

Presbyterian Church of Seffner



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Christmas Eve
December 24th, 2020, 5:00 P.M.

PRELUDE "Noel" - Cesar Franck

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT PREPARATION

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We open our hearts to receive your love this holy night.

People: We open our lives to the joy your presence brings.

Leader: We open our will to bring Your peace on Earth.

People: We open our imagination to the hope your kingdom ensures.
Alleluia! Amen!

MUSIC "Away in a Manger" Bell Choir

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Holy God, on this holy night, we bring our hurried lives, our excited hearts, and our weary spirits to You. We ask that you forgive all the time, talent, and treasure we have wasted this holiday season on what is temporary. As we move from our expectant waiting in Advent to our Celebrating in Christmas, stir our faith that we may believe in and share the eternal hope Jesus brings to all creation. We pray in the name of the one who is the Light of the World now and forever, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

HYMN # 41 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

**O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come, and behold Him, Born the King of angles!
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ , the Lord!**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH
"The CHRIST Candle"

MUSIC "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Bell Choir

SCRIPTURE READINGS Luke 2:20-1
Isaiah 40:5-8

SERMON

"...but something came before that"

HYMN # 47

"Still, Still, Still"

**Still, still, still, He sleeps this night so chill!
The Virgin's tender arms enfolding,
Warm and safe the Child are holding.
Still, still, still, He sleeps this night so chill.**

**Sleep, sleep, sleep, He lies in slumber deep
While angel hosts from heaven come winging,
Sweetest songs of joy are singing.
Sleep, sleep, sleep, He lies in slumber deep.**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Offering

Doxology

Bell Choir

**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.**

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

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 thanks and praise.

Leader: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Mighty God, Wonderful Counselor, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. In ancient days, you created us in your image to be reflections of your glory. When we fell short and dimmed the brilliance of your light shining through us, you held our hands and walked with us out of the garden into all the corners of the earth. You called us to be people of light, to walk no longer in darkness, and always, you light our way. In the fullness of time, you sent your son Jesus Christ to reveal your glory and grace. And so, with your people on earth and all the

angels of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn, saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

Leader: Holy are you and blessed is your Salvation and Grace, come to earth on this night long ago. Born as a child, birthed in a stable, surrounded by the poorest of the poor, Jesus came with your message of loving grace to the humblest of all. Through this child, we are invited into your presence, reconciled to your righteousness, and called forth to walk in your light. With joy and gratitude, we break this bread and remember another night when your glory was revealed, and we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

Leader: Pour out your Holy Spirit on all of us gathered here that we who walked in darkness might walk forth in the light of Christ. Shine your Holy Spirit upon these gifts of bread and wine, that your grace and love might flow through us as the very presence of Christ. As we receive these gifts, may we shine forth as your people, that the glory of Christ might be revealed for all to see.

People: Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Sharing the Bread and Cup

(Our elders will be serving the individual communion sets. When it is time to share the bread, please peel off the top layer to take the wafer and partake. When it is time to share the cup, please peel off the rest of the cover and drink. There are cups under your seat holding candles. Please take the candles out and use the cup to dispose of your communion cups.)

The Bread of Life

Leader: **The body of Christ broken for you.**

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Cup of Salvation

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please hold the elements until all are served.

Prayer after Communion (unison)

Gracious God, in this place, at this table, we have touched, we have tasted, and we have heard the signs of Your love for us. Grant that we may go away overflowing with this love so we may share it with others. May we bear Christ's light into the night and all the days ahead. We ask in His name, Amen.

CANDLELIGHT

(Please remain seated while we pass the candle light. We will pass the light while we sing "Silent Night". May we sing quietly as a prayer lifted up to God on behalf of the hopes and fears of the new parents that holy night and the hopes and fears of our world tonight.)

HYMN # 60

"Silent Night, Holy Night"

**Silent night, Holy night! All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon virgin mother and child!
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born."**

**Silent night, holy night! Son of God,
Love's pure light Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.**

**Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Angels We Have Heard on High"

**Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains.
And the mountains in reply Echoing their joyous strains.
Glory on high! (3X)**

**Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.
Glory on high! (3X)**

(Please extinguish all candles and take them with you or place them in the cups under your seat. An usher will come to dismiss your row. Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!)

A WARM WELCOME to all who worship here this Christmas Eve! May you know the blessing and peace of the Christ child this night and always. We know families like to be together during this season; the nursery is closed, but the “wiggle room” will be open for little ones who want to make a joyful noise unto the Lord.

Tonight’s offering will go to support the work of Beth-El Mission, a Presbyterian ministry of worship, Christian Education, and service among farm workers. The mission is located in Wimauma, Florida. You may use the envelopes in your bulletin and write “Beth El Mission” to designate your gift, (If you would like to mail in your offering, please mail to **PCS, P.O. Box 545, Seffner, FL 33583**). You are invited to some Christmas cookies and refreshments to-go in the fellowship hall immediately following the service.



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2020
Christmas Garden



*The Christmas Garden is
dedicated to the Glory of God*

In Honor of:

Our grandgirls, Angela, Rachel,
Alexandra, Elizabeth, and Gabby

Our children and their Husbands:

Lauren, David, Katie & Nate

Our grandchildren: Connor, Peter, Emily & Talitha

Military Families

Bob Lavazza in his miraculous fight with cancer

Family, Friends and church

Charles E. Spangler

Mike & Karlene Gollnick

Pastor Loli and in gratitude to this congregation

Carmen Ann Tomasello

In Memory of:

Parents, Jim, Mary, Tammy, and Teresa

Given by:

George and Betty Jo Kosan

Patty and David MacEwen

Joy Lavazza

Patsy and Bill Combs

Christine Spangler

Dewey Walklin

Sheila Donohue

“La Familia”

Given by:

George and Betty Jo Kosan

Emily MacEwen,
Our parents; Evan MacEwen, Harold and
Katherine Hauser

Patty and David MacEwen

Chuck Spangler & Mark Steven Fahl

Christine Spangler

Harold & Lavona Walklin

Dewey Walklin

Parents Ernie and Isabelle Diehl

Al Diehl

Parents John & Mary Donohue

Sheila Donohue

Parents

Carol Shick

Parents Ruth & Lee Chambliss

Julia's paternal grandparents: Lillian & Ed Williams

Julia's dad: Mike Williams

Cammie Williams

Carmen C. Medina; Annie Medina;
Eugene Valdez; Anthony Joseph Tomasello

"La Familia"

Josephine Kelly, Dale Brushwood

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Byron & Gene Getzoff, Bill & Alma Voelpel
Charles Thorndike

John Voelpel



Thank you for helping make our Christmas Garden beautiful this year. Please be sure to pick up your poinsettias on Christmas Eve so you may be able to enjoy them at home.



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