



*Embodying Jesus'
All-Encompassing
Hospitality*

Florida's first Presbyterians, since 1824

**Please stand as you are able*

December 1, 2024

11:00 a.m.

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

*Children's bulletins are available at each door for children to take upon entering the sanctuary and use during worship
Activity bags will be available during the Children's Moment. Please leave the bags in the pews after the service.*

GATHERING

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

*The prelude marks a time of preparation for worship. Please be considerate of those
who seek to use this time for prayer and reflection through the gift of music.*

GATHERING SONG "Preview of Christmas Concert"
(children's choir)

PRELUDE Chorale Prelude on "Sleepers, Wake!" BWV 645, J.S. Bach

GREETING *(responsive)*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us take a moment of silence to center ourselves on God.

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsive)*

Luke 21:25-28, adapted

Christ is coming!

We see the signs!

Christ is coming!

We will be ready!

Christ is coming! Raise your heads because your redemption is drawing near!

Praise be to God. We will worship and prepare.

*HYMN NO. 82

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"
(words and music on next page)

HYFRYDOL

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 82



1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.



***THE PEACE** *(responsive)*

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, we also ought to forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

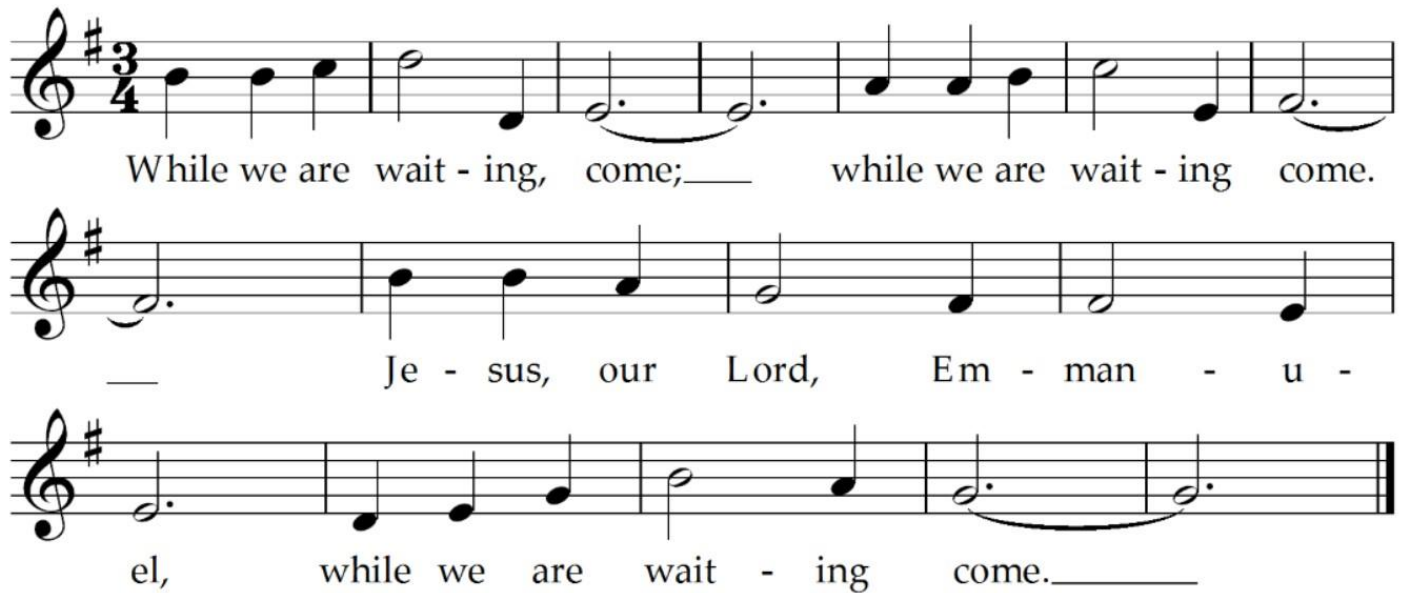
And also with you.

Please greet those around you with words and signs of God's reconciling peace

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE *(responsive)*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.



While we are wait - ing, come; while we are wait - ing come.
Je - sus, our Lord, Em - man - u -
el, while we are wait - ing come.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

The children of the church gather at the baptismal font

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY

Please sign and pass the Friendship Registers

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Jeremiah 33:14-16

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EPISTLE LESSON
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

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SERMON

"Waiting is Not Easy"

Rev. Rachael McNeal

Silent meditation on sermon

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*unison*)

Apostles' Creed

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. Amen.

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

*Please use this time to reflect on how we might
offer ourselves, and our resources, to God*

*Four ways to give: Please drop a check in the offering plate as you exit the sanctuary,
mail a check to the church office, click the GIVE NOW button on our website, or text STAMPC to 73256*

OFFERTORY

"And the Glory of the Lord" from *Messiah*

G.F. Handel

*And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed
And all flesh shall see it together
For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.*

*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.*

(some substitute "God" for "Him")

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(responsive)*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The heavens tremble and the mountains quake at your presence. Although we have forsaken you, you have never forgotten us: you are the potter and we are the clay, the work of your hand. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name...

