



# ADVENT

- A SEASON OF EXPECTATION -

November 28, 2021

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November 28, 2021  
9:00 am • The Well Worship Service in  
Biery Hall

November 28, 2021  
11:00 am • Worship Service  
in the Sanctuary

Opening Music

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Opening Songs  
**Christ, Be Our Light  
He Came Down**

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Lighting the Candle of Hope  
John Lowe

Songs of Praise  
**Emmanuel  
Adoration**

Scripture Lesson  
Luke 3: 1-18  
Bible Pages 890-891

Communion Meditation  
"Preparing for Christmas"  
Rev. Dr. Michael Andrews

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Closing Song  
**My Soul Cries Out**

Sending Out

*The Well* -Where we hope you find re-  
freshing joy, community, and most  
of all... **Jesus!**

Prelude

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*  
arr. Burkhardt

Welcome & Concerns

Minute for Missions

Call to Worship (responsive)

This is a time of awe and wonder.

**Advent is a time of expectation.**

We sense that something is about to happen.

**Advent is a time of anticipation.**

God will send us his son.

**Advent is a time of hope.**

He comes with life and hope for us all.

**Advent is a time to worship.**

Let us worship God's gift to us.

Opening Hymn\*

***Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus***  
Hymn #82

Lighting the Candle of Hope  
John Lowe

Invocation with the **Lord's Prayer\***

Old Testament Reading  
Isaiah 40: 3-11  
Bible Page 619

Prayer of Confession (unison)

O Lord of the Advent, we approach you  
with awe and a sense of anticipation.

**We confess that we are unworthy serv-  
ants and undeserving of a Messiah.**

We have sinned against you, we have  
hurt those we love most, and we have  
failed to express your love to all.

**We pray for your forgiveness and we  
ask that you make us aware of the**

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**high cost of the Incarnation during this season.**

We stand in awe of your great love for us as your family, and we anticipate your call to us to show your love to the world as forgiven and loved children.

**We seek assurance of your presence in our lives.**

Hear us as we quietly confess our sins.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the words of our Lord, "Your sins are forgiven."

**Let us sing for joy!**

Gloria Patri\*  
Hymn #581

**Glory be to the Father  
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.**

Anthem

*Come, Jesus, Holy Son of God...* Handel  
Chancel Choir

Pastoral Prayer

Affirmation of Faith (unison)\*  
The 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.**

Anthem

***O Come, O Come Emmanuel***  
arr. Rodriguez

New Testament Reading  
Luke 3: 1-18  
Bible Pages 890-891

Communion Meditation  
"Preparing for Christmas"  
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Hymn of Preparation  
***Come Now, O Prince of Peace***  
Hymn #103

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Closing Hymn\*  
***Joy to the World***  
Hymn #134

Benediction

Postlude  
*Wake, Awake...* arr. Callahan

\* Please stand

(No Coffee Hour today or next Sunday)  
**NEXT SUNDAY ONLY ONE SERVICE AT 10:00**

## Events this Week

Sun 28	Mon 29	Tue 30	Wed 1	Thu 2	Fri 3	Sat 4
<b>1st Advent Communion</b> 9:00 am The Well Service-BH NO Sunday School 11:00 am Worship	9:00 am Zoom Prayer Time  7:00 pm AA Mtg-MP	7:00 pm <b>Winter Service of Hope &amp; Healing-S</b>	10:10 am Preschool Chapel-C 11:00 am Staff Mtg 3:30 pm Deacons- BH 4:30-5:45 pm Hand Bells-S 7:00-8:30 pm Choir-C	9:00 am Zoom Prayer Time  7:00 pm AA Mtg-MP	6:00 pm MD Christmas Walk downtown.  Parking Lot fundraiser-DEN	10:00 am Christmas Parade  7:00 pm Lighted Boat Parade

BH=Biery Hall, S=Sanctuary, L=Library, C=Chapel, MP=Multipurpose Room downstairs, LS Lakeside, CR Conference Room

## Announcements

- ◆ Today, we celebrate the first Sunday of Advent with Communion. There will be no Coffee Hour today or next Sunday when we will have the Alternative Christmas Market directly after a 10:00 am combined service. No Sunday School on Dec. 5.
- ◆ Prayer Time Zoom on Mondays & Thursdays at 9:00 am. Contact: [sundandfun57@gmail.com](mailto:sundandfun57@gmail.com).
- ◆ The Winter Service of Hope & Healing is Tuesday at 7:00 pm. Invite a friend to this beautiful service, or join us online or in person.
- ◆ Deacons meet on Wednesday at 3:30 pm in BH.

### COMING SOON

- ◇ The Alternative Christmas Market and Mission Bakery will be on December 5 at 11:00 am. There will be only one service at 10:00 am. Our Mission Bakery will run before and after the service. We need cookies, breads, muffins, rolls, bars, candy, cakes and pies. You may bring baked goods that do not need to be refrigerated on Friday, December 3, from 9:00 am—3:00 pm. Place them on the kitchen counter. Otherwise, bring them before church. It's helpful if you package cookies/bars with 6 or 12 on a plate, muffins 2 or 4 on a plate.
- ◇ PW Gathering Tuesday, Dec. 7 at noon in BH. Featuring Amy Becker, "A Voice in the Night."
- ◇ Men's Breakfast Saturday, Dec. 11 at 8:30 am at MDCC.
- ◇ PW Dutch Treat Christmas Lunch Dec.14 at 11:30 am at MDCC. \$17 RSVP Linda Hezlep (301) 676-4141.

