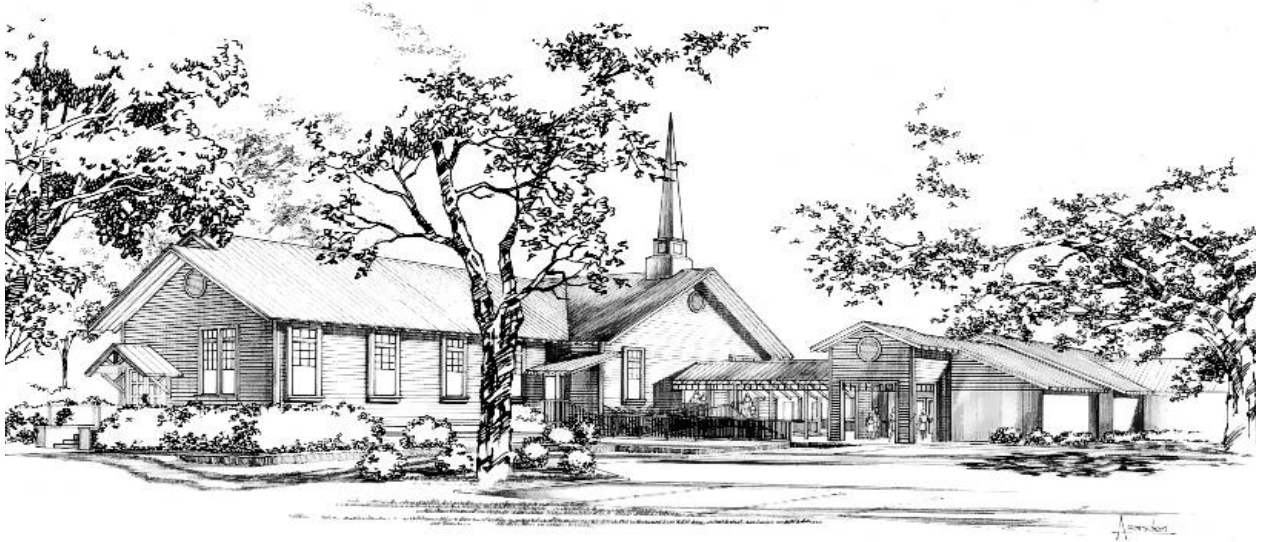


# Presbyterian Church of Seffner



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## **WELCOME**

This morning as we join in worship, our hope for you is that you will find renewed life, health and strength in God. We are glad that you have heard God's call to come and worship, and that you have chosen to do so with this congregation. If you do not have a church home in this area, we invite you to join with us as we seek to serve Christ and live as His disciples. You may be received into church membership by profession of faith, letter of transfer, or reaffirmation of faith. If you are interested in uniting with this church, please contact the church office or any elder.

### **Session Members**

Nancy Mason - '20 - Worship	Cindy Doyle - '20 - Christian Ed.
Matt Shick - '20 - Stewardship	Carina Brushwood - '21 - Cong. Care
Patty MacEwen - '21 - Administration	Bob Friskney - '22 - Fellowship
Carol Shick - '22 - Worship	Deborah Thatcher - '22- Mission
Cammie Williams - Clerk of Session	

### **Our Mission Statement**

To provide opportunities for people to  
discover God's love,  
seek God's purpose,  
and do God's will.

### **Our Vision Statement**

Glorifying God with  
mind, body, and soul.

Pastor: The Rev. Loli Reiter  
Ministers: The Congregation

*"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,  
God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts  
of him who called you out of darkness into  
his marvelous light." 1 Peter 2:9*

Music Director: Logan Sorey  
Organist: Sheila Donohue  
Worship Leader: TJ Childs  
Youth Leader: Lauren Sorey  
Nursery: Laura DeLeury

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**Liturgy of Word and Sacrament  
November 15, 2020, 11:00 A.M.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Jesus, My Lord, My God, My All"

SONG "Over My Head"

***Refrain:* Over my head, I hear music in the air;  
over my head, I hear music in the air;  
over my head, I hear music in the air;  
there must be a God somewhere.**

