

First Presbyterian Church of Naples

*In the Heart of Naples with the Love of God:
we worship, we love, we grow, we serve*



*Christmas Eve Church Family Worship
December 24, 2021
5 p.m.*

Welcome and Life Together

REV. REX CHILDS

Lighting of the Christ Candle

HEATHER AND DOMINIQUE O'CONNELL

Acolyte: We have watched and we have waited. Our redemption draws near!
What words were given us during our advent preparation for the birth of Jesus?

People: *The first candle is the word of HOPE.
The second candle is the word of PEACE.
The third candle is the word of JOY.
The fourth candle is the word of LOVE.*

Acolyte: Tonight we remember the prophecy of Isaiah 7:14.
"Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel."

People: *Tonight we repeat the words in the Gospel of Luke "I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ, the Lord."*

Acolyte: Tonight we light the Christ candle. Jesus Christ is born!

All: *Let us worship God!*

*Opening Carol #133 (vs. 1,3,4) **O Come, All Ye Faithful**

ADESTE FIDELES

1. *O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant;
O come ye; O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come, and behold him, born the King of angels!
O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*
3. *Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation;
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!
O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*
4. *Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!
O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

Prayer

AUDREY GORDON

Lesson from the Prophets

Isaiah 9:2-3,6

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The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests on his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Away in a Manger

*Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.*

Go Tell it on the Mountain

Refrain:

*Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!*

*While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. Refrain.*

Joy to the World

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.*

Offering

*Our offering this evening will be given to Meals of Hope.
Meals of Hope is the largest food pantry provider in Collier County feeding over 600 families per week.
Unless otherwise noted, all monies will be designated to Meals of Hope.*

Offertory

Angels We Have Heard on High

ARR. FRED BOCK

*Christmas Light Celebration

*Carol #122

Silent Night, Holy Night!

STILLE NACHT

1. *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.*
2. *Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia:
Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born!"*
3. *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.*

The 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.

*Carol #119

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

- 1. Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king.
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful all ye nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"*
- 2. Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come, offspring of the virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate deity,
pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"*
- 3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"*

*Benediction

Postlude

Toccata on 'Joy to the World'

JOYCE JONES

Participating in the Service

Rev. Rex Childs, Associate Pastor
Dr. Brice Gerlach, Director of Music
Nancy Van Fleet, Director of Children and Youth

Marvin Docteur, Marckus Docteur, Marckens Docteur, Audrey Gordon,
Declan Hancock, Molly Finn, Wylie Finn, Jack Fogelman, Dominique O'Connell,
Heather O'Connell, Nicholas Stewart, Kate Stewart

Ushers

Jack Marsh (head usher), Shirley Hagerson, Nancy Kay,
Sylvia Marsh, Mark and Carolyn Mollers, Bill Morgan

Greeters

Cindy Esler, Gary and Janet Root

Tonight's play was inspired by *Don't Freak Out: A Christmas Pageant* by Katherine Willis Pershey

Childcare Options

Families with young children are invited to use the **Wiggle Room** off the Narthex. It is designed as an area in which young children can be comfortable (toys and books available) so parents may still participate in the worship service.

Christmas Eve Wonder!

Join us after the service this evening in the courtyard for our hot chocolate bar while enjoying some snow flurries in the Heart of Naples with the Love of God. (Coffee and tea “to go” also, provided by Kunjani Craft Coffee.)

Worship with Us

Please join us for Sunday worship service on December 26 at 9:30 a.m. Beginning January 9, 2020 we return to two worship services at 8:30 and 10:15 a.m. All services are also available to view via livestream on our website www.fpcnaples.org or on our Facebook page.

We welcome back the children and youth on Sunday, January 9

The children will be participating in an Interactive Art Experience following the Children's Time. Join the children and youth after the 10:15 am service in the Courtyard for an interactive art experience. We will participate in an intergenerational art project together led by artist, Susan Pratt. After the painting is completed, it will be displayed as a reminder of this time - coming together after many months. We hope you will grab a cup of coffee and join us in the courtyard! Our children will start the project after the children's sermon.

