

Announcements

FOR MORE DETAILS ABOUT ALL OUR ACTIVITIES, PLEASE PICK UP A FLYER ON THE VISITOR INFORMATION TABLE IN THE BREEZEWAY, OUTSIDE THE SANCTUARY, OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.FPCCORALSPRINGS.ORG.

OFFICE HOURS ► The church offices will be closed December 22nd through January 5th. If you require assistance while the offices are closed, please call 954-752-3030 and leave a message. Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, January 6th.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST (FPC Youth Mission Team Fundraiser) ► Come support our teens as we host a pancake breakfast **today** at 10:00 AM in the cafeteria (Note: Sunday school classes will not be meeting). Help send our middle and high school mission team to Wetumpka, Alabama this summer. Cost: \$5 per person OR \$20 per family.

BABY’S FIRST CHRISTMAS PARTY TODAY!!! ► All church families with a baby born in 2014, are invited to join us for refreshments, a time of celebration, and to receive a special keepsake, after the late service in the Welcome Center. If you are attending the Early Service, please see Sara in the Nursery!

NOMINATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS ► There are two weeks left to submit Elder and Deacon nominations. Please pick up a nomination form in the breezeway.

FAMILY CHRISTMAS CAROL SING ► Please join us tonight, at 6:00 PM in the sanctuary for a special night of singing and fellowship. The evening will include singing of traditional hymns and carols by the FPC Choir, CSCA Choir, and a performance from Joshua Peavy. This evening is free of charge, however, we are asking those attending to bring a dozen or so of their favorite Christmas cookies. Immediately following the singing we will fellowship and enjoy cookies in the breezeway.

PCA MINISTERIAL RELIEF FUND ► Help our PCA widows and disabled pastors by giving generously to the PCA Ministerial Relief Fund. Please stop by the table in the breezeway for more detailed information and envelopes.

ANGEL TREE 2014 UPDATE ► A BIG THANK YOU, to all of you who so generously supported the FPC Angel Tree Program! Your gracious gifts enabled us to deliver clothing and toys for 48 children with an incarcerated parent; toys for the children of our ESL families; 25 children in Foster Care, and several CSCA, and FPC families in need. A special thanks to our Super Shopper and Gift Wrapper, Carol Huffstetler and Patty McKelligett, for their many hours of service, and to Anna Park and the students of CSCA’s National Honors Society for their thoughtful and wonderful gifts! Praying you have a most Blessed Christmas, full of the joy you gave to others.

CHRISTMAS EVE ► Please join us on Wednesday, December 24th, for one of our candlelight services: Family Candlelight Service at 5:00 PM (Spanish translation available 5:00PM only)/Traditional Candlelight Service at 7:00 PM.

ESL ► Classes will resume January 5th.

GOLDEN EAGLES LUNCHEON ► Save the Date: The next Golden Eagles Luncheon will be held Thursday, January 8th. Reservation can be made on Sunday, December 28th and January 4th.

CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY ► We are getting ready to create a new photo directory and we need all members and regular attendees to make it complete! By participating you will receive a printed directory and a 8”x10” family portrait free of charge. Sign up for your professional photography session (Jan. 27-31) in three convenient ways: 1) schedule your appointment online at our website www.fpccoralsprings.org by clicking on the Life Touch link. 2) Look for sign up table in the breezeway after service. 3) Contact Silvia Roy at 954-840-1220.

TALENT SHOW AUDITIONS ► Our annual Talent Show and a Burrito Buffet Lunch will be held on Saturday, February 14th, at 2:00 PM. Auditions will be held on Saturday, January 3rd, and Saturday, January 17th. If you wish to audition for the Talent Show or to attend the Burrito Buffet Lunch, you must fill out a reservation/audition form. Forms may be obtained from our website, www.fpccoralsprings.org, in the church office, or by contacting CJ via e-mail at cjbaik@fpccoralsprings.org.

HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE RESTROOMS ARE AVAILABLE IN BUILDING A ON THE FIRST FLOOR.

BUILDING THE FAMILY OF GOD -EPHESIANS 2:19-22

First Presbyterian Church is a reformed, confessional, ordinary means of grace congregation that exists to exalt God, edify and equip the saints, evangelize the lost, and extend the love, mercy, and mission of Christ locally and around the world.

REFORMED: We find our roots in the 16th century Protestant Reformation and affirm the five solas of the Reformation: Sola Scriptura (Scripture Alone), Sola Fide (Faith Alone), Solus Christus (Christ Alone), Sola Gratia (Grace Alone) and Soli Deo Gloria (To the Glory of God Alone).

CONFESSIONAL: As a member church of the Presbyterian Church of America (PCA), we embrace and confess that the doctrine found in the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Shorter and Larger Catechism is the most faithful summary of scriptural teaching. The PCA’s slogan encapsulates well our beliefs: “Faithful to the Scriptures, True to the Reformed Faith, Obedient to the Great Commission of Jesus Christ.”

ORDINARY MEANS OF GRACE: We believe God builds His Church and promises to bless Her through His ordinary means of grace, which are: the Word (especially preaching), Sacraments (biblically regulated worship), and Prayer.

