



# **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

LAKE CITY, FLORIDA



**December 1, 2024    1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent (HOPE)    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**

**“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”**

arr. by Mark Hayes

## **\* HYMN #467**

**“Give Us Light”**

JYOTHI DHO

## **\* 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: To you, O Lord, we lift up our souls;

People: **O God, in you we trust.**

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

## **\* HYMN #106**

**“Prepare the Way, O Zion”**

BEREDEN VAG FOR HERRAN

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

## **SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

## **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious God, it is never easy for us to confess our sins. There are hurts we have caused to our families and friends, which we would like to forget. There are those we believe are impossible to love, so we don't even try. There are people who live on the edge of our society, and we ignore their cries for help. Forgive us, Lord. When we have lost our way, show us yours. Lead us in humility down the streets of your kingdom. Teach us your truth, so we might be able to keep your Word, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

## **\* GLORIA PATRI**

**“Gloria in Excelsis Deo”**

GLORIA

## **ANTHEM**

**“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”**

arr. by Timothy Shaw

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### PSALM LESSON

Psalm 62:5-8

### LESSON FROM THE PROPHETS

Isaiah 40:28-31

Pastor: This is the word of God for the people of God!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

### SERMON

Rev. Ken Goodrich

The text reflects on the theme of hope and waiting, particularly in the context of Advent to emphasize the importance of waiting on God and the strength and hope derived from faith. It is in our waiting we find hope for the fulfillment of God's promises.

- The importance of waiting on God and the strength that comes from Him.
- The human struggle with waiting and the art of patience.
- The prophecy of Isaiah about the birth of Jesus is mentioned, emphasizing the long wait and the fulfillment of God's promise.
- The significance of silence and waiting in faith, connecting it to the word of God and its impact on daily life.
- There is hope and strength provided by Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, and the anticipation of His return.

### \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

#### Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### OFFERTORY

**"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"**

arr. by Andy Muskrat

### \* RESPONSE TO OFFERING

**"Advent Doxology"**

IRBY

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

### PASTORAL PRAYER

### SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

#### HYMN #92

**"While We Are Waiting, Come"**

WAITING

The Great Thanksgiving

The Prayer of Preparation and Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Sharing the Elements

Communion Prayer

### \* HYMN #105

**"People, Look East"**

BESANCON

### \* BENEDICTION

### \* SENDING SONG

**"Our Church's Mission"**

Redding & Goodrich

### \* AFFIRMATION OF GOD'S GOODNESS

Pastor: God is good,

People: **all the time!**

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### \* POSTLUDE

**"Sleeper's, Wake! A Voice Astounds Us"**

arr. by Gilbert Martin

## Announcements

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent – *Hope* Communion Sunday

**Angel tree-gifts are due today, Dec. 1**

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

*Family Christmas Party*

**A Community Event – All are Invited**

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

**Sunday School - (9:30am) Montgomery SS Class: RM106 – Jay Fraser & Jennifer Renfro**

**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: Tuesday – (10am) RM104: Mission Outreach**

**Thursday – (8:30am) RM106: Personnel**

**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 *Meatloaf***

**Life Groups: Monday - Joy Seekers: (4pm) Grande Cypress**

**Wednesday – Inklings: (4:30pm) RM104**

**Salt & Light: (6:30pm) RM106**

**Heinz 57: (6:30pm) RM104**

**Youth – Wednesday (6:30pm) FH**

**Friday – (8am) IHOP: Men's Breakfast (see Larry Elshoff)**

**Saturday – (2pm) FH: Reserved**

**Scouts – Monday (6:30pm) EB: Scout Girls Troop 9085**

**(6:30pm) EB: Scouts Den Mtg**

**(7pm) Scout Hut: Scout Troop 85**

# 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. Bereaved family & friends of Jim McCrady
23. Ashley McDavid (David Clark's granddaughter)
24. Rev. Dr. Don & Bonnie McGarity
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. **Jim Roberts**
32. Bereaved family & friends of Geri Romaniello (Connie Fedele's sister)
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:**

Rita Hetrick 12/2  
Nick Whitehurst 12/3  
Rodger Hadley 12/4  
Teresa Allison 12/6  
Audrey Greene 12/7

## **Anniversary:**

Mark & Rebecca Emerson 12/1

**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.