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord, God of power and might.

1. 2.
— might. — Heav - en and earth are full, —
Bless - ed is he who comes —

full — of — your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
in the name of the Lord. —

high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your son, our Lord. Christ Jesus is our grace and peace, the Word we proclaim, the source of all our strength, and the giver of every good gift. In Christ's body, we have received fellowship with you, our God. Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we take from your creation this bread and this wine and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising, as we await the day of his coming. With thanksgiving, we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service. Gracious God pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Jesus. By your Spirit, unite us with Christ, and with your church in all the world. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever...

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNION

The ushers will invite each pew to come forward. Please proceed from your pew down the center aisle and extend your palms out to receive bread. Please then gently dip your bread into the chalice, consuming the sacrament, and return to your pew using the outside aisle. As you wait to receive the sacrament, and after receiving it, please be in prayer for the world, our church, community, those in need, and yourself.

COMMUNION MUSIC Improvisation on "Conditor Alme"

COMMUNION ANTHEM

"Comfort Ye" from *Messiah*

G.F. Handel

(*Morris Duenow, tenor*)

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, Saith your God.

*Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, And cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished,
That her iniquity is pardoned. The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness,
Prepare ye the way of the Lord, Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.*

100 My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

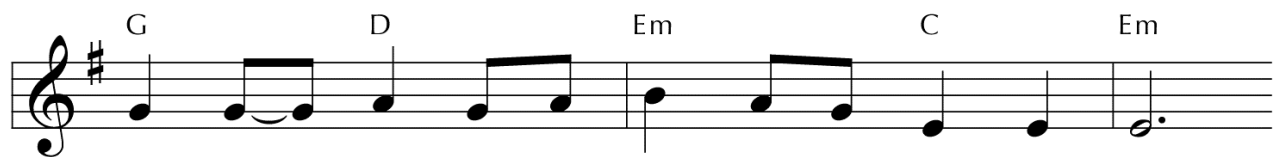
Canticle of the Turning



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2 Though I am small, my God, my all, you
 3 From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a
 4 Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 work great things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



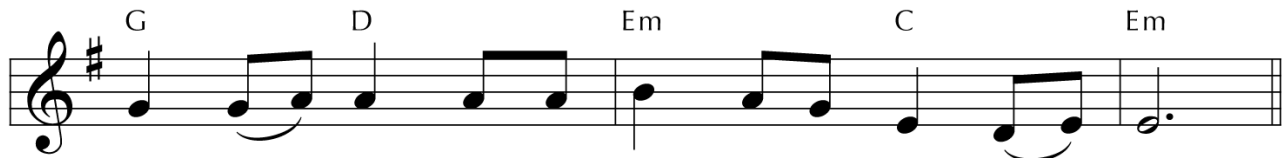
won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 jus - tice tears ev - ery ty - rant from his throne.
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread; ev - ery
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be

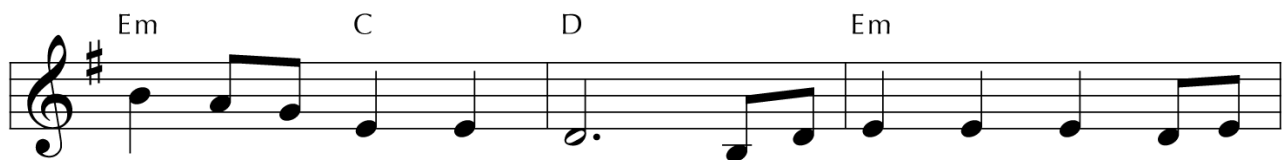


name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

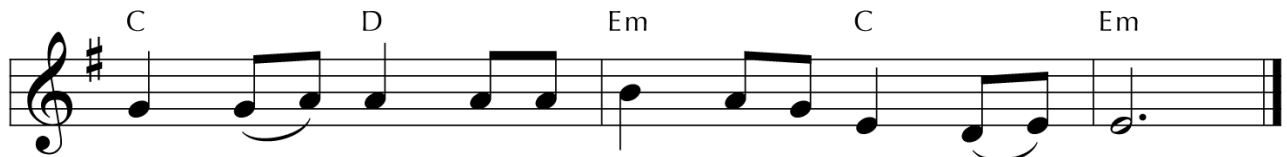
Refrain



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the



fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the



dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Rachael McNeal, Associate Pastor of Youth and Outreach: Greeting, Call to Worship, Celebration of Community, Prayer for Illumination, Sermon, Invitation to the Lord's Table, Words of Institution, Charge and Benediction

Mary Scine, Director of College Ministry: The Peace, First Lesson, Affirmation of Faith, Offering, Prayer of Dedication, The Great Thanksgiving, The Lord's Prayer

Matt Daniel, Director of Music and Organist

Advent Wreath Candle Lighters: Gail & Larry Oakes and Kristina Hess

Children's Moment: Judy Robb

Lector: Maggie Barbieri

A big thank you to the children's choir, and directors Molly and Dustin Vaughn, for today's gathering music.