This experience is part of our Growing Young Initiative through Fuller Seminary. We look forward to adding more intergenerational opportunities in the future.

Children and Youth Ministry

Our programming for children grades K-5 will begin in person on January 9 at the 10:15 a.m. service. Starting in January we will offer a hybrid Kidz Lab for those present at church and those who want to join us via Zoom.

Youth group (grades 6-12) join together again with our “Rock the Universe” event from January 29-30 in Orlando. Please contact Nancy Van Fleet at nancyv@fpcnaples.org for details.

Young Adult Ministry

Young adults meet monthly and will meet next on January 23 in person and on Zoom.

For any of the Children, Youth or Young Adult events, please contact Nancy Van Fleet nancyv@fpcnaples.org.

2022-2023 Preschool Enrollment

First Presbyterian Preschool will soon begin enrolling for 2022-2023. Registration will be completed online using our Sandbox Software program. Enrollment will be available for our half-day, part-time toddler, two, and three year old programs, and VPK. If you would like to schedule a tour of our preschool or request the registration link, please contact Ashley or Lindsay at 239.262.8315. You can visit our website at www.fppnaples.org for more information. Enrollment will be available as follows: **January 10**-church members; **January 17**-current families and siblings; **February 7**-new families.

FPCN Green Team Launches 2022 Wednesdays at First-With Dinner!

Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, January 12, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. and join us to welcome Rob Moher, President and CEO of the Conservancy of Southwest Florida. During his 22-year tenure at the Conservancy, more than \$130 million has been raised to build upon the Conservancy's outstanding 57-year history of protecting Southwest Florida's water, land, wildlife, and future.

A light dinner will be available at 5:30 p.m. for \$10 followed by Rob's presentation at 6 p.m. Please join us in person for dinner or just for the presentation. Reservations may be made either in Spencer Hall or by emailing Ashley Hancock at ashley.hancock@fpcnnaples.org. Please indicate whether you wish to come for dinner or for the presentation only. Questions? Contact Roni Haggart, vhaggart@gmail.com.



*The following people have donated poinsettias to beautifully decorate
our Sanctuary for this Christmas holiday.
Those who have donated poinsettias may take them after the 7 p.m. service tonight.*

*Rebecca Barton and Jackson Barton in honor of their grandparents, Bill and Pat Barton
Rebecca Barton and Jackson Barton in honor of their parents, Audra and Berne Barton
Richard and Barbara Beach in honor of and with thanks for their twelve grandchildren
Jeff and Rosalie Bradley in memory of Shirley Iacoboni
Jeff and Rosalie Bradley in honor of Thomas Iacoboni
Yancey Brame and Amy Manley in memory of George Alexander Phelps
Barbarann Budd in memory of David G. Budd Sr., her husband of 57 years,
who passed away October 27, 2021
Florence Calyore in memory of John Calyore
Ned and Magge Camuti in memory of Lucille and Ed Camuti
Ned and Magge Camuti in honor of Caitlin and Matt Simak
Ned and Magge Camuti in honor of Kate and Daniel Camuti, Lucy Camuti
Carleton and Linda Cleveland in memory of loved ones
Pat Collins in memory of Bob Collins
Sharon Cumming in memory of Andrew Cumming
Sharon Cumming in honor of the Forsythe family
Marion De Lessio in loving memory of her husband, Tom De Lessio and their son, Dean De Lessio
Fran and Janette Engelhardt in memory of Fran's parents, Lorraine and Adam Engelhardt
Fran and Janette Engelhardt in memory of Fran's sister and brothers-in-law, Irma and Dean Bigham
and Kenneth Wild
Fran and Janette Engelhardt in memory of Janette's parents, Marjorie and David Keene
Fran and Janette Engelhardt in memory of Janette's sister and brother-in-law, Carol and Gerry Bass
Cindy Esler in memory of her loving parents, Mary Lou and Bob Payne
Cindy, Ryan, Sarah, Samantha and William Esler in memory of their loving husband, father and
grandfather, Robert Esler
Carmela Gilbertsen in memory of Robert E. Gilbertsen
Dorothy Gomori, Karen and Ken Martin, and Cindy Gomori in memory of Charles Gomori
Craig and Andie Goodrich in honor of their mothers, Colleen Evans and Nancy Goodrich
Craig and Andie Goodrich in loving memory of Louis Evans Jr., George Goodrich and Jamie Evans
Shirley Hagerson in honor of her children and grandchildren
Brad and Carleen Hoffman in loving memory of Harvey "Bud" Hoffman
Brad and Carleen Hoffman in loving memory of Dr. Harvey and Iola Hoffman
Sherry Hoffman in loving memory of Harvey "Bud" Hoffman
Sherry Hoffman in loving memory of The Rev. Dr. and Mrs. H.B. Hoffman and
The Rev. and Mrs. James W. Benes
Dr. Frederich and Gloria Hoffmann in memory of Gloria's dear daddy, Peter France
Dr. Frederich and Gloria Hoffmann in memory of their sister, Ann France*



