

*"So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph,
and the baby, who was lying in the manger."*

Luke 2:16



Advent is the season that proclaims the coming of the Christ—whose birth we prepare to celebrate again. Each week we light one of the five candles on a wreath of evergreen. The first candle symbolizes hope, the second symbolizes peace, the third joy, and the fourth, love. The fifth candle is the Christ candle. The sermon series is *Comfort and Joy*--gifts that come to us through Jesus Christ. Join us and bring a friend to church.

December 24, 2021

ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DUNEDIN, FLORIDA

WORSHIP NOTES PAGE

Luke 2:8-12 (NIV)

8 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. 9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. 12 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

A WORD TO OUR GUESTS

Welcome!

We're glad you are here. We know you have many choices of what to do with your time. We are happy that you chose to spend it with us this morning. We want you to know that in order to make this the best possible experience for you...

We will go out of our way to:

- Be clear about Jesus. Present as clear a picture as we can of the positive, hopeful, life-changing message of Jesus Christ.
- Make sure you feel welcome. Our commitment is to make sure you feel accepted, valued and never judged.
- Make what you wear a non-issue. You are dressed perfectly. Jesus cares about you, not your clothes. We feel the same way.
- Let you be anonymous. We won't single you out or make you feel awkward. We'll introduce ourselves, but not be pushy.
- Talk in words that make sense, and if we use special words, we'll carefully explain them.
- Not pressure you to give. No guilt. Believe it or not, we don't care whether you give money. You are our welcome guest today.
- Take care of your children. We are as nuts about the safety and care of your children as we are about Jesus.
- Love you. Even if we don't know you yet, we know God loves you and, therefore, so do we.

Be sure to stop by the Welcome Center.
We have a gift and a warm welcome for you.

*Shout for joy to God, all the earth!
Sing the glory of his name;
make his praise glorious.
Psalm 66:1-2*

CONTEMPORARY CHRISTMAS SERVICE 6:30 P.M.

MUSIC

Drums and stringed instruments are mentioned in the Bible, and we use them freely in this service. The emphasis is on celebration and great joy.

MESSAGE

God is at work in this world and speaks to us through his Word written and spoken. Through the Scriptures, the Spirit of God works to convict and convert hearts and build up the faith of believers.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Brad, Jen, Paige & Brady Byers

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.

SERMON TITLE: The Gift of Christmas

Rev. Dr. Pablo R. Diaz

KEY SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:8-12 (NIV)

BIG IDEA: The gift of Christmas is Jesus the Savior.

CHILDREN

Coloring sheets are available in the back of the church on the children's table.

*Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.
For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.*
Psalm 100:4-5

TRADITIONAL SERVICE 11:00 P.M.

Gather in God's Name

Silent Prayer in Preparation for Worship

And the messenger of the Lord came to Mary and Joseph, and the words said were not easy. The requirements that message made upon them were not simple. The word of God brought about a life that neither of them imagined. Today we pray that our hearts and minds will be open to hear God's message for us: a message of hope and grace even amid great stress and anxiety. For unto us a child has been born, unto us the Son of the Most High has come to dwell within our midst. Amen.

Prelude

Mark Hunter

What Child is This - Vaughan Williams

Chiming of the Hour

Mark Hunter

Welcome & Video Announcements

Rev. Dr. Pablo R. Diaz

Advent Candle Lighting – CHRIST

Ron & Sherri Roberson & DiAnne Francis

Responsive Call to Worship

Jennifer Hunter

Leader: Welcome to all:

People: Happy or sad, rejoicing or grieving, seeking or believing.

Leader: Welcome to all, here is good news:

People: To us is born this day, in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

Leader: His name is Jesus, which means "Liberator," "Rescuer," "Deliverer."

People: His life changed the world. His living presence changes us today.

Leader: So, lift up your hearts and rejoice! Give thanks to God for God's Love Made Flesh!

People: O come, let us adore him!

Leader: Let the people of God stand and worship.

***Congregational Singing**

"Angels We Have Heard on High" #158

"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" #163

***Affirmation of Faith - Nicene Creed**

Jennifer Hunter

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

***universal**

***Congregational Response**

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.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Jennifer Hunter

Lord Christ, we confess our willingness to be loved but also our reluctance to love. We confess our readiness to accept Your forgiving love but also our refusal to forgive. We confess our eagerness to grasp Your offer of redeeming love but also our resistance to follow You without question. In this Advent season, forgive us our failure to respond as we should. Come to us anew, and by Your grace, assist us to receive You with joy, as the shepherds; with gratitude, as Simeon; with obedience, as Mary; with love, as You have loved us. Even so: come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Jennifer Hunter

Congregational Response #535

***"Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord,
incline Thine ear to us, and grant us Thy peace."***

Here, we offer God prayers for people, the church, the community, the nation, and the world as well as personal prayers of confession. We conclude with the following words of the Lord's Prayer.

