

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)*



*“Advent” means the arrival of a notable person or event, and in the four weeks before Christmas, we remember how Christ came to save us. Mankind’s rebellion caused separation and spiritual darkness; yet in the birth of Jesus, the Light of the World dispels the darkness and restores mankind’s relationship with God. Each week during Advent we light candles as a testimony to the light Christ brings to a fallen world.*

**December 3, 2023**

ST.ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
DUNEDIN, FLORIDA

*LORD, I love the house where you live, the place where your glory dwells.  
Psalm 26:8*

## **CONTEMPORARY SERVICE**

**9:30 A.M.**

**Welcome & Announcements**

John Miller

**Lighting of the Advent Candle – HOPE**

The Bowman & Carter Families

**Worship Songs**

**Offering**

**Prayer of Dedication & The Lord's Prayer**

**Children's Message**

**Sermon**

Rev. Dr. David Hunsicker, Jr.

**Title:** The Buoyancy of Hope

**Text:** *Isaiah 40:27-31 - NIV*

**Theme:** Advent - HOPE

**Sending Song**

**Charge & Blessing**

**Children**

Preschool and Elementary age children are invited to Kid's Worship where they will hear a lesson based on a Bible passage and have fun with group activities that help the lesson stick. Parents, please sign your children in before 9:30am each Sunday morning. Sign them out when you pick them up at the end of worship.

*Ages 18 months - 5 years in Room #11*

*Kindergarten - 5th Grades in Room #10*

Rev. Dr. David Hunsicker, Jr.

John Miller, Announcements

Derrick Williams & The Contemporary Praise Band

Sophia Harmon-Greene, Media Specialist

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*Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship  
the LORD in the splendor of his holiness. Psalm 29:2*

## **THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

**11:00 A.M.**

### **WE GATHER**

#### **Silent Prayer**

*Lord Jesus Christ, we await your coming. We wait filled with hope, knowing your light will shine in the darkness. We wait anticipating your peace, believing that one day it will fill our world. We wait, embracing your love. May we reach out to share it with our neighbors. We wait with joy bubbling up in expectation of your birth. Lord, we wait, Come soon and fill us with your life.*

#### **Prelude**

*Hark, a Thrilling Voice Is Sounding - Haan*

#### **Chiming of the Hour**

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

#### **\*Responsive Call to Worship**

Leader: The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when God will fulfill the promises made.

**People: Every valley shall be lifted up and every mountain and hill be made low.**

Leader: In those days, God will cause a mighty branch to spring forth who will execute justice and righteousness;

**People: steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will look down from the sky.**

Leader: Prepare the way of our Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

**People: The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom.**

Leader: The people who have lived in the shadows have seen a great light; those who live in the land of the deepest night, on them the sun shall soon shine.

**People: The glory of God's love shall soon be revealed, and all the people shall see it and be made new.**

**\*Gathering Hymn**

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus #82*

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

**We confess that we ignore the Christ you sent to be among us, to be in us. We've kept the birth of your Son confined to the Christmas season and do not yearn for his birth each moment in our waiting hearts. Lord, you came to us in the fullness of time. Forgive us for not opening our eyes to your coming. It's time that we prepare for your coming. It's time that we prepare for your unending reign on earth. Hear us, O God, as we come before you in silence, confessing those sins we do not speak aloud, but hold in our hearts. Amen.**

**Declaration of Pardon**

**Leader:** Beloved, know this: the God of Presence, the God of Transformation, the God of Peace, hears our prayers and gives us power to love.

**People:** Through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

## **GOD'S WORD**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Psalm Reading**

*Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 – NIV*  
(Words will appear on the screen)

**Choir Anthem**

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*  
arr. by John Weaver  
Chancel Choir

**Scripture Reading**

*Isaiah 40:27-31 - NIV*  
(Words will appear on the screen)

## Sermon

Rev. Dr. David Hunsicker, Jr.

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**Text:** *Isaiah 40:27-31 - NIV*

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**\*Sermon Hymn**      *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates #93*

**\*Affirmation of Faith - Nicene Creed/Gloria Patri**

**Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer**

## OUR RESPONSE

**Call for the Offering**

**Organ Offertory**                      *Judge Me Not - Richter*

**\*Doxology/Prayer of Dedication**

## SENDING

**\*Sending Hymn**                      *Watchman, Tell Us of the Night #97*

**Blessing and Charge**

**Postlude**                                      *Hyfrydol*

Please remain seated until after the Postlude.

Rev. Dr. David Hunsicker, Jr.  
John Miller, Announcements  
Jennifer Hunter, Liturgist  
Janice Wisinski, Choir Director  
Mark Hunter, Organist  
Sophia Harmon-Greene, Media Specialist

**\*Please stand as you are able**

## MINISTRY OF PRAYER

### Those With Special Needs

Rita Mason	Judy Hallford
Jean Lennon	Bill Douglas
Jack Beebe	Jeannine Beebe
Cindy Withrow	Janet Calve
Patty Ingman	Sherry Orr
Bob & Kay Hirst	Vickie & Don Taylor
Jim Perry	Mary Nystrom
Sue Koutsourais	Craig DeMass
JoAnne Pribble	

### Those Serving in the Military

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

### Those Who Grieve

### Those in the Hospital

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

**Eunice Beebe**, *Sodalis*, Largo  
**Jack Beebe**, *Arden Courts*, Palm Harbor  
**Dee Nickels**, *St. Marks Memory Care*, Palm Harbor  
**Louise Smith**, *Coral Oaks Assisted Living*, Palm Harbor  
**Nancy Sullivan**, *Grand Villa*, Clearwater

### Out of the Area

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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.

## WHO' S WHO IN THE CHURCH

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## CONNECTION CARDS

If you want to request a prayer or communicate with any of the staff members of the church, please use a Connection Card. You can find them located on the counter of the Welcome Center in the church Narthex/ Lobby area.

# Christmas Eve Services



Also available to  
Livestream on  
Facebook / YouTube

10:00am

One Unity Service

6:30pm  
Contemporary  
Christmas  
Candlelight  
Service

11:00pm  
Traditional  
Candlelight  
Service &  
Communion



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## CHRISTMAS CAROLING & POTLUCK



December 20th  
6:00pm - 8:00pm



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