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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MALACHI 3:1-4 • LUKE 1:68-79
LUKE 3:1-6 • PHILIPPIANS 1:3-11

We Welcome You into Our Fellowship. We Affirm the Following:

- The Holy Trinity of God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- God has revealed Himself fully and decisively in Holy Scripture. We believe the Bible, consisting of the Old and New Testaments, to be the inspired, infallible and authoritative Word of God and our guide for faith and life.
- There is only one way to Salvation - through Jesus Christ.
- The sanctity of human life based on our creation in the image of God and our election by God for service in His Kingdom. This leads us to respectfully affirm sanctity at every stage of human life.
- The Biblical guidelines for human sexuality: marriage as the union of one man and one woman, fidelity and holiness in marriage and chastity outside of marriage for the sake of the Kingdom.
- That the mission of the Church is to spread the Good News of the Gospel of Salvation in every word and deed. We are sent by Christ into all the world to proclaim the atoning death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and to bring every person into a life of faith, discipleship and submission to the Lordship of Jesus.



FIRST
CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH of ZEPHYRHILLS

"Big Enough to Serve - Small Enough to Care!"



...Be Lifted up, O Ancient Doors, that the
King of Glory may come in. ~ Psalm 24:7

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THE LORD'S DAY

December 9, 2018

LET US GLORIFY GOD IN ALL THAT WE DO TODAY

PRELUDE

SOUNDING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

LIGHTING THE SANCTUARY CANDLES & THE ADVENT WREATH

INTROIT *"The King Is Coming"* Page 763

*HYMN *"The First Noel"* Page 265
(Verses 1,2,6)

*PRAYER OF THE DAY, LORD'S PRAYER AND GLORIA PATRI

HYMN *"Away in a Manger"* Page 261
(All Verses)

LET US PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE *"Through It All"* Page 580

READING OF THE LAW

RESPONSIVE READING: *Heidelberg Catechism: Lord's Day 29*

LET US RETURN THANKS UNTO THE LORD

RECEIVING THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER

INSTALLATION OF DEACONS

HYMN *"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"* Page 272
(Verses 1,3,5)

LET US LIFT OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

SPECIAL MUSIC *"And Glory Shone Around"* FCC Choir

LET US EXAMINE GOD'S WORD TOGETHER

SERMON *"Receive Your King"*
Psalm 24

*THE APOSTLES CREED

*CLOSING HYMN *"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"* Page 271
(Verses 1,2)

*BENEDICTION

* ANTHEM *"The Family of God"* Page 419

GREET EACH OTHER IN CHRISTIAN LOVE

AND DEPART IN PEACE

**Please stand if able at this sign.*

Senior Pastor	Rev. H. Joseph Kler
Minister of Music	Rev. John O. Strauss
Pianist	Mrs. Dee Schultz
Sound Booth	Mrs. Lynne Dulmaine, Mr. Mike Bowman
	Mr. Jim Lafrinere, Mr. John Vosteen
Pre-Production Design	Mrs. Vickie Sargent-Kler
Acolyte	Mr. Jonathan J. Kler
Church Bell	Miss Katherine Kler

OUR MISSION

TO PRESENT CHRIST TO EVERYONE,
EVERYWHERE, AT EVERY AVAILABLE OPPORTUNITY.

OUR VISION

TO BE A LOVING, CARING CHURCH
WHOSE ARMS EMBRACE ALL THAT COME.



**The Flowers on the
Altar are placed by:**

Carla Sonson-Christian in loving Memory
of her Daughter, Brenda.



In this constantly changing world our goal is to reflect and recapture the historic and classical worship of Almighty God. Central to our service is the proclamation of the Word and a Biblical understanding of the Sacraments in the tradition of the Evangelical and Reformed faith.

*If you are visiting with us today, we're glad you're here.
We are ordinary people on an extraordinary journey,
learning to love and serve like Jesus. Come with us!*

THE LORD'S DAY

DECEMBER 9, 2018~ 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP



12/12.....	Choir Practice.....	3:00 PM
12/12.....	GNC – NR.....	3:00 PM
12/12.....	Bible Study.....	6:30 PM
12/13.....	GNC – CT.....	3:00 PM
12/15.....	Men's Breakfast.....	8:30 AM
12/24.....	Candle Light Service.....	6:00 PM
12/25.....	Christmas Feast.....	3:30 PM
12/27.....	Birthday Party.....	6:00 PM
01/04.....	Removal of the Greens.....	6:00 PM

Deacon of the Month: Mrs. Betty Cooper

- **Ushers:** Betty Cooper, Ginny Jennings
Helen Dunn, Clara Vosteen

Offering Last Sunday:.....\$ 4,612.50
Parking Lot Project (Collected to-Date).....\$12,165.00
Parking Lot Project Balance Needed.....\$ 7,785.00
Attendance Last Sunday:.....153

First Congregational Church



Candlelight
SERVICE

JOIN US CHRISTMAS EVE AT 6:00 PM

Oh COME Let us
ADORE · WORSHIP · CELEBRATE · FEAST · GATHER

12/25 AT 3:30 P.M.
~POTLUCK STYLE~
**CHRISTMAS
DINNER**

CHRISTMAS FAMILIES

***** Today we will be collecting a special offering for needy families at the two elementary schools we support, Chester Taylor and West Zephyrhills. This money will help buy food for their Christmas Dinner. The funds collected will be given out as \$25 Walmart gift cards to be distributed at each school. The Mission Team thanks you for your support!