MPC SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

December 1, 2024

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

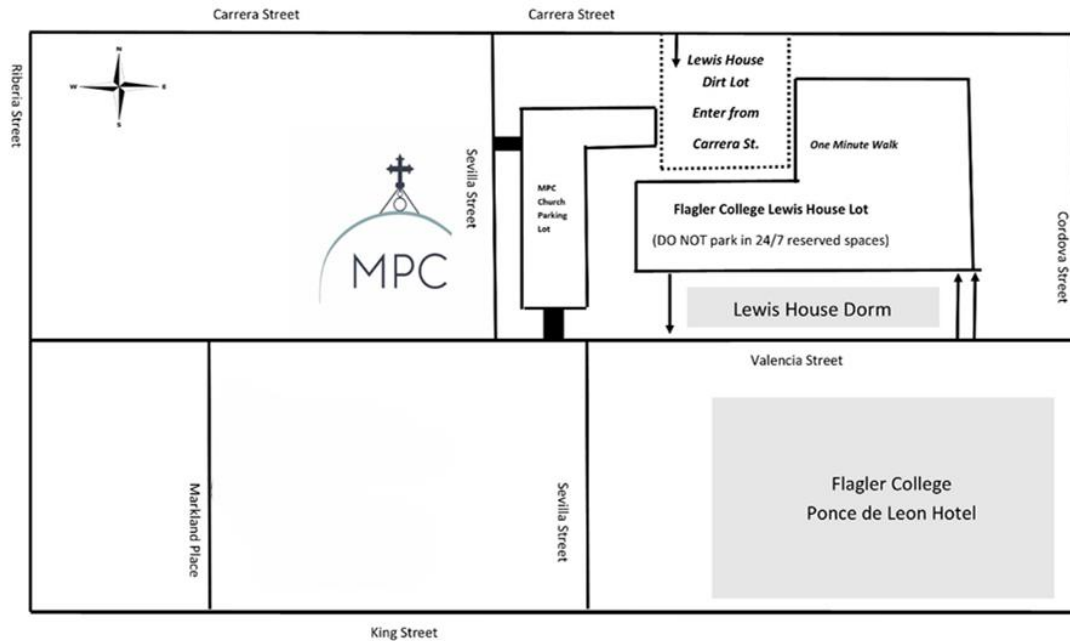
All Children, Youth, and APEX Sunday School Classes will not be meeting this morning due to Thanksgiving weekend. There will be no Youth Group tonight.

Adult Sunday School:

- The Friendship Class (Dr. Proctor's Class): "Do You Understand the Bible?", Chapel History Room
- Spiritual Formation: "Behold! (Advent Study)", Lewis Fellowship Hall Parlor
- New Perspectives: "Hidden Christmas by Thomas Keller", Room 205
- Christian Meditation: "Meditation and Contemplative Prayer", Room 215 and via Zoom (hybrid format). Contact Marc Craddock for any questions at marccraddock@mac.com. Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/371289063?pwd=NHdCdFU2THRUbVh4ZFpWTGsyRlVW5UT09>; Meeting ID: 371 289 063; Passcode: 083593

MPC SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE PARKING:

In addition to the MPC lot and street parking, you may park in the Flagler College Lewis House dorm parking lots. The Lewis lots are accessed via the Valencia Street and Carrera Street entrances. These lots are only available to Memorial on Sunday mornings. At times, Flagler is charging for public parking. Please let the attendant know you are attending Sunday Services at Memorial and they will not charge you.



Dear Friends,

Our church vision statement is: “MPC will embody Jesus’ all-encompassing hospitality.”

One way for us to embody hospitality on Sundays is to be mindful that people coming for our 11:00 a.m. worship service will need space to park.

If you attend 8:30 a.m. worship and/or Sunday School, please plan to depart, if possible, by 10:45 a.m. This would help tremendously to make it easier for others to park for the late service.

Thanks for your understanding and help as we try to be hospitable to all attending worship at 11:00 a.m.

Blessings,

Pastor Hunter

MISSION & MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS THIS WEEK 12-1-24

Happy Birthday to our members and friends celebrating birthdays this week, December 1 - 7: Alexander Adams, Cherelyn Bies, Flora Bles, Mark Chamberlin, Libby Chauncey, Vickie Gard, Isabella Giles, Katie Harman, Greg Jackson, Dave Landry, Sue Lane, Edwin Martin, Devi Mercer, Nancy Morse, Larry Oakes, Sarah Page, Ken Rakouska, Jim Reffel, Thomas Rivers, Debby Wall, Amber Zabriskie

Sunday School: Today, December 1st there will be no children, youth or APEX Sunday School.

Breakfast Café: Today we will only offer breakfast café.

Christmas Ornaments: Sales resume today in the Lewis Fellowship Hall. Price is \$25 per ornament.