Leader: Oh, when the world is silent,  
**People: I hear music in the air;**  
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**People: I hear music in the air;**  
**All: there must be a God somewhere. *Refrain***

Leader: And when I'm feeling lonely,  
**People: I hear music in the air;**  
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Leader: and when I'm feeling lonely,  
**People: I hear music in the air;**  
**All: there must be a God somewhere. *Refrain***

Leader: Now when I think on Jesus,  
**People: I hear music in the air;**  
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**People: I hear music in the air;**  
**All: there must be a God somewhere. *Refrain***

OPENING PRAYER

SONGS "I Saw The Light"

**I wandered so aimless life filled with sin  
I wouldn't let my dear Savior in  
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night  
Praise the Lord I saw the light**

**I saw the light I saw the light  
No more in darkness no more in night**

**Now I'm so happy no sorrow in sight  
Praise the Lord I saw the light**

**Just like a blind man I wandered along  
Worries and fears I claimed for my own  
Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight  
Praise the Lord I saw the light**

**I was a fool to wander and stray  
Straight is the gate and narrow the way  
Now I have traded the wrong for the right  
Praise the Lord I saw the light**

**When death takes me down and I breath here no more  
My anthem will sound on the eternal shore  
When I join with the angels in heaven on high  
Singing "Praise the Lord, He IS the light"**

**Let it shine on me**

**"Amazing Grace"**

**Amazing grace  
How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost  
But now I'm found  
Was blind, but now I see**

**'Twas grace that taught  
My heart to fear  
And grace my Fears relieved  
How precious did  
That grace appear  
The hour I first believed**

**Through many dangers  
Toils and snares  
We have already come  
'Twas grace hath brought  
Us safe thus far  
And grace will lead us home**

**When we've been there  
Ten thousand years  
Bright shining as the sun  
We'll have no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we first begun**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Patient God, we come, polished and presentable, to this comfortable gathering, as if this were a safe and predictable place, as if we know what to expect and could simply come to observe. Forgive our tepid expectations. Forgive our halfhearted attempts. May Your Spirit stir in us awe, wonder, and a passion for loving Your Word and Your creation. We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

## CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE READING          Matthew 25:14-30

SERMON                                  "How many holes have you dug?"

## OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Offering - "Giving Thanks"

Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## PREPARING FOR COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG          "Welcome Table"

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

## GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader:    The Lord be with you.

**People:    And also with you!**

Leader:    Lift up your hearts!

**People:    We lift them to the Lord!**

Leader:    Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

**People:    It is right to give our thanks and praise!**

Leader: Blessed are you, O Lord our God:  
You are the Good Shepherd –  
Feeding your people,  
protecting them from danger,  
binding up their wounds,  
searching for the lost,  
and bringing them safely home.  
Therefore we praise you, joining the song  
Of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth  
are full of your glory! Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest!**

Leader: Blessed is Jesus Christ, our savior:  
Who came and lived as one of us,  
Who taught us how to live and how to love,  
Who died on the cross and rose victorious over death,  
And who is coming in glory to judge the living and the dead.  
Remembering your goodness and grace,  
We offer ourselves to you with gratitude  
As we share this joyful feast  
Proclaiming the mystery of our faith:

**People: Christ has died.  
Christ has risen.  
Christ will come again.**

Leader: Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us  
And upon this your bread and cup;  
Make us one in the body and blood  
Of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Give us your Spirit of wisdom and revelation,  
Enlightening the eyes of our hearts,  
So that we may live in faith, hope, love, and peace.  
In the unity of the Spirit  
and in the name of Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

## PARTAKING OF THE BREAD

**Let us break bread together on our knees (2x)  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun O Lord,  
have mercy on me.**

Leader: The Body of Christ broken for you.  
**People: Thanks be to God!**

*Partake of Bread*

## PARTAKING OF THE CUP

**Let us drink wine together on our knees (2x)  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun O Lord,  
have mercy on me.**

**Leader:** The blood of Christ shed for you.

**People:** Thanks be to God!

### *Partake of Cup*

**Let us praise God together on our knees (2x)  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun O Lord,  
have mercy on me.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**We pray in the name of the risen Lord,  
Jesus who taught us how to pray saying...  
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy  
will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and  
forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not  
into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the  
power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## SONG "What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

