



*Embodying Jesus'
All-Encompassing
Hospitality*

Florida's first Presbyterians, since 1824

**Please stand as you are able*

December 29, 2024

11:00 a.m.

FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS – LESSONS AND CAROLS

*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.*

PRELUDE

“Noël VIII”

Louis-Claude Daquin

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*)

Sing to the Lord a new song;

sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Sing to the Lord and bless God's name;

tell the good news of salvation from day to day.

Declare God's glory among the nations, God's marvelous works among all the peoples.

For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice.

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world, and those who live in it.

Let the whole creation sing for joy at the presence of God, who is coming.

**God is coming indeed, to judge the earth with righteousness, and the peoples
with equity and truth. Praise the Lord.**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*HYMN NO. 119 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” MENDELSSOHN

FIRST LESSON Genesis 3:8-13

HYMN NO. 121 “O Little Town of Bethlehem” ST. LOUIS

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

The children of the church gather at the baptismal font

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY

Please sign and pass the Friendship Registers

SECOND LESSON Genesis 22:15-18

*HYMN NO. 88 “O Come, O Come Emmanuel (verses 1, 3, 5)” VENI EMMANUEL

THIRD LESSON Luke 1:26-35

*HYMN NO. 123 “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” CAROL

*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.

FOURTH LESSON Luke 2:1-7

*HYMN NO. 114 “Away in a Manger” CRADLE SONG

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

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 MUSIC

Handbell Choir

*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

*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 THANKSGIVING (*responsive*)

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

God of Love, we seek to serve You. Whether our gift is given freely or whether we hold back; whether we offer abundantly or scrape off a portion; whether we give joyfully or resentfully; bless these gifts, we pray. Lead us in Your way, so that through our gifts, we may continue to grow in Your freedom, Your abundance, and Your joy.

Amen.

SENDING

*HYMN NO. 134

"Joy to the World!"

ANTIOCH

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE Chorale Prelude on "In Thee is Gladness" J. S. Bach

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*Children's Worship Activity Bags: Please leave activity bags
in the pews at the conclusion of the service*

MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

Called by Jesus Christ to love God, neighbor, and self by the power of the Holy Spirit

VISION STATEMENT

Embodying Jesus' all-encompassing hospitality

*Many thanks to the Handbell Choir and their
Director, Susan McGee for today's beautiful offertory music.*

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Amy Lehr Camp, Parish Associate: Greeting, Call to Worship, Prayer of the Day, Celebration of Community, Charge and Benediction

Anne Reid Broos, Director of Children and Young Family Ministry: First Lesson, Third Lesson, The Peace, Prayers of the People, The Lord's Prayer, Offering, Prayer of Thanksgiving

Matt Daniel, Director of Music and Organist

Children's Moment: Bill Baker

Lector: Jim Bullock, Second and Fourth Lessons

MPC SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

December 29, 2024

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Children, Youth and APEX Sunday School will not meet today of on January 5th to allow teachers and families a sabbath break. We look forward to seeing everyone back in Sunday School on Sunday, January 12th!

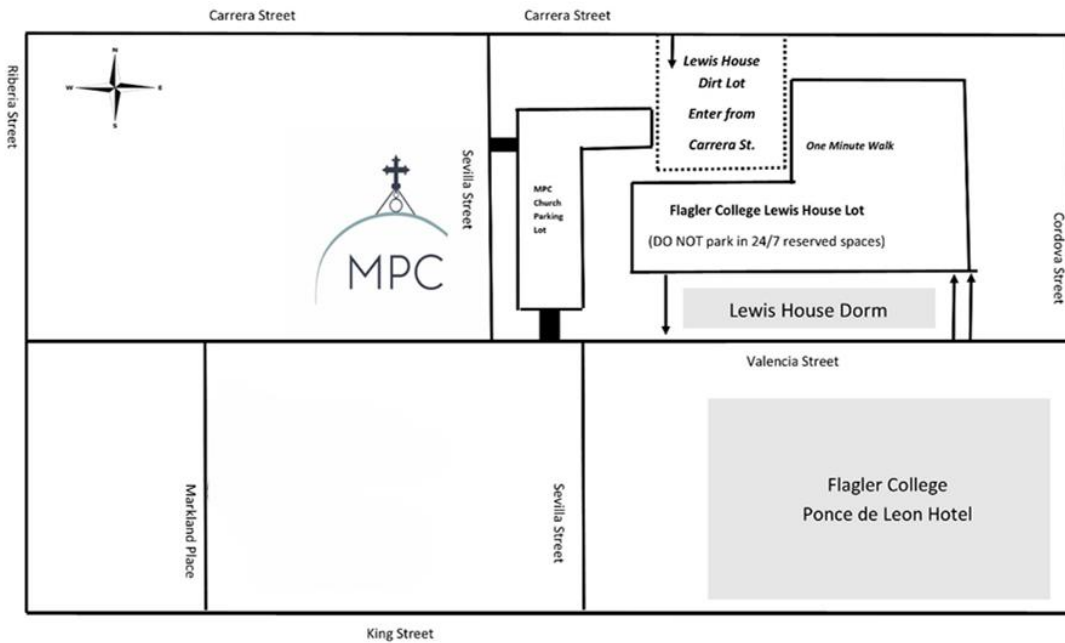
Adult Sunday School:

