



# **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

LAKE CITY, FLORIDA



**December 8, 2024    2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent (PEACE)    10:30am Service**

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

## **OPENING PRAYER**

### **TRINITY CHIME**

### **PRELUDE**

**“Creator of the Stars of Night”**

Thomas Keesecker

### **\* HYMN #467**

**“Give Us Light”**

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### **\* ADVENT CANDLE-LIGHTING LITURGY**

Leader: Blessed are you, O God,

People: **for you have looked favorably upon us.**

Leader: You give light to those who wait in darkness,

People: **you guide us in the paths of peace.**

Leader: By your tender mercy, O God,

People: **the dawn from on high will break upon us.**

**Unison: Let us worship God together.**

### **\* HYMN #103**

**“Come Now, O Prince of Peace”**

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## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

### **SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

### **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy God, we confess that we prefer the crooked paths where we think we can hide from you. We would rather you not examine us too closely, all we do and fail to do. Yet you are coming not to judge, but to save us from our sins and our love of sinning. So come, Lord Jesus, by crooked path or straight, to enter our aching hearts and give us peace. In the certainty of your grace, we make our prayer. Amen.**

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

### **\* GLORIA PATRI**

**“Gloria in Excelsis Deo”**

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### **CHORAL ANTHEM**

**“Peace, Peace”**

Rick & Sylvia Powell

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**LESSON FROM THE PROPHETS**

**Isaiah 9:6-7**

**GOSPEL LESSON**

**John 16:32-33**

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

Rev. Ken Goodrich

Sunday of Peace, we reflect on two passages that offer hope, peace, and assurance amid life's challenges.

Isaiah 9:6-7 and John 16:32-33 highlight God's promises and the peace Jesus brings to our lives.

- Isaiah prophesied during a time of turmoil and darkness for Israel.
- He spoke of a child, Jesus, who would bring salvation and peace.
- Jesus is given four titles: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace.
- These titles reveal different aspects of Jesus' character and mission.
- Isaiah's prophecy speaks of an eternal kingdom established on justice and righteousness, ruled by Jesus.
- Jesus spoke to His disciples the night before His crucifixion, preparing them for imminent challenges.
  - He acknowledged that life is filled with troubles and hardships.
  - Despite these troubles, Jesus offers His peace, which is rooted in our relationship with Him.
  - This peace transcends circumstances and is a gift available to all who trust in Him.
  - Jesus assures us of His victory over the world, giving us confidence and hope.

\* **HYMN #360**

**"Christ Is Coming!"**

UNSER HERRSCHER

\* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**from the Confession of Belhar**

**We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ. We believe that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. We believe that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker. We believe that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells. Amen.**

**OFFERTORY**

**"The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns"**

Thomas Keesecker

\* **RESPONSE TO OFFERING**

**"Advent Doxology"**

IRBY

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.**

\* **HYMN #87**

**"Comfort, Comfort Now My People"**

GENEVAN 42

\* **BENEDICTION**

\* **SENDING SONG**

**"Our Church's Mission"**

Redding & Goodrich

\* **AFFIRMATION OF GOD'S GOODNESS**

Leader: God is good,

People: **all the time!**

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People: **God is good!**

\* **POSTLUDE**

**"As the Winter Days Grow Longer"**

Thomas Keesecker

## Announcements

2nd Sunday of Advent – Peace

Family **Christmas** Party

**A Community Event – All are Invited**

**Friday, December 20th 6:30pm - 8pm**

**Sunday School - (9:30am) Montgomery SS Class:** RM106 – Jay Fraser & Jennifer Renfroe  
PreK to 1<sup>st</sup> grade – Joan Goodrich - Children – 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> grade: RM104 – Lisa Smith  
Youth 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade: RM202 – Johnny Brown

**Committee Meetings: Monday** – (9:30am) RM106: **Congregational Life**  
(5pm) FH: **Property**  
**Tuesday** – (2pm) RM106: **Seekers**

**Bible Studies – Tuesday** (Women) **10am FH: In-person & on-line**  
**Wednesday** (Men) **12noon FH: In-person only** (rsvp to the office for lunch)

**Wednesday Fellowship Dinner Dec. 4, (5:45pm) FH:** Join us for *Baked Ziti*

**Life Groups: Monday - Joy Seekers:** (4pm) RM106  
**Wednesday – Inklings:** (4:30pm) RM104  
**Salt & Light:** (6:30pm) RM106  
**Heinz 57:** (6:30pm) RM104

**Youth – Wednesday** (6:30pm) FH  
**Wednesday** – (6:30pm) S: **Choir Rehearsal**  
**Thursday** – (9am) FH: **Flower Club**  
**Friday** – (8am) IHOP: **Men's Breakfast** (see Larry Elshoff)  
**Scouts** – Monday (6:30pm) EB: **Scout Girls Troop 9085**  
(6:30pm) EB: **Scouts Den Mtg**  
(7pm) Scout Hut: **Scout Troop 85**

We are still taking pledge cards, which are available in the FH or can be submitted online at [fpclc.org](http://fpclc.org).

# Prayer List

1. All affected by Hurricanes Helene & Milton
2. Mildred Anderson (Mark Kirby's friend)
3. Graham Anthony
4. Judy Benvenuti
5. Erik Brown (Sharon Persons's son)
6. Doris Clark
7. **Kathy Cook**
8. **James Elliott (Roger & Ann Elliott's son)**
9. Betsy Ellis (Herb Ellis's sister)
10. Ruth Fraser (Jay Fraser's mother)
11. Aaron Frazier (Jennie Bryan's friend)
12. Shelby Gavellas (Judy Benvenuti's granddaughter)
13. Eve Gillyard (Kai Gillyard's older sister)
14. Shawn Gillyard (Kai Gillyard's father)
15. Alison Goodrich
16. Marlene Henderson (Don & Julia Baggeett's daughter-in-law's mother)
17. **Joanne Hudson**
18. Racheal Jones
19. Pastor Ken & family
20. Marie Kennon
21. Katherine Lyle (Nikki Hubler's mother-in-law)
22. Ashley McDavid (David Clark's granddaughter)
23. Rev. Dr. Don & Bonnie McGarity
24. **Mr. McGuire (Art Grover's friend)**
25. Drew & Meg Mann (Goodrich family friends)
26. Noah (Johnny Brown's Montreat friend)
27. People of the Middle East
28. Pete Peterson
29. Elaine Phillips
30. Ralph Phillips
31. **Bereaved family & friends of Jim Roberts**
32. **James Sanford (Jordan Green's co-worker's father)**
33. John Schnapp
34. Ria, Lisandra & Rianne Seecharan (Stephen Seecharan's family)
35. Joshua Sprinkel (Nikki Hubler's friend's son)
36. Don Stevens (Tommy Whigham's friend)
37. Ann VanDenburgh
38. Howard Whitaker
39. Paul Williams (David Clark's son-in-law)

*God of Comfort, God of Grace, and God of Love we pray for your mercy, healing and comfort for those above, as you hold them, and their loved ones close to you. We pray that in your presence their hearts may know and feel your love, presence, hope and kindness in the midst of their troubles. In Jesus Christ we pray, AMEN. Thank you for keeping them in your daily prayers.*

## Birthdays:

Pat Caldwell 12/9  
Tere Free 12/10  
Suzanne McDuffie 12/10  
Bobbie Boot 12/11  
Anne Graves 12/11

**Become a member:** If you would like to become a member, please let Pastor Ken know after worship, or if you are online and would like to become a member, please go to our website [fpclc.org](http://fpclc.org) and scroll down to Membership at the bottom of the page.