Prayers of the People

Jennifer Hunter

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.

Giving of God's Tithes & Offerings

Jennifer Hunter

Offertory

Lullaby to the Christ Child! by Michael McCabe
Chancel Choir and Westminster Handchimes

***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 and Proclamation Prayer**

Jennifer Hunter

Advent Video - LOVE

The Word of God Proclaimed

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LORD'S SUPPER

Rev. Dr. Pablo R. Diaz

Going Out in God's Name

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Star Carol by Wihla Hutson & Alfred Burt
Janice Wisinski, soprano

Charge and Benediction:

Rev. Dr. Pablo R. Diaz

"Silent Night! Holy Night!"

Congregation is instructed in lighting candles. When all candles are lit the Pastor closes the service with a benediction then the congregation is led in singing Silent Night as the congregation files out of the church and down the front steps.

*** Please stand, if able.**



'TIS THE SEASON TO
REMEMBER

**2021 Poinsettias Given
To Honor or In Memory Of
Loved Ones**

Dodi Anderson*	In Memory of Mom & Dad
Mary Ann Beall*	In Memory of My Brother Dick Beall Jr.
Jack & Jeannine Beebe*	In Memory of Our Parents and Daughter-in-law
Carl & Phyllis Bowles	In Memory of Those Who Have Gone Home
Carl & Phyllis Bowles	In Honor of Our Loving Family & Friends
Earle & Martha Holder Brown	In Memory of Martha Beebe Brown
Earle & Martha Holder Brown	In Memory of Rev. Joe Holder
Mike & Amanda Bowman*	In Memory of Dorothy Bowman
Mike & Amanda Bowman	In Memory of Taryn Carter
Bill & Charlotte Douglas*	In Honor & Gratitude to the PNC
Bill & Charlotte Douglas*	In Honor of Pastor Pablo & Elba Diaz
Dave & Becky Eggers *	In Memory of Ann & Bill Hendrick
Dave & Becky Eggers *	In Memory of Patsy & Jim Eggers
Dave & Becky Eggers *	In Memory of Ann & Sid Heller
Dave & Becky Eggers *	In Memory of Sue & Sid Tindel
Dave & Becky Eggers *	In Honor of Pastor Pablo & Elba Diaz
Dave & Becky Eggers *	In Honor of Our Church Family
Dave & Becky Eggers *	In Honor of Emily & Ryan
The Fiegler Family *	In Memory of Andrew Fiegler
The Fiegler Family	In Memory of John Fiegler
The Fiegler Family	In Memory of Janet Ferger
Rick & Lisa Goodrich	In Memory of Our Loved Ones Who Have Gone Before Us
Dave & Rae Ellen Hicks*	In Memory of Both Our Parents

* *Large Poinsettia*

Tom & Judy Hilbert	In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. R. Grant Graham
Tom & Judy Hilbert	In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Hilbert
Carol Krueck	In Memory of Loved Ones
Ron & Sandi Marston	In Memory of Elfrieda Wagner Seagroves Williams
Ron & Sandi Marston	In Memory of Ronald Walter Hume
Ron & Sandi Marston	In Memory of Robert Lee Marston
Ron & Sandi Marston	In Memory of Lucy Forestiere-Bargone
Ron & Sandi Marston	In Memory of Rick Forrester
Ron & Sandi Marston	In Memory of Nancy Nichols
Ron & Sandi Marston	In Memory of Doris LaFlam
Rita Mason	In Honor of My Church Family
Rita Mason	In Memory of Parents & Friends
Hank Mattox	In Memory of Harriet Mattox
Hank Mattox	In Memory of Bill & Alison Mattox
Hank Mattox	In Memory of Paul Mattox
Hank Mattox	In Memory of Bill Sater
Hank Mattox	In Memory of Pete Brickley
John Miller*	In Memory of My Mother Patti Snell
John Miller	In Memory of My Father Jack Miller
Debbie Paradis & Family*	In Memory of My Mother - Sara M. Eason
Debbie Paradis & Family*	In Memory of My Sister - Diana E. Garrett
Sheryl Powers*	In Memory of Isabel Cook
Sheryl Powers	In Memory of Diana Cook
Ron Smay*	In Memory of the Smay Family
Lu Taylor*	In Memory of Husband, Ken Edwards
Nancy Thomas	In Memory of Husband, David A. Thomas
Pat Turner	In Memory of Bill Turner
Bob Wilson	In Memory of Carole Wilson
Janice Wisinski	In Memory of My Brother Gene Synder