- The Friendship Class (Dr. Proctor's Class): "Do You Understand the Bible?", Chapel History Room
- Spiritual Formation: "Sharing Favorites", Lewis Fellowship Hall Parlor
- New Perspectives: "Christmas Stories", 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=NHdCdFU2THRUbVh4ZFpWTGsyRVV5UT09>; 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.



MISSION & MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS THIS WEEK 12-29-24

As we take our vision statement seriously, practicing Jesus' all encompassing hospitality, let's remember to be welcoming to parents with children, being grateful for young ones in our church.

The flowers in the chancel this morning are given by Terri Rayno to the glory of God and in memory of her late husband, John Rayno on the one-year anniversary of his passing.

Happy Birthday to our members and friends celebrating birthdays this week, December 29 – January 4: Reef Blackford, Scott Blunck, Tom Downey, Blake Eastman, Michael Gartland, John Harman, Becky Henry, Judy Kinaszczuk, Liz Lawrence, Katie Lomax, Pat Maggione, Steve Mercer, Dwight Miller, Rachel Mills, Robert Moldovanyi, Denise Molnar, Kathy Paolini, Ray Schmidt, Peter Yungel

Food Bank Collection: Next week, the first Sunday of the month, from 8:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m., there will be a donation box in Lewis Fellowship Hall for your gifts of healthy non-perishable food, personal hygiene and home cleaning products for the Homeless Coalition. Be part of the solution! Direct questions or request a flyer with more guidance regarding desired and acceptable donation items via email to clerk@memorialpcusa.org.

Children, Youth, and APEX Sunday School Sabbath: These classes will not meet on 12/29 or on 1/5 to allow teachers and families a sabbath break. We look forward to seeing everyone back in Sunday School on Sunday, January 12th!

Thanks to everyone that have turned in their 2025 Pledge Cards! As a reminder, all those that have turned in a 2025 Pledge Card will receive parking stickers early 2025. If you have yet to turn in a Pledge Card for 2025, please reach out to Andrew Brown, Business Administrator, 904-829-6451, abrown@memorialpcusa.org.

Gentle Outdoor Yoga: Gentle Outdoor Yoga will not meet on January 1.

Café will be closed today.

Office Supplies Needed at the Wildflower Clinic: Volunteer medical professionals at the non-profit Wildflower Clinic provide free medical and dental services to underserved, uninsured St. Johns County residents. Last year, more than 5,381 were served. The generosity of MPC members helps to keep the clinic's staff equipped with office supplies. During the week of January 5 - 12, bins will be placed on the office porch for your kind donations of the following items: printer paper, highlighters, pens (blue, black and red ink), markers, manila file folders, paper towels, toilet paper, Post-it notes, postage stamps, bug spray, sunscreen.

FEAST has ended. We will start up again on January 8, 2025.

New Member Orientation: The next New Member Orientation will be held in-person meeting two times. Attending both sessions is necessary. We will meet on Wednesday, January 22, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, January 26, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. If you would like to become a member of Memorial Presbyterian Church, please email Elder Marie Mercready at membership@memorialpcusa.org. She will send you some paperwork that will help to expedite the process. NOTE: You MUST contact Marie Mercready before Thursday, January 16th if you desire to be included in this Orientation. Meeting space is at a premium and the number of people who desire membership will determine where we will meet. Thank you!

