



Let's Go to Bethlehem

Advent - CHRIST Candle

December 24, 2023 - Christmas Eve
6:30pm & 11:00pm
ST.ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DUNEDIN, FLORIDA



WORSHIP NOTES PAGE

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.

CHRISTMAS EVE 2023

CONTEMPORARY 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.

VIDEO & WELCOME

Rev. Dr. David Hunsicker, Jr.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING – CHRIST

Derrick Williams

PRAISE BAND SONGS

*Angels We Have Heard On High * Joy To The World * Victory Chant * O Holy Night*

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

Rev. Dr. David Hunsicker, Jr.

TITLE: Let's Go to Bethlehem

TEXT: Luke 2:1-21 NIV

THEME: Advent Christ

CHILDREN

Children will remain with the parents throughout the service.

SERVICE OF CANDLELIGHTING

"Silent Night, Holy Night" (Words available on back of bulletin) - Recess outside

CHARGE & BENDICTION - Outside at the bottom of the steps.



'Tis the Season to **REMEMBER**

2023 Poinsettias Given "To Honor" or "In Memory Of" Loved Ones

Dodi Andersen
Mary Ann Beall
Jack, Jeannine & Juliette Beebe*
Phyllis Bowles*
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Mike & Amanda Bowman*
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Mike & Amanda Bowman*
Earle & Martha Brown
Earle & Martha Brown
Nona Carter
Wyl Carter
Lorraine Decuzzi*
Sue Dela Rosa
Sue Dela Rosa
Bill & Charlotte Douglas*
Bill & Charlotte Douglas*
Linda Dremstedt*
Linda Dremstedt*
Mark & Kelli Edwards
Mark & Kelli Edwards
Dave & Becky Eggers*
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Dave & Becky Eggers*
John Enberg *
The Fiegle Family
The Fiegle Family*

In Honor of Friends & Family
In Honor of Family & Friends
In Memory of Loved Ones
In Memory of Carl Bowles
In Honor of My Son Bruce & Family
In Honor of Daughter Mary & Family
In Honor of Sister Eunice
In Honor of St. Andrews Family & Friends
In Memory of William Carter, Sr.
In Memory of Jerry & Dorothy Bowman
In Memory of Taryn Carter
In Memory of Martha Beebe Brown
In Memory of Rev. Joseph P. Holder
In Memory of My Mother, Sallie Wilson
In Memory of Taryn Nicole Carter - Light of My Heart
Pray for Peace in the World
In Memory of Bill Sharp
In Memory of Ann Reynolds
In Memory of Dorothy Harrill
In Memory of J. Ben Harrill
In Honor of My Father, David Uhl
In Honor of My Aunt, Linda Gobbi
In Memory of Poppy Brown
In Memory of Gram J.
In Memory of Patsy & Jim Eggers
In Memory of Ann & Bill Hendrick
In Memory of Sid & Ann Heller
In Memory of Doris & Bill Laflam
In Honor of Emily & Ryan Stone
In Memory of Bonnie Enberg
In Memory of Andrew Fiegle
In Memory of Janet Ferger & John Fiegle

* *Large Poinsettia*

Janet Frangochais & JoAnn Telker*	In Memory of Our Families
Ken Giesow	In Memory of Enid Giesow
Ken Giesow	In Honor of Heather Watson
Emily Gynn	In Memory of Thomas N. Gynn
Mary Gynn	In Memory of Jane-Anne McKune
Dave & Rae Ellen Hicks*	In Memory of My Parents & Friends
Tom & Judy Hilbert	In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Hilbert
Tom & Judy Hilbert	In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. R. Grant Graham
BoBo & Squish	In Honor of Felicity Hunsicker
BoBo & Squish	In Honor of Ezra Hunsicker
John & Marcia Kagay*	In Honor of Marcia
Manny & Sue Koutsourais*	In Memory of Billy & Darlene Graham
Elisabeth Lawson	In Memory of My Loving Husband, Donald Lawson
Elisabeth Lawson	In Memory of My Loving Son, Rene'
Jean Lennon	In Memory of My Husband, Don Lennon
Jean Lennon	In Honor of Janice Wisinski
Ron & Sandi Marston*	In Memory of Mimi Seagroves & Ronald Yeager
Ron & Sandi Marston*	In Memory of Ron Hume & Bob Marston
Rita Mason	In Honor of My Church Family
Rita Mason	In Memory of Loved Ones
Hank Mattox	In Memory of Harriet Mattox
Hank Mattox	In Memory of Paul Mattox
Hank Mattox	In Memory of Bill & Alison Mattox
John Miller & Family	In Honor of Doris Mann
John Miller & Family	In Memory of Patti Snell
Sofia & Bella*	In Memory of Grammy, We Love & Miss You
Sheryl Powers	In Memory of Isabel & Jim Cook
Janice Raymond*	In Memory of Anson & Marian Raymond
Janice Raymond*	In Memory of Anson Raymond, Jr.
Lu Taylor	In Memory of Husband, Ken Edwards
Lu Taylor*	In Memory of Brother, Dewey Keel
Jim Throne*	In Memory of Jean Throne
Pat Turner	In Memory of My Beloved Bill
Pat Turner	In Memory of Family Members
Jack & Diane Ward*	In Memory of Our Heavenly Family Members
Norman & Bonnie Welch	In Memory of Parents

* *Large Poinsettia*

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE

TRADITIONAL SERVICE 11:00 P.M.

