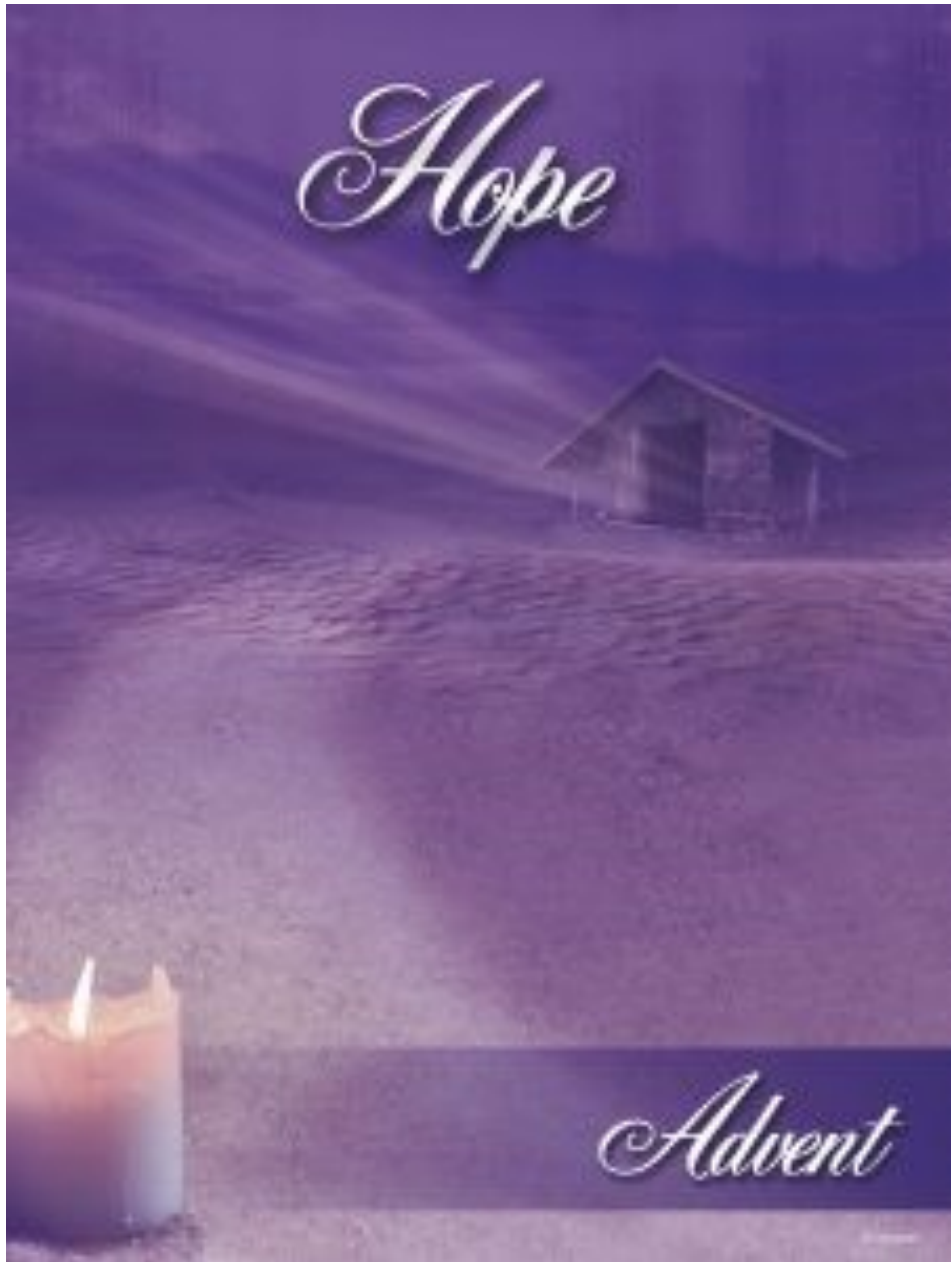


Presbyterian Church of Seffner



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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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**First Sunday of Advent
Hanging of the Greens
November 29, 2020, 11:00 A.M.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Like the Dawning of the Morning”

SILENT PREPARATION

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the coming days,
 how shall we prepare this place for the eternal Christ?

**People: With garlands of pine and fir, whose leaves are ever living,
 ever green.**

Leader: In the coming days,
 how shall we prepare our homes for our Lord and Savior?

**People: With wreaths of holly and ivy,
 telling of his passion, death and resurrection.**

Leader: In the coming days,
 how shall we prepare our hearts for Emmanuel, God with us?

**People: By saying again the words of the prophets and the promises of
 God? Alleluia! Amen!**

HYMN # 13

“Prepare the Way”

Choir

**Prepare the way, O Zion, Your Christ is drawing near!
Let every hill and valley A level way appear.
Greet One who comes in glory, Foretold in sacred story.**

Refrain: **O blest is Christ that came in God’s most holy name.**

**Christ brings God’s rule, O Zion; He comes from heaven above,
His rule is peace and freedom, And justice, truth, and love.
Lift high your praise resounding, For grace and joy abounding. *Refrain***

**Fling wide your gates, O Zion; Your Savior’s rule embrace,
And tidings of salvation Proclaim in every place.
All lands will bow rejoicing, Their adoration voicing. *Refrain***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Merciful God, this is a busy time and our patience runs thin. We find
ourselves thinking, even saying: move quickly to get out of the way; If you
are afraid, buck up; If you are blue, get over it. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to**

be patient with one another. Help us be kind to one another. Help us find hope in your patience with us. We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

“The Candle of HOPE”

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 65:17-25
 Mark 13:24-37

SERMON “But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating...”