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.

Meet One of Our Elders: Marie Mercready, Chair of Membership Committee. Marie is from NJ. She worked as a chemical engineer and then changed career to be a chemistry teacher. Marie retired to Saint Augustine with her husband in 2017. She served as Elder and Chair of Membership Committee at two churches in NJ - one right after college and then another after she got married and moved back to her hometown. Membership Committee brings new folks into church membership. We organize the orientation process and speakers and profile information. We also keep in touch with new folks and even have a reunion the year after they join.



MPC Email Newsletter List: Please subscribe to our mailing list to receive a weekly church newsletter via email. It will help you to stay in the know with important ministry updates, dates to remember, and brief accounts of how God is at work in meaningful ways. Two ways to subscribe:

1. Use this QR code
2. Scroll to the bottom of our website homepage to enter your information



Church Officers: Are you curious about our Elders, Deacons, and Trustees---who they are and the capacities in which they serve? If so, please check out the page on our church website called "Church Officers." It can be found under the "About" tab at memorialpcusa.org. We're thankful for all our leaders who have been called to serve as church officers!

Who is my Deacon? If you are a member of MPC and do not know who your deacon is (and would like to know who your deacon is), please contact Priscilla Durkin, Parish Associate at pdurkin@memorialpcusa.org or 910 894-3216.

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; *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

CHURCH CALENDAR		
Sun. 12-29-24	8:30 am 9:30 am 11:00 am 5:30 pm	Worship Service Sunday School (No Children, Youth or APEX classes today; Dr. Proctor’s Class starts at 9:40) Worship Service (also Live-Streamed on Facebook Live and the church website) Seekers Group Study – Zoom
Mon. 12-30-24		
Tues. 12-31-24	10:00 am	Al-Anon Meeting – Room 205
Wed. 1-1-25		MPC Campus Closed – New Year’s Day
Thurs. 1-2-25		
Fri. 1-3-25	11:00 – 3:30	Sanctuary Open for Tours
Sat. 1-4-25	9:00 am 9:30 am	Beginners Al-Anon – Room 205 Al-Anon – Room 205



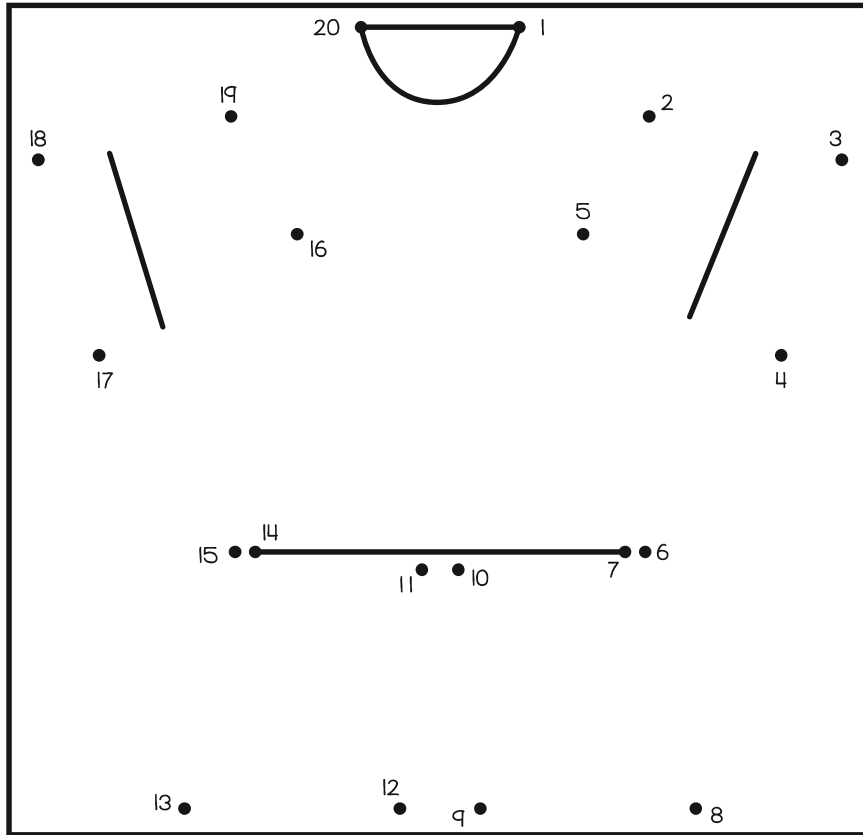
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CONNECT^{the}DOTS