GATHERING

Silent Prayer in Preparation for Worship

Good and gracious God, on this holy night you gave us your Son, the Lord of the universe, wrapped in swaddling clothes, the Savior of all, lying in a manger. On this holy night draw us into the mystery of your love. Join our voices with the heavenly host that we may sing your glory on high. Give us a place among the shepherds that we may find the one for whom we have waited, Jesus Christ, the Messiah and Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Prelude

Variations on Quem Pastores - Haan

Mark Hunter

Chiming of the Hour

Mark Hunter

Welcome

Rev. Dr. David Hunsicker, Jr.

Responsive Call to Worship

Jennifer Hunter

Leader: In the holy darkness of this night, amid labor pains and newborn cries, angel songs and tremors of fear, tears of relief and looks of amazement, our Savior takes his first breath.

People: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel has come to us.

***Gathering Hymn**

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" # 170

"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" - #163

Advent Candle Lighting – CHRIST CANDLE

Pam & Larry Halter

Call to Confession

Rev. Dr. David Hunsicker, Jr.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Rev. Dr. David Hunsicker, Jr.

Emmanuel, you have given us a gift that we can never deserve. You do not ask us to be worthy. You do not ask us to earn your love. Yet the ways we have fallen short threaten to overtake us. But we know we can come to you, even on this holiest of nights, to seek the forgiveness you offer so freely, grateful for your mercy.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Rev. Dr. David Hunsicker, Jr.

Leader: The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to us all! With Christ's birth comes forgiveness and redemption. Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom God favors!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Jennifer Hunter

Psalm Reading -

Psalm 97 - NIV

Jennifer Hunter

(Words will appear on the screen)

Choir Anthem

Lullaby to the Christ Child

Amanda Bowman, Edie Wiseman, Janice Wisinski
Jennifer Hunter & Sherri Roberson, handchimes

New Testament Reading -

Luke 2:1-21 - NIV

Rev. Dr. David Hunsicker, Jr.

(Words will appear on the screen)

Sermon

Rev. Dr. David Hunsicker, Jr.

Title: Let's Go to Bethlehem

Text: *Luke 2:1-21 - NIV*

Theme: Advent - Christ

*Affirmation of Faith - Nicene Creed

Rev. Dr. David Hunsicker, Jr.

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.

***Congregational Affirmation Response - #546**

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.

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dr. David Hunsicker, Jr.

***Congregational Hymn**

Joy to the World #134

OUR RESPONSE

Call for Offering

Jennifer Hunter

Organ Offertory

The First Nowell - Gehrke

Mark Hunter

***Congregational Offering Response - #544**

*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.*

***Prayer of Dedication**

Jennifer Hunter

EUCCHARIST

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Rev. Dr. David Hunsicker, Jr.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Dr. David Hunsicker, Jr.

The Lord's Supper

Rev. Dr. David Hunsicker, Jr.

Prayer after Communion

Rev. Dr. David Hunsicker, Jr.

THE SERVICE OF CANDLELIGHTING

The Pastor lights a candle from the Christ Candle, and passes the light to the congregation as they sing: "*Silent Night, Holy Night*" (Words available on back of bulletin) - Recess Outside

Charge and Benediction - Outside at the bottom of the steps. Rev. Dr. David Hunsicker, Jr.

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	Joanne Pribble
Bob & Kay Hirst	Vickie & Don Taylor
Jim Perry	Mary Nystrom
Sue Koutsourais	Craig DeMass

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

The family of Si Nielsen

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

Marjorie Krueger, *Clare Bridge of Jacksonville*, 1005 Old St. Augustine Rd,
Jacksonville, FL 32257
Charlotte Quick, (c/o Ann Barr), 51 Oak Crest Court, Greenville, SC 29605
Pat Quinlan, *Woodbury Senior Living*, 7012 Lake Rd, Woodbury, MN 55125
Dr. Joyce Dain-Porteous, (c/o Chere Marlo), 305 Alexander Creek Court
Raymore, MO 64683
Nancy Thomas, 5700 Williamsburg Landing Drive Apt. #316, Williamsburg, VA 23185

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.



Silent Night! Holy Night

Silent night! holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child,
holy infant so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace;
sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight:
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia"
Christ, the Saviour is born!
Christ, the Saviour is born!

Silent night! holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Silent night! holy night!
Wondrous Star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing,
"Alleluia" to our King;
Christ, the Saviour is born!
Christ, the Saviour is born!



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