

First Presbyterian Church of Inverness, Florida
The First Sunday of Christmas
December 29, 2024



PRELUDE

DR. MARINA VEILER

WELCOME

INTROIT

LITTLE DRUMMER BOY

NANCY ANDERSEN
LYNNETTE STRICKLAND

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts;
let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

BRUCE COOK
(Col. 3:15, 16)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of Jesus Christ who came to share our humanity, and who now lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*HYMN #133

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant; O come
2 True God from true God, Light from light e - ter - nal, born
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels; sing in ex - ul - ta - tion; sing,
4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing; Je -

ye; O come ye to Beth - le - hem! Come, and be - hold him,
of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes; ver - y God, be -
all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove! Glo - ry to God, all
sus, to thee be all glo - ry given; Word of the Fa - ther,

Refrain

born the King of an - gels!
got - ten, not cre - at - ed!
glo - ry in the high - est! O come, let us a - dore him; O come, let
now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

us a - dore him; O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord!

*CALL TO AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*PASSING CHRIST'S PEACE

*GLORIA

Angels We Have Heard on High (chorus)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANTHEM

NANCY ANDERSEN, SHIRLEY PERREGAUX
LYNNETTE STRICKLAND

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 2:41-52

SERMON

OH BOY!

LORI WOLFORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(THE APOSTLES CREED)

*DOXOLOGY #113

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH (CHORUS)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN #136

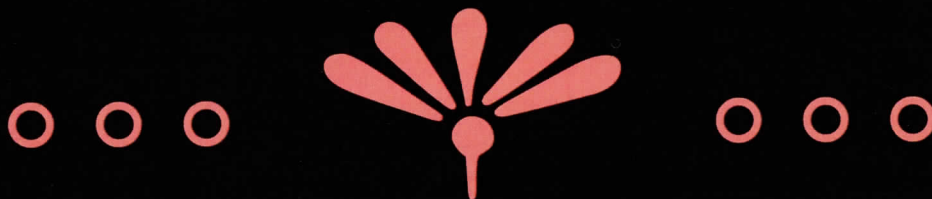
GO, TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

Go, tell it on the moun-tain, o-ver the hills and ev - ery - where;

go, tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!

1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when lo! a - bove the earth
3 Down in a low - ly man-ger the hum - ble Christ was born,

be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ-mas morn.



PRAYING

YOU'LL SEE THE BLESSING
OF GOD'S PLANS THIS

NEW YEAR.



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Church Office Hours

9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Monday - Thursday

Closed on Friday

Our Elders

Class of 2024: Caryl Birstler (clerk), Alicia Downing, George Schumacher, Carolyn Smith

Class of 2025: Barbara Dee Cawley, Jerry Reynolds, Leah Robinson

Class of 2026: Barbara Caudill, Bruce Cook, Lesa Shelton, John Morrison

Our Deacons

Class of 2024: Wilma Abel, Ron Shafer, Mary Beth Smith

Class of 2025: Toni Scott, Amanda Morrison

Class of 2026: Ray Birstler, Donna Dublo, Adele Wardrup

WORSHIP FLOWERS

Worship Flowers are given today by Linda Tompkins in loving memory of Tom Tompkins, who passed away five years ago on December 3rd.

Worship Flowers are also given by Paul and Shirley Perregaux in celebration of their 66th wedding anniversary.

Nursery and Sunday School for All Ages

Infants and Pre-K

CE Hall, Room 2

Ms. Vicki

Elementary (K-5)

CE Hall, Room 4

Ms. Mary Beth

Men’s Bible Study

Parlor

Rev. Dr. Mark Scott

Adult Sunday School

Library

Barbara Caudill

Secondary/Youth Group (6-12)

CE Hall, Room 5

Ms. Lori, Mr. Ron &

6:00 p.m.

Miss Krysa

MEN'S BIBLE DISCUSSION

Men's Bible Discussion will not meet today, but will continue their study of Twelve Ordinary Men on **January 5, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Parlor.**

SINGLES EATING TOGETHER

SET is meeting on **January 8th at 3:00 p.m.** at the Salty Dog, 107 Courthouse Square, in downtown Inverness. Please note the new date and time for our meeting.

NEW CRAFT GROUP

Do you have a craft that you enjoy? Would you like to learn a craft from others? Would you like to gather with old friends and make new friends? Please join us for our initial gathering of a weekly craft group in the Youth Room (in the Sunday School wing) on **Thursday, January 9, 2025, from 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.** There is a sign-up sheet at the Sign-Up Station.

CHOIR PRACTICE SCHEDULE

We will not hold choir practice on Christmas Eve or New Year's Eve. Practice will resume on **Tuesday, January 7, 2025.**

SEEKING 2024 USHERS AND ASK ME DESK VOLUNTEERS

As we prepare for the incoming year, we are seeking ushers and volunteers for the Ask Me Desk. Would you be willing to serve one Sunday a month? Put your name and phone number on the list at the Sign-Up Station. "My Father will honor the one who serves me." John 12:26

EIGHT MORE

Our local Habitat for Humanity (HFH) affiliate just dedicated eight more homes to families that completed their partnership with Habitat. That makes 250 homes constructed by HFH in Citrus County in the past 20-plus years. Those eight families have celebrated their very first Christmas in their own forever home! And our own Vicki Oorbeck is part of a small group of ladies that put together a brand new quilt for every new Habitat homeowner! What a special housewarming gift and what a ministry! It's a mission.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION UPDATE

Classes and meetings will resume on **Sunday, January 12th.**

Children's Sunday School will continue to meet after the Children's Sermon. Youth Group meetings will meet on Sunday evenings from 6:00-7:30 p.m. The Adult Sunday School class will begin studying *The Chosen: Seasons 3 & 4* with Lori Wolford. All are welcome, please join us!

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, December 29, 2024

10:00 Worship Service – Lori Wolford is preaching

Monday, December 30, 2024

Committee Annual Reports due to the office

Tuesday, December 31, 2024

10:00 Prayer Gathering – Parlor

Wednesday, January 1, 2025

Happy New Year

Church Closed

Thursday, January 2, 2025

Friday, January 3, 2025

Saturday, January 4, 2025

Sunday, January 5, 2025

10:00 Worship Service

*Outside Group

FH = Fellowship Hall

A SPECIAL

Thank You

TO THOSE SERVING TODAY

Ushers

Russ Hackett

Ask Me Desk

Maxine Henderson

Sandra Koonce



BLESS US
in this new year, Lord.



My future is in
YOUR
HANDS.

PSALM 31:15, NLT