in the fear of the Lord. He will not judge by what his eyes see, and he will not decide by what his ears hear, but with righteousness he will judge the poor, and with equity he will decide for the lowly of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth and slay the wicked with the breath of his lips. Righteousness will be the belt around his hips, and faithfulness the sash around his waist.

**Hymns - *Selected Carols of the Season***  
(Decorate the Chrismon tree as carols are being played.)

**THE GIFTS OF CHRISTMAS  
God’s Tithes and Our Offerings**

**Offertory** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* S. DeFord  
**\*Doxology** (words at left) OLD HUNDREDTH  
**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**THE CHRIST OF CHRISTMAS  
*The Sacrament of Holy Communion***

Invitation to the Table  
Great Prayer of Thanksgiving & The Lord’s Prayer  
Words of Institution  
Communion of God’s People  
Prayer after Communion

**\*Hymn 134** *Joy to the World* ANTIOCH  
**\*Benediction**  
**\*Choral Benediction**  
**\*Postlude** *Postlude on “Regent Square”* A. Rowley