

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LAKE CITY, FLORIDA



3rd Sunday of Advent (JOY) 10:30am Service December 15, 2024 WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you all. People: And also with you. **OPENING PRAYER TRINITY CHIME** PRELUDE "How Great Our Joy!" arr. by Sandra Eithun "Give Us Light" HYMN #467 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 joy. Leader: You are our salvation, O God; People: you are our strength and our might. Unison: Let us worship God together. HYMN #134 "Joy to the World" **ANTIOCH**

CALL TO CONFESSION SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Great God, as we prepare to behold the birth of Jesus again, we are mindful of how we have failed to receive the fullness of that gift. The story points us to your glory, yet we struggle to join in the song of praise and thanksgiving. We are distracted and confused, so focused on things of little significance that we overlook the good news of great joy that you have prepared. Tell us again that the Savior is born. Tell us again that we are forgiven. Tell us again that our lives can be abundant in faith, hope, and love, because of what you have given us in Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! People: Thanks be to God!

* GLORIA PATRI CHORAL ANTHEM CHILDREN'S MESSAGE		"Gloria in Excelsis Deo" "Hymn of Joy"		GLORIA arr. by Tomlin & Cash
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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION LESSON FROM THE PROPHETS

Isaiah 12:2-6 Psalm 47:1-7

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

PSALM LESSON

Rev. Ken Goodrich

Today we explore the profound and transformative joy that we find in our Savior, Jesus Christ. But how do we understand this joy more fully and how it can shape our lives?

· The source of joy we experience as Christians is rooted in our relationship with Jesus Christ.

- \cdot One of the primary sources of our joy is the salvation we have received through Jesus.
 - \cdot The Psalm text this morning tells us how to rejoice.

 \cdot The God of our celebration and joy moves us to find joy in our fellowship together.

 \cdot We find great joy in serving others in the name of Jesus.

• The Holy Spirit plays a crucial role in our experience of joy. The joy we find in Christ is multifaceted and deeply enriching. It is a joy that comes from our salvation, sustains us through trials, flourishes in fellowship, grows through serving, and is nurtured by the Holy Spirit.

* HYMN #93

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

TRURO

- * AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
- from the Confession of 1967

Out of Israel, God in due time raised up Jesus. His faith and obedience were the response of the perfect child of God. He was the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel, the beginning of the new creation, and the pioneer of the new humanity. He gave history its meaning and direction and called the church to be his servant for the reconciliation of the world. Amen.

OFFERTORY	"Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow"	arr. by Faye Lopez
* RESPONSE TO OFFERING	"Advent Doxology"	IRBY
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING A	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 #80		"The Trees of the Field"	THE TREES OF THE FIELD		
*	BENEDICTION					
*	SENDING SONG		"Our Church's Mission"	Redding & Goodrich		
*	AFFIRMATION OF GOD'S GOODNESS					
	Leader:	God is good,				
	People:	all the time!				
	Leader:	All the time,				
	People:	God is good!				
*	POSTLUDE		"Ye Nations All, on You I Call"	arr. by Todd Beaney		

Announcements 3rd Sunday of Advent – <u>Joy</u> Youth Cake Auction Today FH

Family Christmas Party A Community Event – All are Invited Friday, <u>December 20th</u> 6:30pm - 8pm

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

Committee Meetings: Tuesday – (4:30pm) RM106: Finance

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 Texas Cowboy Stew

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

Youth – Sunday & Wednesday (6:30pm) FH Wednesday – (6:30pm) S: Choir Rehearsal Friday – (8am) IHOP: Men's Breakfast (see Larry Elshoff) (6:30pm-8pm) Family Christmas Party Next Sundays – *Youth Christmas Party* 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
- Bereaved family & friends of Mildred Anderson (Mark Kirby's friend)
- 3. Graham Anthony
- 4. Judy Benvenuti
- 5. Erik Brown (Sharon Persons's son)
- 6. Dennis Carpenter (Bev Anthony's family-friend)
- 7. Doris Clark
- 8. Kathy Cook
- 9. James Elliott (Roger & Ann Elliott's son)
- 10. Betsy Ellis (Herb Ellis's sister)
- 11. Ruth Fraser (Jay Fraser's mother)
- 12. Aaron Frazier (Jennie Bryan's friend)
- 13. Shelby Gavellas (Judy Benvenuti's granddaughter)
- 14. Eve Gillyard (Kai Gillyard's older sister)
- 15. Shawn Gillyard (Kai Gillyard's father)
- 16. Sol Gonzalez (Nikki Hubler's grandmother)
- 17. Alison Goodrich
- 18. Kim Green (Debbie Baugh's sister)
- 19. Marlene Henderson (Don & Julia Baggeett's daughter-in-law's mother)
- 20. Joanne Hudson
- 21. Racheal Jones
- 22. Pastor Ken & family

- 23. Marie Kennon
- 24. Reda LaNinfa (Ginney Rankin's friend)
- 25. Katherine Lyle (Nikki Hubler's mother-in-law)
- 26. Ashley McDavid (David Clark's granddaughter)
- 27. Rev. Dr. Don & Bonnie McGarity
- 28. Mr. McGuire (Art Grover's friend)
- 29. Drew & Meg Mann (Goodrich family friends)
- 30. Noah (Johnny Brown's Montreat friend)
- 31. People of the Middle East
- 32. Marcia O'Leary (Debbie Baugh's sister)
- 33. Pete Peterson
- 34. Elaine Phillips
- 35. Ralph Phillips
- 36. Bereaved family & friends of Jim Roberts
- 37. James Sanford (Jordan Green's co-worker's father)
- 38. John Schnapp
- 39. Ria, Lisandra & Rianne Seecharan (Stephen Seecharan's family)
- 40. Joshua Sprinkel (Nikki Hubler's friend's son)
- 41. Don Stevens (Tommy Whigham's friend)
- 42. Ann VanDenburgh
- 43. Howard Whitaker
- 44. 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:

Clarence Brown 12/15 Dalton Weatherford 12/15 Richard Gearhardt 12/16 Milner Osborne 12/16 Bev Anthony 12/18 Diane St. John 12/19 Robley Ann George 12/20 Brylynn Glass 12/20 Vicki Shanks 12/21

Anniversary:

Harold & Marrae MacDonald 12/19

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