FEAST Wednesday Night Dinner and Program: Come to the church for dinner at 5:15 p.m. and programs (Children's Choir, Youth Lounge in the Loft, and Adult Program) at 6:00 p.m. It's a great opportunity to get to know your church family with a shared meal. The Nursery is available as well.

This Wednesday, December 4, 2024:

- **Dinner at 5:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Shepherd's Pie.** Cost is \$7.00/Adult and \$4.00/Child. Children's Meal: Chick-fil-A with side, sweet treat & bread.
- **Grab 'N Go Meals:** If you would like a Grab 'N Go meal, please text your order to Chef Cheryl at 240-285-3731 by 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday to pre-order. Pay at the front door of Fellowship Hall.
- **Program at 6:00 p.m.: "Children's Choir Christmas Concert"**, Molly and Dustin Vaughn, Co-Directors of the Children's Choirs, Lewis Fellowship Hall

Giving Tuesday: "Giving Tuesday" is an annual global generosity movement designed to encourage support for nonprofit organizations around the world. This year's Giving Tuesday will be held on Tuesday, December 3. In addition to supporting our church, we invite you to consider making a special one-time gift on Giving Tuesday to support our Outreach Ministry's efforts to help nonprofit organizations in our community. This year the Outreach Committee would like to highlight the Farewell Basket Project for the Betty Griffin Center. Each time an individual/family leaves the Center, MPC provides a basket generously stocked with household supplies to assist in their transition to a new life back in the community. If you would like to participate in Giving Tuesday, please plan to make a gift online at <https://memorialpcusa.org/give/> and click the "Give Now" button. Select "Other Contribution" and note "Outreach Ministry/Betty Griffin Center" in the memo line. Thank you in advance for helping MPC minister to those less fortunate in our community during this holiday season!

“Wow! A Christmas Nativity Play” Children’s Choir Christmas Concert: Please attend the MPC Children’s Choir Christmas Concert on **this Wednesday, December 4th, at 6:00 p.m.** in Lewis Fellowship Hall. Our talented singers and narrators will remind you of what is really important at Christmas and will fill you with hope and joy. Directors Molly and Dustin Vaughn have done a wonderful job of leading the children as we prepare for the birth of Christ. Please contact Anne Reid Broos with any questions.

Gentle Outdoor Yoga: Wanting more peace during the holidays? Gentle Outdoor Yoga on Dec. 4, 11, and 18, 10:00 a.m. Bring water and mat. No class Dec 25 & Jan 1.

Christmas 4 Kids: Filled bags are due back on December 8th. Please bring bags to Lewis Fellowship Hall before or after church services or to the church office Monday – Thursday, 9:00 – 2:00. Thank you so much for your generosity.

Pop-Up Class: On December 8th, the Adult Christian Education Committee is hosting its final pop-up for the year with Beloved Christmas Memories at Memorial Presbyterian! We need your help! We would love for you to submit your photos of childhood Christmas holidays that will be used in a slideshow in the pop-up class (the photos don't have to be from Memorial). You can drop photos off in a collection box in Lewis (Fellowship) Hall starting this Sunday - please include your name so we can return them to you. You can also submit them electronically to Jay Smith at preservempc@gmail.com in either JPG or PNG format. Thank you and we look forward to seeing your photographs!

Poinsettias: We have our poinsettias for sale again this year! You may order a poinsettia in honor of or in memory of a loved one for \$15 each. Your name and the person the poinsettia is dedicated to will be listed in a separate flyer at the December 15th and December 22nd services. Please indicate who they are for and who they are from. They will remain in the sanctuary from December 15 through Christmas Eve services for all to enjoy. **Deadline for orders is December 10th.** You may order and pay for the poinsettias here: <https://bit.ly/PoinsettiasDec2024>. Please be sure to press the blue "Register" button after completing your order. You can also order poinsettias using the form at the end of the announcements and placing it in the offertory plate with your payment. Thank you!

STEWARDSHIP Commitment Sunday was October 20 and we are well on our way toward reaching our budget goal for 2025, but we are not quite there yet! If you have already made your pledge to Memorial Presbyterian Church for 2025, thank you so much. If you haven't returned your pledge yet, please prayerfully consider mailing your pledge card to the church office, going on-line and making your pledge at www.memorialpcusa.org/give or calling the church to arrange your pledge. Please plan to make your pledge by December 10 if possible so that it can be included in the 2025 budget. Remember, “...whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God” 1 Corinthians 10:31.

MPC Gingerbread House Fellowship Event: Wednesday, December 11th, at 6:00 p.m. Following the regular FEAST dinner at 5:15 p.m., folks are invited to decorate gingerbread houses lovingly made by Ms. Judy Robb. Please bring candy to decorate your creation (homemade icing will be provided). **Houses must be reserved in advance. To reserve a house, signup sheets are available on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings in Lewis Fellowship Hall or you can email Dorothy Dornblaser (sunrisespv@gmail.com) to sign up.** There is no fee but donations are appreciated to cover the costs.

