

Poinsettia Sunday - December 16



To place Poinsettia plants in the sanctuary, complete form below, and return with your check to the office or place in Sunday Offering plate.

I/We will give _____ plants:

() I will pick them up following Christmas Eve worship..

() I will not pick up plants.

Plants will be in the sanctuary on Sunday, December 16, through Christmas Eve, and can be picked up following the 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service.

*In Memory of:

*In Honor of:

OR IN LIEU OF PLANTS,

I make a memorial designated for one of the following:

() Building Fund () PATH (Presbyterian Answer to Hunger)

MY NAME _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

***Note: Please word memorial or honorarium as you would like it to appear in the bulletin.**

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December 9, 2018

The Second Sunday of Advent



Order of Worship

10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Advent Candles

Prelude

Bleak Midwinter

Holy Tollers, Bell Ringers

Norman and Lorraine Schneider

by Gustav Holst, 1906

arr. by Martha Lynn Thompson, 2004

Introit

Come, Come Emmanuel

James J. Chepponis, 1995

Chancel Choir

Call to Worship (Malachi 3:1-4)

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight--indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts.

But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap;

he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness.

Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

*Hymn of Praise No. 9

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Up-coming Events

Scripture Reading Luke 3:1-6 (NT page 56)

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Lord we hear the call to prepare for your coming

but we don't know how to prepare.

Should we drop everything we are doing?

We don't know what we would do instead.

Should we reorder our priorities?

We aren't sure what matters most to us anymore.

Should we try to change something about ourselves?

We already feel caught in all the change around us.

Lord forgive us for getting so used to the world as it is, that we have forgotten how to truly prepare for you.

Forgive us for living so indifferently, that we aren't sure of the difference you make in our lives.

Come quickly Lord Jesus, and save us from our confusion, complacency, and indifference.

(silent prayers of confession)

Declaration of Forgiveness

In this season of waiting, the Good News is this: mercy, new life, hope, and joy are the gifts we receive from our God.

Thanks be to the God of Advent, who came in the Child, who is with us in the Spirit, who will come again in glory! Amen

*Passing of the Peace

*Hymn No. 23 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice (verses 2 &3)

The Sacrament of Baptism

THE WORD

Welcoming the Children

Following Welcoming the Children, age 3 yrs - 3rd Grade, will go downstairs for a Bible lesson. The children will return after the sermon.

Hymn No. 25 Away in the Manger (remain seated)

Scripture Reading Philippians 1:3-11 (NT page 185)

Sunday, December 9

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm, Potter's Hand, Open Studio, ArtLab, today will consist of prayer stations that prompt you to think, draw and pray artistically. There will be 3-4 prayer stations and a larger table with a variety of artistic supplies to reflect with.

Monday, December 10, 12 pm, Men's Bible Study, (fellowship hall)

Wednesday, December 12, 6 pm, Park Lake Players Rehearsal (church parlor)

Wednesday, December 12, 6 pm, Church Committees

Thursday, December 13, Prime Timers Trip, we will leave the parking lot at 10:45 am, "White House" concert venue tour, (Timucua Arts Foundation), Peach Valley for lunch, contact Bonnie McKnight, 407-886-4891.

Saturday, December 15

9:30 am, Children's Nativity Pageant Rehearsal, Sanctuary, all children and youth invited to participate, no experience necessary, costumes provided.

Sunday, December 16

10:30 am, Children's Nativity Pageant performance and Special Choral music, Sanctuary, all children and youth invited to participate.

Sunday, December 16, 6:00 pm, Handel's Messiah, Performance by Jones High School Alumni Choir, Sanctuary, reception following in Struble Fellowship Hall.

December 19, PLOW (Park Lake on Wednesdays), Struble Fellowship Hall,

6:00 pm, Park Lake Players Performance

Entrée: Pulled Pork sandwiches, bring a side or dessert to share.

Friday, December 21

6:00 pm Longest Night, Prayer and Readings Worship Service, Sanctuary, West transept
The Longest Night service addresses the difficulty and sadness that sometimes accompanies this particular time of year. We invite you to a special time of worship...A time to lament, to acknowledge our sadness and concern. A time to know that we are not alone, and to affirm that God's light and presence are with all who struggle to find it. A time for hope, to experience the light of Christ that continues to shine, even in the darkest times.

Sunday, December 23

5:30 pm - Pizza and Caroling - Join us for Pizza in Struble Hall, then we will travel by church bus and cars to Westminster Towers and Winter Park Towers for caroling. All are welcome!