MUSICAL AFFIRMATION OF FAITH “Canticle of the Turning”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, 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 sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Offering - “Looking forward to our next Family Retreat!”

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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
(Matthew 6:9-13)

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.

**Come, Though long expected Jesus, Born to set Thy people free:
From our fears and sins release us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.**

**Born Thy people to deliver, Born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever, Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit Raise us to Thy glorious throne.**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Oh, Christmas Tree"

Choir

Hanging of the Chrismons

**O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree, you reach out to enfold us.
O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree, you reach out to enfold us.
Your branches offer us embrace, a sign of peace within this place.
O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree, you reach out to enfold us.**

**O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree, you tell of the Divine.
O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree, you tell of the Divine.
Revealing in sim-pli-city, Creator's touch of majesty.
O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree, you tell of the Divine.**

**O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree, help us to share our Story.
O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree, help us to share our Story.
The Christ is born, Emmanuel: God in our midst - Good News to tell!
O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree, help us to share our Story.**

**O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree, you point the way to glory!
O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree, you point the way to glory!
With branches tall, that bend and sway, you point us to the holy way.
O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree, you point the way to glory!**

Lighting of the Christmas Tree

ANNOUNCEMENTS**VOLUNTEERS IN SERVICE THIS WEEK**

Temple Keeper: Jim High (on or before 12/6)

Ushers: Dave MacEwen, Cammie Williams, Dewey Walklin

Greeters: Deb Thatcher, Chris Spangler

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS available in the Fellowship Hall Entry, please take one.

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!

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND CHURCH IN PERSON - 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 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.

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**, **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!

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

SILENT AUCTION to benefit Meals on Wheels Program, begins **Sunday, November 29nd**. Bid sheets and baskets will be in the entryway of the Fellowship Hall. Please look for pictures and details in your email. Bid by text for those not able to worship in person (**Deb Thatcher 813 240-1751**).

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. If you would like to purchase one or more of these items, gift wrap them and have them to the church by **December 10**. Call **Carrie Childs, 813-695-4581**, she will provide additional details.

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS - Would you like to dedicate a poinsettia for a loved one? Email the information to kara@seffner.pres.org or fill out **form provided**. You may **leave the form in the offering plate**, if you are attending worship in person. If you **email the information**, provide your name and phone number, the person you wish to honor or memorialize, how many flowers you would like to order. The poinsettias will be part of the worship service on **December 20th and Christmas Eve, December 24th**. They may be picked up after the worship service Christmas Eve. Remaining poinsettias will be placed outside around the court yard to be picked up at your convenience.



If you would like to dedicate a poinsettia in honor or memory of someone, fill out the information below. (Please print clearly.)

Your name: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

Quantity ____ X \$7.00 ea. = ____ check ____ cash ____

Make check payable to Presbyterian Church of Seffner. In the **memo** portion of the check write **poinsettias**.

Deadline for orders is Sunday, December 13th. You may place form and payment in offering plate or **mail payment to the church P.O. Box 545, Seffner, FL. 33583.**

[OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK](#)

Sunday, November 29, 2020 First Sunday of Advent

- 8:30 am - 1:30pm Blood Drive by Appointment
- 11:00 am Worship Service Online Live and In-Person
- 12:00 pm Advent Family Celebration Zoom and In-Person
- 12:30 pm Zoom Sunday School

Tuesday, December 1, 2020

- 7:00 pm Session Meeting

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

- 8:30 am Meals on Wheels
- 4:30pm Staff Zoom Meeting
- 6:00 pm Youth Meeting
- 6:15 pm Bells Meet in Sanctuary
- 7:30 pm Choir Meets in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, December 6, 2020 Second Sunday of Advent

- 11:00 am Worship Service Online Live and In-Person
- 12:30 pm Zoom Sunday School

A HOPEFUL LOOK AHEAD

- Nov. 29-** 1st Sunday of Advent - Hanging of the Greens
Crafts in person and on-line, Silent Auction Begins
- Dec. 2** Staff Zoom Meeting, Meals on Wheels, Youth Meeting,
Bell Choir Meets in Sanctuary, Chancel Choir Meets in Fellowship Hall
- 6 2nd Sunday of Advent, Deadline for Christmas Gifts for Bethel Families
- 7 Committees Meet
- 9 Meals on Wheels, Youth Meeting, Bell Choir Meets in Sanctuary,
Chancel Choir Meets in Fellowship Hall
- 12 Bike Assembly
- 13 3rd Sunday of Advent, Silent Auction Ends
- 15 Session Gathering in Fellowship Hall
- 16 Meals on Wheels, Youth Meeting, Bell Choir Meets in Sanctuary,
Chancel Choir Meets in Fellowship Hall
- 20 Cantata, Cookie Exchange
- 21 Blue Christmas Service
- 23 Meals on Wheels, No Youth, No Bells, No Choir
- 24 Christmas Eve Worship Services 5pm and 7pm
- 25 Merry Christmas!
- 27 1st Sunday of Christmas
- 28-Jan. 1 Office Closed, Happy New Year!

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