You're Invited to a Painting Party! Volunteers are needed to get three Habitat St. Augustine houses in the Volusia Woods neighborhood ready for families to call home. All that's needed are volunteers to paint them. All painting skill levels are needed, and if you'll sign up to help on December 14, Anne and Tom Eyerly will provide lunch for 10 volunteers. To volunteer, please register with Habitat for Humanity: <https://habitatstaugustine.volunteerhub.com/vv2/>

Santa Suits On The Loose: Running For a Good Cause! Here's a great way to get into the spirit of the season – join MPC's team of Santa Suits On The Loose, which benefits St. Augustine Youth Services (SAYS). SAYS is an Outreach ministry of our church that provides at-risk kids with coaching, counseling and care in family style therapeutic group homes and outpatient community services. The event on Saturday, December 14 is held in St. Augustine Beach. To join MPC's team, go to runsignup.com, then click on "Community/Corporate Teams" and select Memorial Presbyterian Church.

Christmas Joy Offering: The Christmas Joy Offering has been a cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s. The offering distributes gifts equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. The Assistance Program provides critical financial support to church workers and their families. Presbyterian-related schools and colleges provide education and leadership development while nurturing racial and ethnic heritage. This has been a Presbyterian commitment for nearly 140 years. On Sunday, December 22, you will have the opportunity to give to the Christmas Joy Offering. Please consider supporting this important work of our denomination. Four ways to give: Please drop a check (Christmas Joy in the memo line) in the offering plate as you exit the sanctuary, mail a check to the church office, click the GIVE NOW button on our website, or text STAMPC to 73256. Click Give Online, click fund, click other contribution and enter Christmas Joy in the Memo space provided. <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/christmas-joy/>

Sanctuary Flowers Available: Flowers can be ordered in honor or in memory of a loved one, or in celebration of a special life event. Your personal dedication will be placed in the announcements for that Sunday. Flowers are \$80 and remain at the church. Our Deacons currently use them to bring love and cheer to our home-bound and nursing home members. The following dates are available: December 15, 22, 29; January 5, 12, 19. If you have a special day in mind, please contact Sue Kamerzel, 904-829-6451 or skamerzel@memorialpcusa.org to reserve your date and for payment information.

Dine with Nine: A rotational dinner program... Let's share a meal, meet new people and grow in God's love. Dine with Nine is a simple gathering with nine (or so) people--some couples, some singles, some new to the church, some life-long members, some older and some younger. Each group determines when, how, and where monthly dinners take place. Four dinners will be held, one each month, starting in January and ending in April. Why not step out of your comfort zone for an opportunity to make lasting friendships? We will grow deeper in our relationships with our brothers and sisters in Christ and with God. You can sign up here <https://bit.ly/MPCDineNineJanApril2025> or contact Judy A. Thomas, judyaathomas@gmail.com, (770) 906-7619 for more details. Groups are forming now. Registration ends on December 31, 2024. We hope you will join us! Please note, you will need to re-register every time new groups form, i.e. three times a year.

MPC Volunteers Needed to Shop for Betty Griffin House Residents: Through our Outreach Committee, members of MPC provide support for the Betty Griffin House for Abused Women and Children. Physically and/or mentally abused family members are brought to Betty Griffin House at any time, day or night, often with little more than the clothes on their backs. Once there, they live in a protective environment and are provided with food, clothing, shelter, health care, counseling and schooling for the children. Once residents have completed their stay at the shelter, they often have little more than they had when they arrived. So, for several years, MPC members have provided laundry baskets filled with basic essentials to help them resume a normal life. Included are dinner place settings, essentials for preparing, cooking, and storing food, dish towels and sponges, dish liquid, etc. In order to continue to provide this much-needed service, three or four volunteers are urgently needed to shop for these items. Volunteers would do one-stop shopping at Wal-Mart (funded by MPC), to prepare an average of three to four baskets each month. These are then taken to the Betty Griffin donation center, which is located near Wal-Mart on A1A S., where they are distributed as needed. For more information or to volunteer for this great service, contact Bill Long, by phone or text, at 904-808-1172, or email at bklong824@aol.com.

ARE YOU STRUGGLING? You are not alone. Call the church office 904-829-6451 and make an appointment with one of our pastors.

Al-Anon at MPC: Tuesdays 10:00 a.m. and Saturdays 9:30 a.m. in Room 205. You will find love, understanding, and a lot of hope from the Al-Anon family groups, where we share our experience, strength and hope. This helps us focus on ourselves and our recovery from the effects of the disease of alcoholism. It's a safe place, the right place to be. Your anonymity is protected at all times.

Need Prayer? Prayer Request Cards are in the pews. Feel free to fill one out and place in the offering plate as you leave Sunday services, or you can email amycamp@memorialpcusa.org for private prayer or krissings@yahoo.com for MPC's public prayer chain.