**What a friend we have in Jesus  
All our sins and griefs to bear  
What a privilege to carry  
Everything to god in prayer  
O what peace we often forfeit  
O what needless pain we hear  
All because we do not carry  
Everything to God in prayer**

**Have we trials and temptations  
Is there trouble anywhere  
We should never be discouraged  
Take to the Lord in prayer  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
Who will all our sorrows share  
Jesus knows our every weakness  
Take it to the Lord in prayer**

**Are we weak and heavy laden  
Cumbered with a load of care  
Precious Savior still our refuge  
Take it to the Lord in prayer**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Forever Young"

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **VOLUNTEERS IN SERVICE THIS WEEK**

Temple Keeper: Jay Heidt (on or before 11/21)  
Ushers: Dave MacEwen, Jeff Mason, Nancy Mason  
Greeters: Patty MacEwen, Chris Spangler

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION-** As we begin to come back to our church facilities, we ask that **everyone be diligent about following the safety protocols** that have been set after much prayer and research. When we are on church property, let us remember to **wear our masks**. Wearing masks truly is an act of **care for our neighbors and church family**. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we learn new ways of being together. And thank you for your commitment to doing all we can to keep each other as safe as possible. May God continue to bless you and yours!

**ARE YOU PLANNING TO ATTEND CHURCH IN PERSON?** - As we continue to move forward with resuming in-person worship at 11 am, we need to make sure we can accommodate you as safely as possible; therefore, we ask that you **let us know each Thursday by 2 pm**, just email [kara@seffnerpres.org](mailto:kara@seffnerpres.org) with your name and the number of people to attend with you. We will continue to stream our service on Facebook Live. Prayerfully consider what will be the safest option for you and your family.

**ITEMS FOR DECEMBER-JANUARY NEWSLETTER DUE TODAY!** If you have any announcement, article, schedule, etc. for the newsletter, please submit to [kara@seffnerpres.org](mailto:kara@seffnerpres.org) by today. Please keep in mind that the newsletter will be for 2 months.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ZOOM SUNDAY SCHOOL CONTINUE** - Join us for Children's Zoom Sunday school - say "Hi!" To your friends, have fun with games, and learn more about being a child of God!

**"HANGING OF THE GREENS" IN YOUR HOME!** **Nov. 29th** is the first Sunday of Advent when we traditionally prepare our worship space for the seasons of Advent and Christmas. Since for many this space is "your home", we want you to have a little piece of our church family with you. Starting **Sunday, November 15th, we will have ornaments with our church logo available for you to pick up here at church...a FREE GIFT!** Please take one per household and contact the church if you can not pick yours up and need it delivered.

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT RESERVATIONS** - Will your family be attending the Annual Advent Family Celebration (via Zoom or in person) on November 29th. Please reserve your spot by **Sunday, November 15th, by emailing [kara@seffnerpres.org](mailto:kara@seffnerpres.org)**. You may **pick up** your Advent kits at the church **Tuesday and Thursday, 9am-2pm**



and Wednesday 9-11am. If you have any questions please call Carina Brushwood 813-643-8864.

**BLOOD DRIVE! NOVEMBER 29TH 8:30AM-1:30PM** - Please be sure to make your reservations to donate blood. It's easy, just go to the link for appointments:  
[https://donor.oneblood.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/966065](https://donor.oneblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/966065)

**THANK YOU FOR TURNING IN YOUR PLEDGES...** to continue God's work through our ministries! There is still time to turn in a pledge! You can **1) email it to [treasurer@seffnerpres.org](mailto:treasurer@seffnerpres.org), 2) mail it to the church at P.O. Box 545, Seffner, FL 33583, or 3) Drop it by the church Tuesday-Thursday between 9am and 12 noon.** And thank you for your faithful giving in tithes and offering God Bless!