First Presbyterian Church is committed to the primacy of corporate worship. Regular attendance to the ordinary means of grace is vital for believers’ spiritual nourishment and growth in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ. God’s people are therefore called to participate regularly in the Lord’s Day corporate worship, in dependence upon God’s Spirit who applies Christ’s benefits through His Word, prayer, and the sacraments. As such, we encourage you and your family to consider the various ministries, fellowship events, and educational opportunities, such as weekly Bible studies and Sunday school classes, as complementary to corporate worship, but never as replacement of corporate worship. (Adapted from St. Andrew’s Chapel Bulletin)

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Office hours: Tuesday through Thursday 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM

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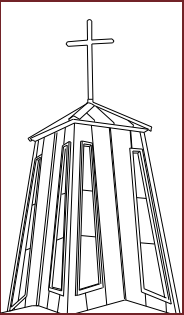
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An Ordinary Means of Grace Congregation

Our help is in the name of the LORD,
who made heaven and earth. -Psalm 124:8



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THE LORD’S DAY

December 21, 2014

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Greetings and Announcements

8:25 AM and 10:55 AM

During the Prelude, the congregation is invited to a season of silent and reverent preparation for corporate worship.

The Prelude

AN APPALACHIAN CHRISTMAS

arr. Waldrop

The Sanctuary Bells

Striking of the Hour

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Jake and Erin Williams (8:30 AM)

Henry and Margaret

Andy and Rachel Holz (11:00 AM)

Christopher and Kenny

The Call to Worship

John 3:16

The Invocation

The Introit

UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN

Carter

Unto us a Child is born. Unto us a Son is given, and the government shall be upon His shoulder. A Child is born, a Child is born!

The Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra

* **The Opening Hymn No. 195** *JOY TO THE WORLD! THE LORD IS COME* Watts

The Confession of Sin

Eternal God, you do not change. You have revealed yourself to us in your Word. You call us to worship you in spirit and in truth. But we confess that we often worship not your true self but who we wish you to be. We too often ask you to bless what we do rather than seeking to do what you bless. Forgive us for seeking concessions when we should be seeking guidance. Forgive us when our worship shapes you into what we want instead of shaping us into what you want. Help us to meet you here, that we might bow before your unspeakable majesty and so live for you now and ever, in Christ. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 53:6, 12

“We all, like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all... He bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.”

The Confession of Faith

(from the Lutheran Confession of Faith)

Q. Christian, what is the chief article of faith that we believe?

A. We believe that Jesus Christ, our God and Lord, died for our sins and was raised again for our justification.

We believe that He alone is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

We believe that God has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

We believe that all have sinned and are justified freely, without their own works and merits, by His grace, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, in His blood.

We believe that this cannot be otherwise acquired or grasped by any work, law, or merit.

Therefore, it is clear and certain that this faith alone justifies us.

* The Gloria Patri

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.

* **Hymn of the Month No. 203** *HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING* Wesley

Scripture Reading

Psalms 17

(pg. 454 in the pew Bible)

Pastoral Prayer

Worship through Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory

HALLELUJAH (FROM “MOUNT OF OLIVES”)

Beethoven

Hallelujah unto God’s Almighty Son. Praise the Lord, ye bright angelic choirs, in holy songs of joy. Man, proclaim His grace and glory. Hallelujah unto God’s Almighty Son. Praise the Lord in songs of joy. Praise the Lord in holy songs of joy.

The Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra

* 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.

Offertory Prayer

Children’s Prayer

Children in grades K-2 may be dismissed for Children’s Church. (11 AM)

Our Spanish-speaking members may be dismissed to the cafeteria. (11 AM)

The Sermon

CHRIST IN ISAIAH: THE MAN OF SORROWS

Pastor Drew DiNardo

Isaiah 52:13-53:6

(pg. 613 in the pew Bible)

* **Hymn of Response No. 211** *GOD REST YOU MERRY, GENTLEMEN*

English carol, 18th cent.

* Benediction

Postlude

Today’s Service

Today we celebrate the Fourth Sunday in Advent. The advent season anticipates our celebration of the birth of Christ. Anticipation is an important part of every believer’s life. In Old Testament times the people of Israel anxiously awaited the coming of the Messiah and the inauguration of His kingdom. Today, we too should be waiting with the same urgent expectancy as the Israelites of old. But our anticipation is the Lord’s second advent – when He comes in glory at the sound of the trumpet to bring final victory over sin and death.

Today Pastor Drew is continuing in his sermon series in Isaiah with a sermon titled, *Christ in Isaiah: The Man of Sorrows*, based on Isaiah 52:13-53:6. This passage is from the last of the four “Servant Songs” found in Isaiah (42:1-9; 49:1-7; 50:4-11; 52:13-53:12). The passage begins first with the vindication and glorification of the Lord’s servant in 52:13: “Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted.” But then we see that the servant must undergo intense suffering for the sins of the people. Onlookers would believe that the Servant was suffering only what He deserved, but in reality, that suffering was for His people. The extremity of His suffering demonstrates the genuineness and reality of His compassion. Though we have all like sheep sinned against God, the Servant (who is Christ) has healed us and brought us peace through His suffering.

We close today’s service with the English Christmas carol, *God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen*. Though first published in 1827, this hymn was introduced as “an ancient carol, sung in the streets of London.” Old London had municipal watchmen who were licensed to perform certain tasks, including the singing of Christmas carols. The carol points to the joy we have in Christ’s birth because of God’s great gift of His Son, Jesus Christ. We can “rest merry” in the knowledge that Christ, through His sufferings, has paid our penalty for going astray and has set us free from the power of evil.

Please join us as we sing of the joy we have in Christ:

“God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay, remember Christ our Savior Was born on Christmas day, to save us all from Satan’s power when we were gone astray; O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.”

Join us this evening at 6:00 PM for the Family Christmas Carol Sing

* Denotes congregation standing