We are a Matthew 25 Congregation: For more information about what that means for MPC, contact Julie Reffel, Chairperson of our Session's Peacemaking Committee jreffel@valdosta.edu or Tom Eyerly, Matthew 25 Point Person: tom@eyerly.org. Visit this website for more information: <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/>.

Please Remember in Prayer or Correspondence:

Bayview: Bill and Verna Bacon; *Brookdale:* Eileen Coleman; *Moultrie Creek:* Barbara Michael; *Riverside Cottages:* Carolyn Smith; *Wellington Place of Brentwood, Brentwood, TN:* Sue Holder

Recovering at Home:

Vickie Gard, Betsy Haynes, Bob Mullen

Our Military Personnel Serving Overseas and at Home:

Private 1st Class, Jackson Arthur Sharpe, serving at Ft. Hood, TX; Air National Guardsman Medic, John David Sessums, serving on the Medical Team with the National Guard; Sgt. Max Worthington deployed to Washington DC with his FL National Guard Unit



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CHURCH CALENDAR

Sun. 12-1-24	8:30 am 9:30 am 11:00 am 11:00 am 12:30 pm 5:30 pm	Food Bank Collection Worship Service Sunday School (Dr. Proctor's Class starts at 9:40) Children's Choir Sings Preview of Christmas Concert at 11:00 Service Worship Service (also Live-Streamed on Facebook Live and the church website) Sanctuary Open for Tours Seekers Group Study – Zoom
Mon. 12-2-24	3:30 – 8:00 pm 6:00 pm	Sacred Music Academy – Rooms 204, 205, 207, 215, 218, Nursery, Choir Room Deacon Meeting – LFH Parlor
Tues. 12-3-24	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Al-Anon Meeting – Room 205 St. Augustine Community Chorus Rehearsal – LFH
Wed. 12-4-24	10:00 am 2:30 pm 3:45 pm 4:00 pm 4:00 pm 4:00 pm 5:15 – 7:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Gentle Easy Outdoor Yoga – Courtyard Stephen Ministries Training – Room 218 Handbell Choir – Room 211 Children's Choir Run Through – LFH Ukirk – Christmas Fun – LFH Parlor Worship and Music – Room 205 Feast Dinner and Program - LFH Children's Choir Christmas Concert – LFH Adult Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
Thurs. 12-5-24	10:30 am 7:30 pm	GriefShare – LFH Parlor St. Johns Classical Guitar Ensemble Rehearsal - LFH
Fri. 12-6-24	10:00 am 11:00 – 3:30	SMAART Men's Group – Upper Landing Sanctuary Open for Tours
Sat. 12-7-24	9:00 am 9:30 am	Beginners Al-Anon – Room 205 Al-Anon – Room 205



Advent & Christmas
Calendar of Events

12/1 - Advent begins

12/4 - 6:00 pm, Children's Choir Christmas
Concert - Lewis Fellowship Hall

12/11 - 6:00 pm, Gingerbread House Event
(must pre-register) - LFH

12/18 - 6:00 pm, Feast Charcuterie followed by
Christmas Carols with Matt Daniel -
LFH and Sanctuary

12/20 - 10:00 am, PDS Children's Performance in
Sanctuary followed by cookies and milk in LFH



Christmas Eve Services:

3:00 Lessons and Carols with Candlelight
- child care offered

5:00 Lessons and Carols with Candlelight
- live-streamed

7:00 Traditional Communion Service
with Candlelight

Christmas Poinsettias Order Form

You can order poinsettias on-line here: <https://bit.ly/PoinsettiasDec2024> or use this form. The poinsettias will be displayed in the Sanctuary (12/15 through Christmas Eve services) in memory of or in honor of your loved ones.

- **Deadline:** please return payment and order form no later than Tuesday, December 10th
- **Make checks payable to Memorial Presbyterian Church and indicate in the memo line "Poinsettias".**
- **Please place payment and order form in a pew envelope**