Colossians 3 says we are to wear compassion, kindness, patience, humility, and love as our clothes. Connect the dots to form this new outfit! On the clothes, write or draw some ways you can show these qualities today.



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CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

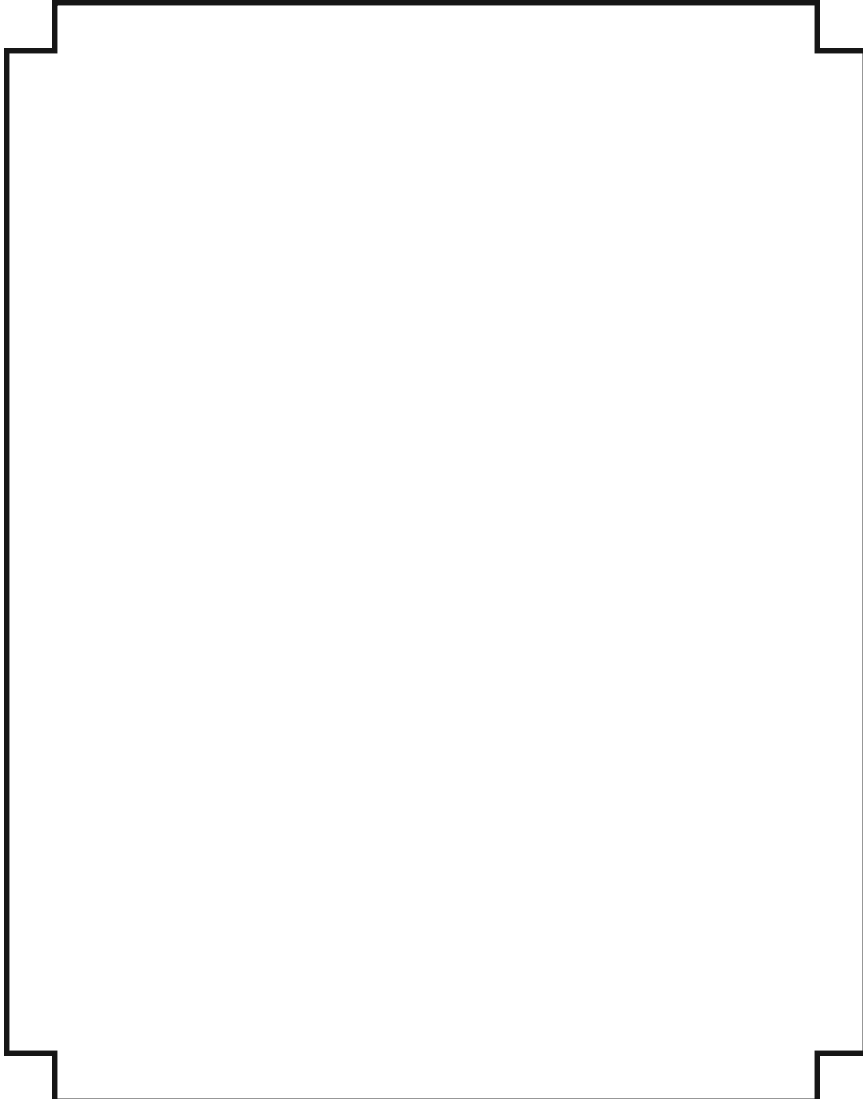
Activities based on Psalm 148, Colossians 3:12-17, Luke 2:41-52.





DRAW IT

In Luke 2, Jesus' parents are shocked to discover he was in the temple teaching all the rabbis and other adults. Jesus was only a twelve-year-old boy! Draw how you imagine this looked, and what Jesus was teaching about.



WORD SEARCH

Try to find the words from Psalm 148 in the word search below. Words may go diagonal, up OR down and forward OR backward.

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