### Prayer Concerns

Email: [office@fpcmtdora.org](mailto:office@fpcmtdora.org) or call 352-383-4089

Lois & Denton Albright	Margaret Newlan
Gayle Barnes (friend of the Bierys)	Harry Phillips
Tom & Bryan Biery	Nancy Staffieri
John Birmingham (Diane Madson's brother)	Matt Tuhey (Illinois)
Nancy Brundage (Linda Ash's Mother)	Susan Turner
Carie Casselberry (Judi Carlsen's sister)	Joyce Whitbeck
Betty Greeley	Melissa Yelvington

For your convenience, we have an [online giving link](#) on our website [www.fpcmtdora.org](http://www.fpcmtdora.org) to donate to our church. Just click on "Give Now" and follow the instructions. You can also mail your tithes and offerings to the office or drop them in our secure mailbox outside the church office.

**Thank you for your prayers and support.**



# Christmas Poinsettias

Presbyterian Women are ordering poinsettias for Christmastime worship. Your contributions are greatly appreciated as proceeds go to our Missions. A list of contributors (honorees and remembrances) will be published. Following the Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service, you may then take your poinsettia(s) home, or share them with others; **or** you can donate your plant(s) to shut-ins, and a Deacon will deliver the plants for you! *(Please let us know your wishes below, so we can coordinate deliveries.)*

**Poinsettia plants are \$10 each.**

Your order and payment must be received by noon on Mon., **Dec. 13.** **Return this form with cash or check payable to "Presbyterian Women"** (not First Presbyterian Church) for "Memorial Flowers." Place your form and payment in the offering plate, give them to the church office, mail them to First Presbyterian Church, 222 W. 6th Ave. Mount Dora, FL 32757 c/o Alice Norford, or drop them in church mail box.

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### Please Print

I would like to buy \_\_\_\_\_ Poinsettia(s) to decorate the church and support Missions.

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

In Loving Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Please deliver my plant to a shut-in. \_\_\_\_\_ I will keep my plant(s). \_\_\_\_\_

I will deliver my plant to \_\_\_\_\_

I will keep my plant(s). \_\_\_\_\_



## *Alternative Christmas Market ~ December 5, 11:00*

**Honor those who have enough by giving to those in need both locally and globally.**

Eleven ministries have provided "gift lists" that will support their ministries. On market day, enjoy refreshments and music while you browse the ministry displays. Mark the items you would like to purchase on the order blank provided and proceed to checkout. There you will receive gift enclosures for each gift describing the ministry supported. After your items are totaled, make a single payment to FPCMD by cash or check. The entire amount spent on gifts will be given to the appropriate ministries. Your donation will be listed as a tax deduction on your 2021 statement.



Special Christmas cards by our own artist Emily Lewis will be available, if desired, at checkout for \$1 each to "wrap" and complete each gift. Each card purchased will help defray printing expenses for the event.

If you are unable to come that day, an order may still be placed by filling out an order blank along with your payment and returning to the church office by December 20. Information and order blanks are in the concierge area and Biery Hall. Questions?....phone or text Elizabeth Long at [352-406-4959](tel:352-406-4959).



## ***Ministries Participating in The Alternative Christmas Market***

***Agape Ministries***—operating a food bank, offering limited financial assistance, connecting people in crisis to resources, located in Eustis, Florida

***Beth-El Farmworkers Ministry***—supporting farmworkers and their families with hunger relief, education, healthcare & spiritual growth, located in Wimauma, Florida

***Fellowship of Christian Athletes***—an interdenominational Christian sports ministry engaging, equipping and empowering high school coaches and athletes to change the world through the gospel, working in north Lake County

***Forward Paths***—helping homeless unaccompanied youths and young adults who age out of foster care, aiding them in housing, transportation, job skills and other needed services to direct them on a forward path to success, located in Leesburg, Florida

***Good News Jail & Prison Ministry***—helping inmates find Christ and grow spiritually in the Lake County jail, located in Tavares, Florida

***Hand in Hand Women's Recovery Community***—helping women overcome their wounds, addictions, and addictive behaviors, focusing on recovery through an understanding of their identity in Christ, located in Eustis, Florida

***The Holistic Evangelism Project***—sharing God's love in word & deed in many ways including church-planting, building churches, schools, wells & clinics, & promoting health ministries to help meet the needs of people, spiritually & physically, in Tete Province, Mozambique

***Lake Cares Food Pantry***—serving people in need, focusing on feeding the body, educating the mind and lifting the spirits of all individuals, located in Mount Dora, Florida

***The Lifeboat Project***—inspiring hope and empowering the lives of human trafficking victims, located in Apopka, Florida

***The Open Door***—linking area homeless to desperately needed amenities and services, located in Eustis, Florida

***Pakistan and Syria Appeal***—supporting our Christian brothers and sisters in areas where being a Christian is difficult, even life-threatening