

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ARCADIA, FLORIDA

Hanging of the Greens

December 1, 2019

PASTOR ALAN ADAMS

HANGING OF THE GREENS 2019

This service was written to teach us the history and meaning of the symbols, which surround us at Christmas. The goal is not just to learn Church History or to decorate the church, but rather to saturate Christmas with Christ, so that no matter where we look or what we see, all of it drives our hearts and minds to Jesus.

PRELUDE: *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*

(arr) James Mansfield

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder Tyler Maassen

CHORAL INTROIT: *The Lord is in His Holy Temple*

SERVICE OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Maybelle Lebbert and Family

A TIME FOR HOPE

Introduction

Reading -- *Lamentations 3:21-24*

Reflection on Hope as the Hope candle is lit

Concluding Prayer

***SONG OF PRAISE:** *We Light the Advent Candle*

(vs. 1&2) **No. 175**

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Elder Tyler Maassen

We are surrounded by the symbols of our faith to remind us of all that Christ has done for us.

The evergreen reminds us that the love of Christ, and the promise of life are eternal.

The decorations we place in the sanctuary help us to remember, Emmanuel - God with us.

The Christmon's that already decorate our tree are biblical symbols to remind us of the example of a faithful life demonstrated for us by Christ.

Our paraments today are only white and gold:

White to symbolize the purity and perfection of our Savior,
and gold to remind us of the majesty and Glory of God in Christ.

ADORNING OUR SANCTUARY WITH THE HANGING OF THE GREENS

***HYMN:** *O Come All Ye Faithful*

No. 182

THE MEANING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Elder Dave Bremer

MUSIC:

The Light of Christmas
Chancel Choir

THE MEANING AND DEDICATION OF OUR NEW CHRISTMAS TREE

Our new tree is dedicated by the Lebbert Family
in honor and memory of Harold Lebbert
Elder Jill Maassen

***HYMN:** *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

No. 185

THE MEANING OF THE HOLLY, IVY AND MISTLETOE

Elder Carol Treadwell

***HYMN:** *Joy to the World*

No. 179

THE MEANING OF THE GREENERY WITH CANDLES

Elder Beth Liszak

***HYMN:** *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

No. 180

THE MEANING OF THE POINSETTIAS

Elder Judy Kirkpatrick

***HYMN:** *Away in a Manager*

No. 203

THE MEANING OF THE NATIVITY

Elder Mitzie McGavic

***HYMN:** *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

No. 153

CALL TO OFFERING

Elder Tyler Maassen

COLLECTION AND OFFERTORY MUSIC: *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION** **No. 34**

***HYMN:** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* **No. 154**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION:** Elder Tyler Maassen

POSTLUDE: *From Heaven above to Earth I Come* Gordon Young

Please join us after the Postlude in the breezeway for lemonade and cookies.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

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| Pastor | Alan Adams |
| Clerk of Session | Elder Dave Bremer |
| Music Director | Genie Martin |
| Organist | Charles Dirr |
| Treasurer | Elder Edward Maassen |
| Sound Technicians | Elders Tyler Maassen & Skip West |
| Office Manager | Karen Cassels |

Pastor Alan Cell is 724-601-7686

Church Office Hours 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday

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CHURCH PRAYER LIST

FPC MEMBERS

Jean Borsmann, and Candy Reid

FPC—FAMILY/FRIENDS

George Adams (Pastor Alans' father), Colton Brantley (Edith's friend), David (Gallant's friend), Jana Carpenter (Scott & Linda Carpenters' daughter), Debi Collins (Jan LoPortos' friend), Victoria Cross, Rick & Pam Dodd, Carrie Evans, Roger Evans, Jane Hayward, Hanna Joy Lepianka (Rich & Jean Borsmanns' granddaughter, Lorena Mee, Cary Mercer, Karen Mercer, Bobby O'Neal (Edith's friend), Linda R. (Carlas' friend), and Linda Summers

MILITARY PRAYER LIST

Julian Davis, Sean Davis, Curtis Johnson, Ryan Maassen, Brent Mayo, Cole Overcash and Wilda Smith. If you have a military family member and would like to add them to our list, please call the church office at 494-4434.