Zebra Coalition Gift card donations

Today is the final day The Gay Straight Partnership of Park Lake is collecting monetary contributions to be converted into gift cards for Zebra Coalition. The Zebra Coalition® is a network of organizations which provide services to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and all youth (LGBTQ+) ages 13 – 24. The Coalition assists young people facing homelessness, bullying, isolation from their families, and physical, sexual, and drug abuse with individualized programs to guide them to recovery and stability. Please consider helping our youth in the Orlando area this holiday season. To learn more about the Zebra Coalition visit <https://www.zebrayouth.org>. Thank you for your continued support.

There is a congregational meeting, for the purpose of electing church officers, immediately following today's worship service. The 2018 Congregational Nominating Committee will place the names below in nomination for elders in the classes of 2020 and 2021.

Class of 2018 (Rotating off)	Class of 2019	Class of 2020	Nominations for Class of 2021
John Bowers	John DiSalvo	Linda Beaty	Leesa Bainbridge
Jane Callahan	Jan Ellis	Cliff Black	Kelsey Francis
Henry Jibaja	John Franklin	Jim Bogner	Aaron Hull
Dan Johnson	Kimo Hyatt	Will DiSalvo	Justin Ingrim
Gayle Schmidt	Vicky Nicoll	Susan Frith	Nancy Jones
Christine Stewart	Lauren Poore	Alice Schmidt (nominated)	Norma Knight

We are grateful for any year end gifts you are able to make to Park Lake Presbyterian Church. Many people make special year end gifts as a part of their financial plans. **Gifts must be postmarked by December 31, 2018 or received in the church office by December 27, 2017. The church office will be open Thursday, December 27, from 9:00am - 1:00 pm, if you would like to drop off an end of the year contribution.**



The Sacrament of Baptism Jeremiah Tyler Call son of Victoria Vargas and Spencer Call



*The Sacrament
of Baptism*

Scripture Sentences

Hear these words from Scripture

Matthew 28:18-20

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age.

Ephesians 4:4-6

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

Acts 2:39

The promise is to you and to your children and to all that are far off, every one whom the Lord our God calls.

Statement on the Meaning of Baptism

Obedying the word of our Lord Jesus Christ, and confident of his promises, we baptize those whom God has called. In baptism God claims us, and seals us to show that we belong to God. God frees us from sin and death, uniting us with Jesus Christ in his death and resurrection. By water and the Holy Spirit, we are made members of the church, the body of Christ, and joined to Christ's ministry of love, peace, and justice. Let us remember with joy our own baptism, as we celebrate this sacrament.

Questions to the Parent

Do you desire that Jeremiah be baptized?

Relying on God's grace, do you promise to live the Christian faith and to teach that faith to your child?

Question to the Congregation

Do you as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Jeremiah by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging him to know and to follow Christ and to be a faithful member of his church?

Profession of Faith

With the whole church let us confess our faith, the faith into which we baptize Jeremiah.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

The Prayer of Thanksgiving Over the Water
Baptism
Welcome

Jeremiah has been received into the holy catholic and apostolic church through baptism. God has made him a member of the household of God, to share with us in the priesthood of Christ. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Hymn - "God Claims You"

Refrain

Jeremiah, God claims you, God helps you, protects you, and loves you too.

Verses

- 1. We this day do all agree, a child of God you'll always be. (Refrain)**
- 2. We your family love you so, we vow to help your faith to grow. (Refrain)**
- 3. We are here to say this day that we will help you on your way. (Refrain)**
- 4. And if you should tire or cry then we will sing this lullaby. (Refrain)**



Sermon

**"Fit For Heaven"
Dr. Dan DeBevoise**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer
Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Advent Hope
Holy Tollers, Bell Ringers

by Derek K. Hakes, 2011,
based on hymn tu
NUN KJOMMDER HEIDEN HELILAND
and JEFFERSON

SENDING

*Hymn No. 13
Charge and Benediction
Choral Response
Postlude

Prepare the Way
The People Who Walked in Darkness
Rondeau

Jean Joseph Mouret

***All who are able may stand**

Sanctuary flowers this day are given to the glory of God by Paula Nowell in loving memory of her son, Harold J. Capes, whose birthday was December 8th.

Our elders meet for prayer in the east transept of the sanctuary following worship. You are invited to ask for special prayer by meeting them there or placing a prayer card in the offering plate.

December Ushers are Shawn Moloney, Mike Bookhardt, Bob Larr, Larry Welker, Eric Wood and Don DeBevoise.

Blessing bags containing water, food and hygiene items for the homeless are available in the West Transept. They have been prepared by the Park Lake Children & Middle School Youth Sunday School classes. Please pick up a bag or two you can give to someone in need