Good News Club
Taking the Gospel to the Public Schools

This year has marked our Largest Group of Children in Good News Club in the past 7 years! With the Largest group of 5th graders yet 13 in New River and 8 in Chester Taylor.

The Children have been earning tickets by learning memory verses, doing quiet time pages, wearing their tee-shirts and bracelets. These tickets will be spent to select a gift from the toys and prizes that were purchased at the discount store "5 Below"

Here is a list of things that were paid for by the generous giving of church members:

- Weekly Snacks and juice box for each child at both schools
- Good News Club Tee-shirts for each Child
- Christian Bracelets for each Child
- Three crafts for each Child
- Bibles for each graduating 5th grader
- Prizes for each Child

All of these things make our program not only fun but promotes a love of Christ in each child's heart.

Thank you!

Vickie

...and your Good News Club Teams.

With a grateful heart for God's boundless generosity and as an expression of Christian stewardship, I/We make this *Commitment* to the work of Christ and the mission of this Congregation for 2019.



Name(s)

Yes! I/We pledge to give:

\$_____ weekly for 52 weeks, or

\$_____ semi-monthly for 24 periods, or

\$_____ monthly for 12 months, or

If you are a Seasonal Resident who doesn't already support FCCZ all year long, please consider helping the Church by pledging for the number of months you are in Florida. Estimate the number of Sunday's you will be with us. Decide on your weekly pledge and then multiply the two figures and write them on the line below.

_____ X _____ = _____
 # of Sundays Weekly Pledge Total

I/We understand that this is a *Faith Commitment* and the amount pledged may be lowered or raised at anytime that my/our circumstances require a change.

FCC is a pretty amazing place! A place where many people feel the presence of the Holy Spirit the moment that they enter our doors. That is a feeling that no amount of money can generate and no program can manufacture. It is truly the movement of God. A movement that we hold in trust and one that we must plan to pass-on to future generations

The ministry and mission of our church takes place because of spiritual and financial gifts our members choose to offer. These are the resources that fuel our fellowship, and our combined pledges make up the proposed budget possibilities for the coming year.

The practice of making a pledge is a spiritual discipline and a way to grow your faith. There is joy to be found in practicing generosity and it begins with simple steps and the commitment to contribute.

If you have never pledged before, please take some time to seriously consider how the discipline of pledging might help you by serving as an on-going reminder of your decision to be part of this community of faith.

If you have pledged before, please consider increasing your pledge this year to silently help someone else who might be struggling financially.

Your gift matters – It matters to you as the giver, and to the church which utilizes it as a resource for mission.

FCC BUS TRIP



Come with us to see the



SHEPHERD KING THE STORY OF THE BIBLE Saturday April 13th 2019

Watch the events of the Bible unfold with remarkable realism, excitement and emotion as told through the eyes of the Good Shepherd. Over

twenty Bible stories from THE CREATION to THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS CHRIST reveal God's plan to save mankind from sin and restore the relationship lost since the beginning of time.

BRAND NEW LOCATION

(with real seats)



Enjoy the show in the beautiful and comfortable indoor venue providing 1400 + theatre style seats and a great view for all. Beautiful sets, elaborate costuming, special effects and professional lighting insure an unforgettable experience that will be life changing. Cast with more than 100 volunteer actors from central Florida. Running time is approximately three hours including intermission.

Ticket Cost is \$35. per person for a real seat in the theater
This cost will include the show price plus a \$2.00 tip for the bus driver.
The GALs will be covering the cost of the bus so that we can all ride together.

On Saturday April 13th the bus will be pulling out at 10 am for the 1 pm show
Everyone needs to be at church by 9:30

Tickets must be purchased by Dec 30th 2018 so that we can get the best seating.



Our fundraiser this year will help to finance the bus trip to see the stage production of the SHEPHERD KING

We will be selling: Priester's Pecans

- ❖ Fancy Mammoth Pecan Halves 1_{lb.}bag = \$14.00 each ~and~
- ❖ Honey Glazed Pecan Halves 1_{lb.}bag = \$15.00 each

The Pecans will be available for pick up beginning Wednesday Dec 12th, but you can pre-order Today.



A LITTLE FLAVOR OF THE SOUTH

Priester's Pecans is a family-owned company specializing in Only the freshest, crunchiest and finest pecans ~ All selected for your satisfaction.

Perfect for all your Holiday baking needs or, for giving as DELICIOUS Christmas gifts.



Name: _____ Phone Number _____

_____ Fancy Mammoth Pecan Halves 1_{lb.}bag = \$14.00 each \$ _____

_____ Honey Glazed Pecan Halves 1_{lb.}bag = \$15.00 each \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____