PLEASE PRINT

Your Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

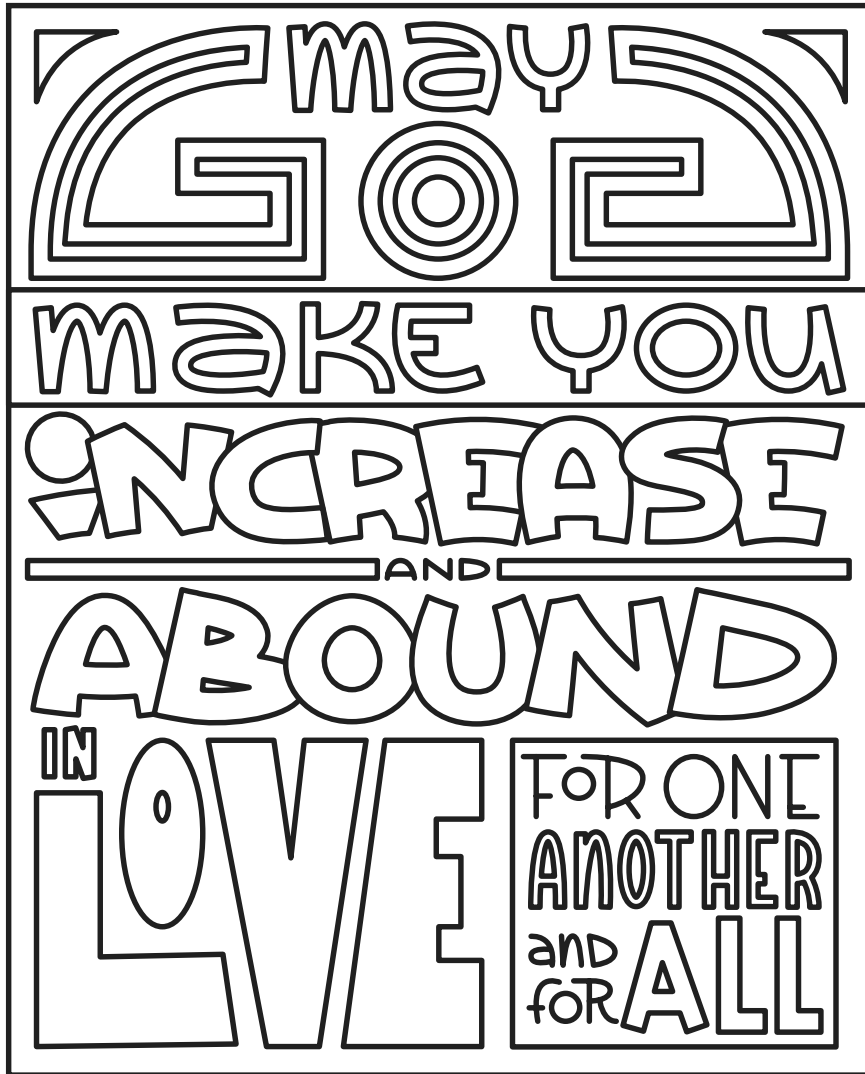
Number of Poinsettias: _____ x \$15 each = Total Enclosed: _____

Is the poinsettia in MEMORY of someone? Please list who they are for (answer separately for each poinsettia ordered). PLEASE PRINT.

Is the poinsettia in HONOR of someone? Please list who they are for (answer separately for each poinsettia ordered). PLEASE PRINT.

Who is/are the poinsettia(s) from? This is how the names will be listed. PLEASE PRINT.

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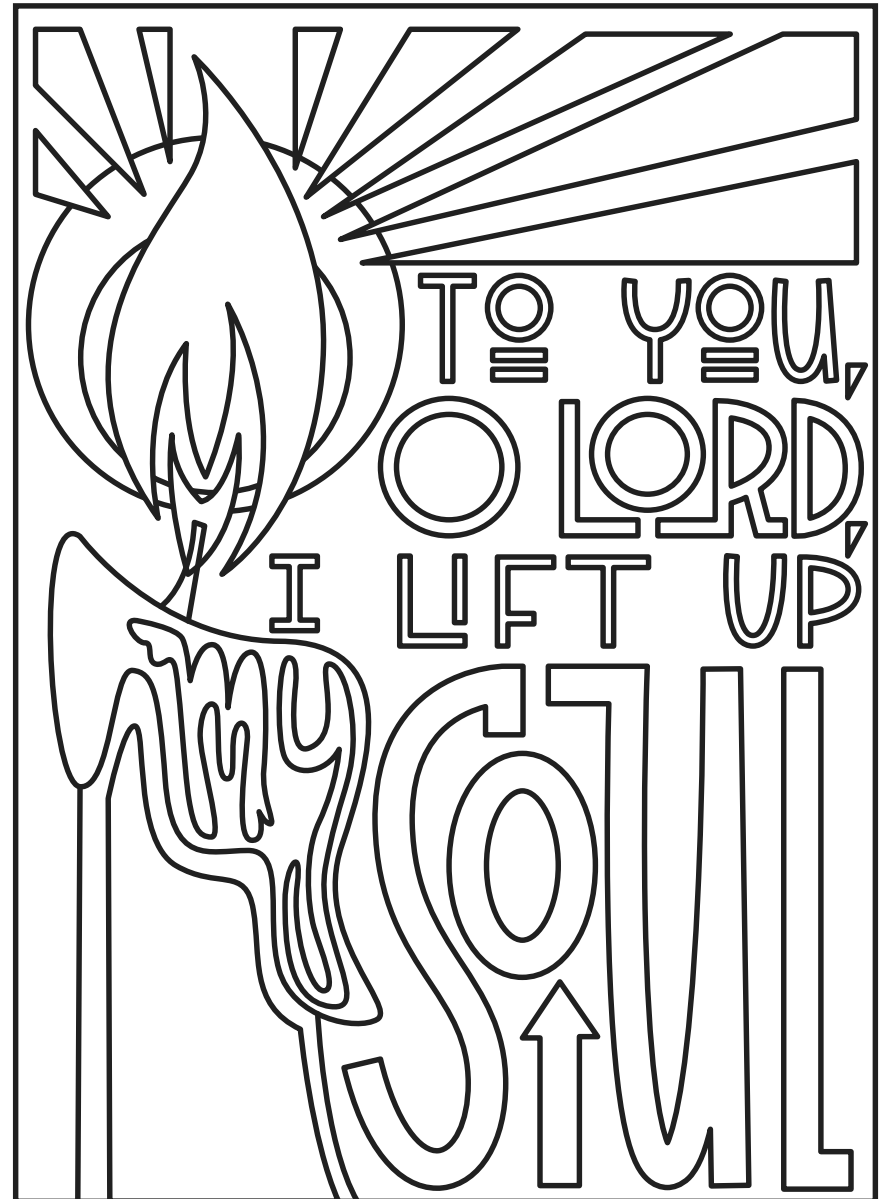