Jay and Jane Holbrook in memory of Tom and Nicole Catlett and Jesse and Norma Holbrook
Jay and Jane Holbrook in honor of Josh, Ashley, Tim and Leslie Holbrook
Robert and Judith Humphrey in memory of their parents, Elizabeth Poole and Elizabeth Humphrey
Christine Jones in memory of Ron Lacy, "May he rest in peace with our Lord."
Nancy Kay and family in memory of John Kay
Frank and Nancy Kiningham
Mariellen Lemasters in memory and honor of loved ones
Bud and Marge Martin in memory of loved ones
Ken and Karen Martin and Cindy Gomori in honor of Dorothy Gomori
The Maxwell family in memory of M.W. "Sonny" Collins
The Maxwell family in memory of P.J. Rideout
The Maxwell family in memory of Bill Miles
Margee Minnis in honor of her family and friends
Sarah Nichols in honor of Joan and Richie Eisenhauer
Gary Nordbrock in honor of friends and family
Pat Nordbrock in honor of loved ones near and far
Pat Nordbrock in honor of the wonderful FPCN church staff
In memory of Ryan Mundt by Mom, Dad and sister, Sarah
Saralene Oldham in honor of the FPCN Stephen ministers and the privilege to be one
John and Linda Rader in honor of loved ones
Jane and Bruce Rogers and family in loving memory of Catherine and Elwood Bigler
Dennis and Carla Schlemmer in honor of their visiting grandchildren, Lucy and Jackson Schlemmer
Tom and Barbara Sletto in memory of Barbara's mother, Beatrice Nelson
John E. Smith II in memory of Hal L. and Julia T. Smith
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Cary Thompson and Kim Doran in memory of Warren Morse
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Jack Tiller in memory of Joyce Tiller
Jack Tiller in honor of his children, Terri and Tracy; grandchildren, Todd, Devin, and Kelly;
great grandchildren, Tommy, Grady, Whitney, Selena, Jack and Maggie Mae
Pete and Sue Vernia in memory of Carrie Vernia
Sonny and Pam Walker in honor of Bramel, Noele, Win, Willow and Tyler Walker
Sonny, Pam, Bramel and Tyler Walker in memory of Marvin and Maxine Wood and
Edwin and Flora Walker
The Wilder Family in loving memory of her mother, Sarah Hooker and brother, George C. Wilson III,
and his mother, Olus B. McNelis, sister, Betty Blair Shaffer and nephew, David Shaffer
In memory of their parents, Dot and Ed Wilson, by their children
Chuck Work and Roni Haggart in honor of their wonderful children and grandchildren
Melinda Younkin, Mike Younkin and Laurie Hillebrand in memory of their parents,
Ralph and Mary Younkin

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