**FIRST ANNUAL PCS GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST!** - Reserve your Gingerbread house (\$5 ea., one per family) **Sunday, November 29th**, following the Hanging of the Greens Worship Service; Gingerbread house entries will be displayed in the fellowship hall entrance. **1) The congregation is asked to vote on the most creative and original gingerbread house; 2) Make this a family fun or team project! ; 3) Basic Rules are simple: a) name your house, b) make sure all parts are edible, c) house is displayed on a sturdy platform.**

**THANKSGIVING MEALS ON WHEELS** - We will have the Meals on Wheels Thanksgiving on **Thursday, November 26th**; anyone interested in helping to prepare the meal, please contact either **Mac MacEwen** at [davidkmacewen@gmail.com](mailto:davidkmacewen@gmail.com) or text **Jean Barfield** at **813-390-4300**. You can help us on Wednesday afternoon or on Thursday morning. We need volunteers to bake pumpkin or banana bread and pumpkin or apple pies. Please bring items to the church on Wednesday. **Please let us know if you are helping or baking, by Sunday, November 15th.**

**SILENT AUCTION** benefitting our Meals on Wheels Program, begins **Sunday, November 22nd** and ends at the Advent crafting event **November 29th**. Bid sheets and baskets will be in the entryway of the Fellowship Hall. Please look for pictures and details in your email. Placing bids by **text messaging (Deb Thatcher 813 240-1751)** will be available for those not able to worship in person.

**HELP BRING CHRISTMAS TO A FEW BETH-EL FAMILIES.** We have been provided a list of several families who attend the Beth-el church at Beth-el Mission in Wimauma for the purpose of bringing a little more of Christian love through a few gifts. We have a list of families, including parents and children, who have asked for a few items of need, as well as a little fun. If you would like to purchase one or more of these items, gift wrap them and have them to the church by **December 6, please call Carrie Childs at, 813-695-4581.** Carrie will provide you additional details.

**BLESSING BAGS** - We continue to help homeless people, in need of basic essentials in our community, by providing blessing bags. If you would like to pick up a blessing bag to have when out in your daily travels, there are some available on the benches around the court yard.

## OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

### **Sunday, November 15, 2020**

11:00 am      Worship Service Online Live with Communion  
12:30 pm      Zoom Sunday School

### **Wednesday, November 18, 2020**

8:30 am      Meals on Wheels  
6:00 pm      Youth Meeting  
6:15 pm      Bells Meet in Sanctuary  
7:30 pm      Choir Meets in Fellowship Hall

### **Sunday, November 22, 2020 Christ the King**

11:00 am      Worship Service Online Live  
12:30 pm      Zoom Sunday School

## A HOPEFUL LOOK AHEAD

- Nov.**      15- Communion Sunday  
              18- Meals on Wheels, Youth Meeting,  
                  Bells Meet in Sanctuary and Choir Meets in Fellowship Hall  
              22- Christ the King Sunday, Silent Auction Begins  
              25- Meals on Wheels, Youth Meeting, No Bell or Chancel Choir  
              26- Thanksgiving Day—Office Closed  
              29- 1st Sunday of Advent - Hanging of the Greens  
                  Crafts in person and on-line, Silent Auction Ends

## PRAISES and CONCERNS

### Pray at all times in the Spirit...Ephesians 6:18a

Our ministry is to pray for our members who are hospitalized, ill, home bound, attending college, and in the military; and to also encourage others to send cards, make a phone call or visit if possible. If you do not have a directory or need an address not listed, please contact the church office, we will be happy to help.

Karen Martin	Robert Lavazza	George Kosan	
Tammy Wooster	Terry Cooney	Bob Stetler	Jim Barfield
Bonnie & John Taylor	Rob Bargo	Joy Lavazza	Beverley Field
Anne Wheeler	Charles Brandt	Bill Worth	

**Healthcare Workers:** Mazen Al-Alawi, Waleska Alvarado, Jenny Carswell, Lexi Crawford, Allie Abrams Downey, Maggie Hehn, Patricia Hudson, Kristen Doyle, Cheryl High Sawyer, Joelle Vlahakis

**College:** Kai Abe, Elizabeth Banks, Michaela Brushwood, Danh Cooney, Michael Hawkins, Christian Jaimungal, Rachel Kosan, Peter Lapham, Elias Mayfield, Alex Messina, Amber Todd, Jenny Todd

**Military:** Jeff Mason Jr., Diego Rincon, Justin Ernul, Wyatt Harris, Michael Paynter, Sherryn Ramkarran, Aaron Sampson