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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

NUMBERS 21:4-9 • PSALM 107:1-3, 17-22

EPHESIANS 2:1-10 • JOHN 3:14-21

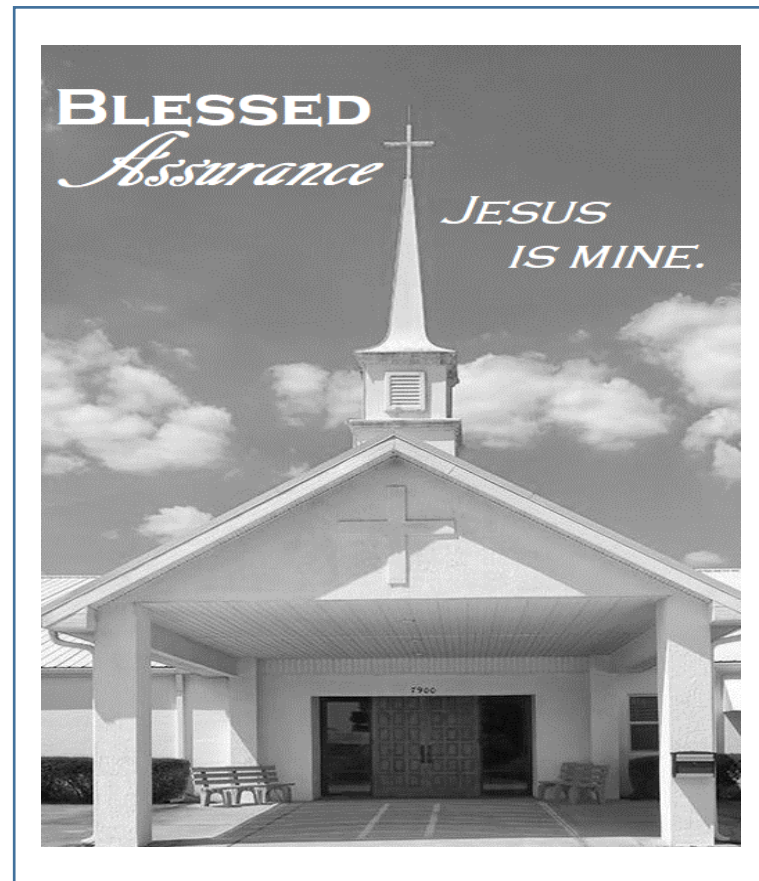
We Welcome You into Our Fellowship. We Affirm the Following:

- 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.

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CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH of ZEPHYRHILLS

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



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March 11, 2018

LET US GLORIFY GOD IN ALL THAT WE DO TODAY

PRELUDE

SOUNDING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

INTROIT *“What a Mighty God We Serve”* Page 672

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

*HYMN *“Bless His Holy Name/To God be the Glory”* Page 55/56
 (Verses 1/1,3)

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

HYMN *“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”* Page 564
 (Verses All)

LET US PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE *“God Will Make a Way”* Page 704

READING OF THE LAW

RESPONSIVE READING *Luther's Small Catechism: Lord's Prayer*

LET US RETURN THANKS UNTO THE LORD

RECEIVING THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER

HYMN “Savor, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” Page 688
 (Verses 1,2,3)

LET US LIFT OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

SPECIAL MUSIC “*Gentle Shepherd*” FCC Choir

LET US EXAMINE GOD'S WORD TOGETHER

SERMON *“The Source of Our Assurance”*
Rev. John O. Strauss

*THE APOSTLES CREED

*CLOSING HYMN “*Blessed Assurance*” Page 572
 (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:

Judy VandeVord in Honor of her Mother, Jean,
on her 88th Birthday!

Flowers on the piano are placed by Connie Kindred & Linda Walchak
in Honor of Jim & Mary Sutton's 50th Wedding Anniversary!



As a Church Family our priority is to worship God according to His commands, not according to what may be popular in a particular culture, or time. Central to our worship is the proclamation of the Word of God and a Biblical understanding of the

Sacraments in the tradition of Evangelical and Reformed faith and practice.

If you are visiting with us today we invite you to join us after the service for coffee and treats in our Fellowship Hall!

MARCH 11, 2018

10:00 A.M. WORSHIP



03/11Birthday Celebration..... 11:30 AM
03/14Bible Study..... 6:30 PM
03/17 .Men's Breakfast & Gun Range Outing. 8:30 AM

Deacon of the Month: Carolyn Amos-Hunt

Ushers: Ginny Jennings, Shirley Jordon
Sam Allen, Philip Hunt

Offering Last Sunday:..... \$7834.50

Attendance Last Sunday:..... 174

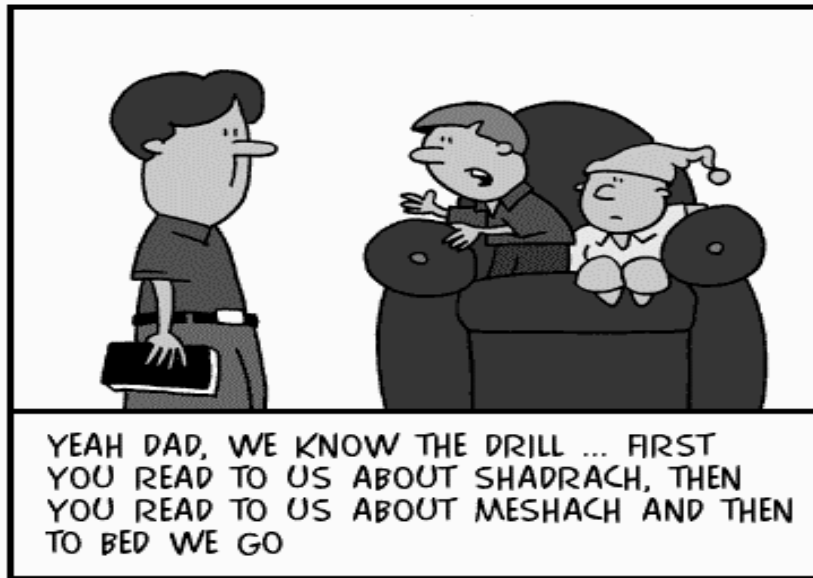
Are you interested in *Church Membership*?

We receive new members the last Sunday of each month.

If you are interested in joining our Family, please see Pastor Kler today.



**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**



WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Why do we light candles during worship?

The practice of lighting candles is an important tradition in Reformed churches. The need for light is fundamental. There can be no life without light, so it will come as no surprise, then, to learn that images of light and darkness recur throughout the Bible.

Since ancient times, light and fire have reminded people that God is here with us.

Bringing the light (fire) into the place where people are gathering to worship can be traced back to Old Testament times. In the Tabernacle an oil lamp was lit in order to "keep a flame burning perpetually before the Lord" (Exodus 27:19-20)

In the New Testament, light is also a key image. The Gospel according to St. John describes Our Lord as "the Light". Jesus said: "I am the light of the world" (John 8:12). The presence of light reminds us of Jesus' coming into our world to illuminate our lives.

When our acolyte (from the Greek word *ἀκόλουθος* meaning *an attendant*) carries a flame into the worship service it is done as a symbol of The Holy Spirit's movement within the community. The two candles on the Lord's Table are reminders of God's Law and His Grace and also that Christ is both human and divine in nature."

When the acolyte extinguishes the candles during the closing hymn, a flame is carried back out of the worship space. This symbolizes the light of Jesus Christ going out into the world where believers are called to serve."