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CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

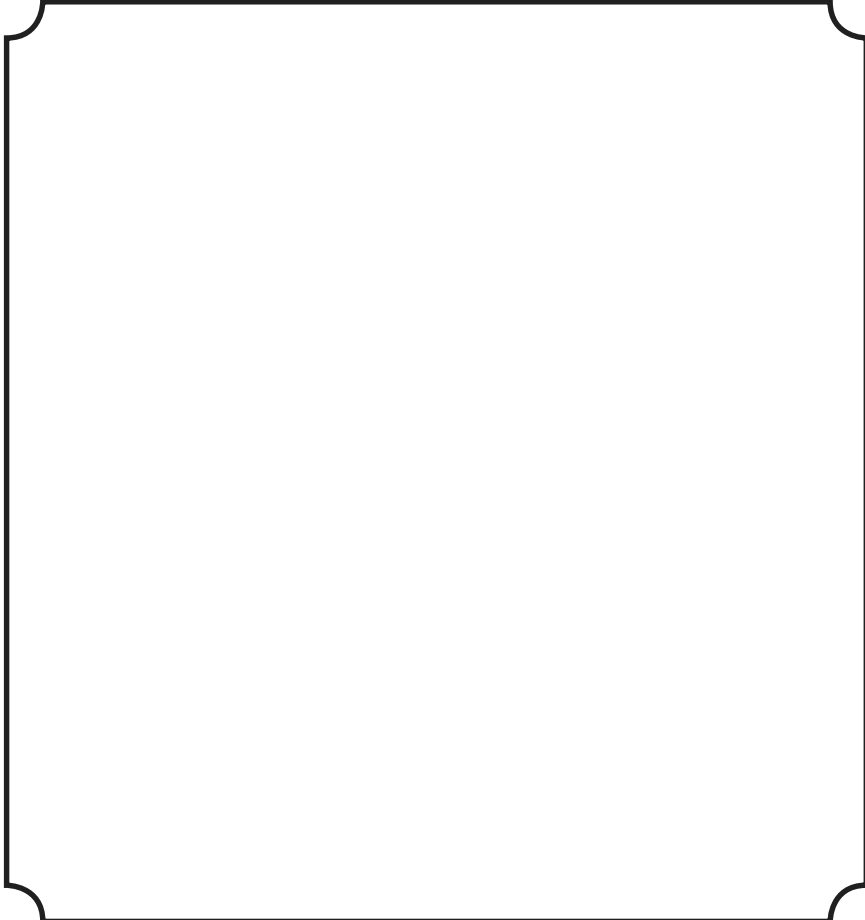
Activities based on Psalm 25: 1-10, 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13, Luke 21: 25-36.





DRAW IT

In Luke 21, Jesus talks to his disciples about how the world will change. "Heaven and earth will pass away," Jesus said, "but my words will not pass away." This reminds us that while things around us change, Jesus and his promises to us are always constant. Draw something that represents a promise of Jesus to you—maybe his love for you, his presence with you, the strength he gives you, or whatever is meaningful to you.



WORD SEARCH

Try to find the words from Psalm 25 in the word search below. Words may go diagonal, up OR down and forward OR backward.

S A R N S A L V A T I O N S Y
 T A H S N O P F I M W M L E C
 W O C O V E N A N T A D U I R
 G E X U I C H I S T Y E O M E
 Y E Z B N T S T T S P P S E M
 B R S X U Q I H R A L U E N V
 C C T R U S T F U F V O M E T
 R E T Y P I R U C D U A R S H
 W D I X B U E L T A B E X D G
 U S H T A P M N J E O J X O I
 K H U M B L E E H T J R L U R
 L E G B N V M S J S L T R L P
 A M L P H T B S Z B Z O K B U
 E G B K X I E I K M Z Z V P Z
 B S T S F S R N P B H C A E T

LORD	COVENANT	TRUTH
SOUL	DECREE	SALVATION
TRUST	HUMBLE	MERCY
ENEMIES	UPRIGHT	STEADFAST
TEACH	INSTRUCT	LOVE
PATHS	FAITHFULNESS	REMEMBER