Session

| 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
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| Donnie Knoche | Dave Bremer | Beth Liszak |
| Jill Maassen | Johnny Maassen | Mitzie McGavic |
| Carol Treadwell | Mac Martin | Judie Neeley |
| Judy Kirkpatrick | MaryAnn Treadwell | Skip West |

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| Margaret Way | David Holloman |
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OUR CHURCH AT WORK

Welcome to our worship service! We invite you to sign the friendship pads so we can stay connected with everyone. **Visitors**, please be sure to include your **email address** so that we can add you to our weekly newsletter.

Sunday: Dec 1st

- 9:45** Sunday School for all ages
- 10:30** Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 11:00** Morning Worship Hanging of the Greens
- 12:05** Congregational Meeting following service

Monday: Dec 2nd

- 9:00** Monday Morning Ladies (Duplex)
- 12:00** Men's Luncheon at **Reef & Beef**

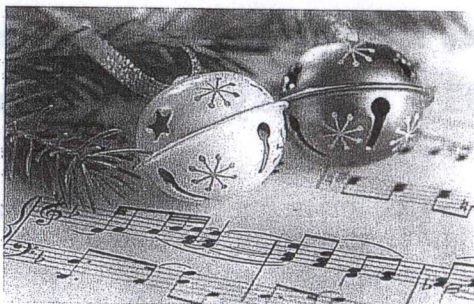
Wednesday: Dec 3rd

- 6:00** **Family Supper**
- 6:30** **Pastor Class**
- 6:30** **Handbell Practice**
- 7:15** **Chancel Choir Practice**

Sunday: Dec 8th

- 9:45** Sunday School All Ages
- 10:30** Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 11:00** Worship
- 12:05** Fellowship in the breezeway

Thanks to you we were able to give out 17 Thanksgiving Baskets this year.
Don't forget to turn in your Poinsettia order.
Christmas Joy envelopes are in the pews if you would like to donate.



First Presbyterian Church

209 W. Hickory St

Presents

Annual Christmas Music Program

Sunday, December 15

5:00 P.M.

EVERYONE WELCOME

Featuring:

Adult Choir ~ Handbell Choir

Director of Music ~ Genie Martin

Organist/Pianist ~ Lew Cassels

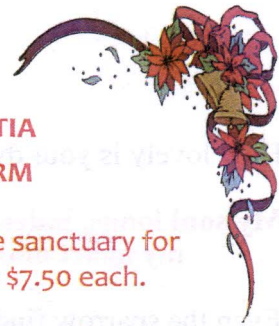
Refreshments to follow in Pfrangle Hall

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2019 Holiday Activities

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| Nov 3—24 | Collection for Thanksgiving Baskets |
| Nov 10 | Veteran's Program/Potluck |
| Nov 24 | Decorate Church for Holidays |
| Nov 26 | Thanksgiving Baskets pick up |
| Nov 3—Dec 8 | Purchase Poinsettias to decorate the Sanctuary |
| Dec 15 | Christmas Concert at 5:00 p.m. |
| Dec 24 | Christmas Eve Service at 6:00 p.m. |

Thank you for being a part of our church family. We appreciate each and every one of you.



MEMORIAL/HONOR POINSETTIA INFORMATION & ORDER FORM

FPC is once again placing poinsettias in the sanctuary for Christmas. The cost of the poinsettias is \$7.50 each.

The poinsettias will be placed in the sanctuary on December 13 for the season and may be picked up *after* the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service on December 24.

If you would like to purchase poinsettias in memory or in honor of a loved one, please complete the order form below and return with your donation to the church office **no later than December 10**. The order forms and donations may also be dropped in the offering plates on Sundays, mailed, or brought to the church office. You may still purchase a poinsettia after December 10, but your memorial/honor may not be listed until the following Sunday. **Order early!!**

POINSETTIA ORDER FORM PLEASE PRINT

Your Name(s): _____

Phone Number: _____

Plant(s) to be placed in **memory** or in **honor** of (please circle one):

Number of plants @\$7.50 _____ Amount enclosed \$ _____

***Please make checks payable to the First Presbyterian Church

THANK YOU!!!