* *Large Poinsettia*

Overflow Student Ministries & Mission

SUNDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	MISSION
<u>Nursery/Preschool</u> 18 months - age 5 9:30am – 10:30am Location: Room 11	<u>Nursery/Preschool</u> 18 months - age 5 6:30pm – 8:00pm Location: Room 11	<u>Dunedin Cares</u> is our monthly food drive. Throughout the month we collect items and donate them to Dunedin Cares, the community Food Pantry. Suggested items for December are <i>Jello, pudding, cookies, chips, cheese slices, pancake mix and syrup, ground coffee, tea bags, fruit snacks, canned soups, canned beans, etc.</i> Next Van Pick Up: 12/26/21
<u>Elementary Age Children</u> K – 5th Grade Location: Room 10 9:30am – 10:30 am	<u>The Current</u> K – 5 th Grade 6:30pm – 8:00pm Location: Room 10	
<u>Middle and High School Youth</u> 9:30am – 10:30am Worship in sanctuary	<u>Overflow Youth</u> 6 th – 12 th Grade 6:30 – 8:00 pm Location: Room 12	

Life Groups Meeting Throughout the Week

NOTICE: *All groups are always open to newcomers - no reservation necessary, just show up. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, many groups are meeting on ZOOM. Contact the Leader of the group you would like to attend to access the meeting on ZOOM.*

SUNDAY

9:30 am Davidson Group – A study of the Gospel of Luke will begin on October 10th. All you need is a Bible, and if you forget yours, we'll loan you one. Contact Ron Roberson: operations@sapcd.org

6:00 pm Impact – meets 1st and 3rd Sundays on ZOOM.

Contact Barb Hogsett (bshogsett@gmail.com) or Trish Pierson (trishpierson@hotmail.com).

MONDAY

6:00 pm – Bowman Group. Meeting in Room 12.

Contact Amanda Bowman (amanda@sapcd.org).

7:00 pm - Love Does is a hybrid meeting on Zoom and at the Fiegle home.

Contact Debi Fiegle (dajfig@msn.com).

TUESDAY

2:00 pm – Presbyterian Women Circles meet on ZOOM the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

Contact Dr. Janice Raymond for link (jransmar@gmail.com).

2:00 pm – Dr. Janice Raymond - Bible Study - Revelations on ZOOM.

Contact Dr. Janice Raymond for link (jransmar@gmail.com).

FRIDAY

6:30 pm - Friday Night Light – 1st & 3rd Fridays on ZOOM. Studying from Right-Now Media videos.

Contact Carol White (cwsunny@verizon.net).

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

Those With Special Needs

Charlotte Quick	Jeannine Beebe
Dan and Sue Latsha	John Corl
Dianna Carty	Martha Brown
Cindy Withrow	Janet Calve
Jean Lennon	Jack Beebe
Patty Ingman	Barry Dowdy
Eleanor Conklin	Betty DeBauche

Those Serving in the Military

Jeremy Roberson (Navy)
Chris Bogart (Air Force)
Sergio Adam Castillejo (Coast Guard)
Trevor Grantham (Marines)
Cody Noble (Marines)
Jacob Miller (Navy)

Those Who Grieve

The family of Janice Wisinski in the passing of her brother Gene Snyder
The family of Shirley Colglazier
The family of Allan Botbyl
The family of Carole Wilson

Those in the Hospital

Those Who Are in Homes, Assisted Living, Nursing Homes and Rehab Centers

Eleanor Conklin, *St. Mark Village Long Term Health Care Center, Palm Harbor*
Myra Exler, *Mease Manor Assisted Living, Dunedin*
Bill Hupp, *Consulate Health Care, Safety Harbor*
Dee Nickels, *St. Marks Memory Care, Palm Harbor*
Opal Roth, *Arden Courts, Palm Harbor*
Louise Smith, *Coral Oaks Assisted Living, Palm Harbor*
Nancy Sullivan, *Grand Villa, Clearwater*

Out of the Area

Marjorie Krueger, *Clare Bridge of Jacksonville, 1005 Old St. Augustine Rd, Jacksonville, FL 32257*
Pat Quinlan, *Woodbury Senior Living, 7012 Lake Rd, Woodbury, MN 55125*

In addition, please pray for our church, the church universal, our community, our nation and our world, those in distressing circumstances, and those in authority.

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Next Food Van Pick Up

December 26



Reimagine



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Coming Dec. 26th



Pastor Pablo & Elba Diaz
Gratitude Party

Sunday, December 26th
following the 11:00 a.m.
Service in the Patio Room.

Main Course Provided
Please bring sides & desserts



Dear,
Pastor Pablo

Thank You



*Light of
the World*





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