

# 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  
Matt Shick - '20 - Stewardship  
Patty MacEwen - '21 - Admin.  
Carol Shick - '22 - Worship

Cindy Doyle - '20 - Christian Ed.  
Carina Brushwood - '21 - Cong. Care  
Bob Friskney - '22 - Fellowship  
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 Christmas**  
**December 27th, 2020, 11:00 A.M.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Go, Tell it on the mountain!

**People: We will tell of God's wonders and God's love!**

Leader: Tell it over the hills and everywhere!

**People: God's everlasting light comes to dispel the darkness!**  
**Jesus Christ is born! Alleluia! Amen!**

SONG "Go, Tell It On the Mountain!"

**Go, tell it on the mountain. Over the hills and everywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain, That Jesus Christ is born!**

**While shepherds kept their watching O'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold throughout the heavens There shone a holy light.**

**The shepherds feared and trembled When lo Above the earth,  
Rang out the angel chorus That hailed our Savior's birth.**

**Down in a lowly manger The humble Christ was born,  
And God sent us salvation That blessed Christmas morn.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**O Holy Child of Bethlehem, forgive us all, we pray.  
Cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels the great, glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord, Emmanuel!  
Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SPECIAL MUSIC

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE Luke 1:46-55  
Luke 2:15-20

SONG "My Soul Magnifies the Lord"

**Good news of great joy  
For every woman, every man  
This will be a sign to you  
A baby born in Bethlehem**

**Come and worship  
Do not be afraid**

**A company of angels  
Glory in the highest  
And on the earth peace among  
Those of whom His favor rests**

**Oh, come and worship  
Do not be afraid, no, no**

**My soul, my soul magnifies the Lord  
My soul magnifies the Lord  
He has done great things for me  
Great things for me**

**Unto you a child is born  
Unto us a Son is given  
Let every heart prepare His throne  
And every nation under Heaven**

**Come and worship  
Do not be afraid, no, no**

**My soul, my soul magnifies the Lord  
My soul magnifies the Lord  
He has done great things for me  
Great things for me**

**SCRIPTURE** Luke 2:22-32

**HYMN # 27** "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child" v. 1, 2

**Gentle Mary laid her child Lowly in a manger;  
There He lay, the undefiled, to the world a stranger.  
Such a babe in such a place, Can He be the Savior?  
Ask the saved of all the race Who have found His favor.**

**Angels sang about His birth, Wise men sought and found Him;  
Heaven's star shone brightly forth, Glory all around Him.  
Shepherds saw the wondrous sight, Heard the angels singing;  
All the plains were lit that night, All the hills were ringing.**

SCRIPTURE Luke 2:33-40

HYMN # 27 "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child" v. 3

**Gentle Mary laid her child Lowly in a manger;  
He is still the undefiled, But no more a stranger.  
Son of God, of humble birth, Beautiful the story;  
Praise His name in all the earth, Hail the King of glory!**

SCRIPTURE Matthew 12:46-50

HYMN # 30 "Born in the Night, Mary's Child" v. 1, 2

**Born in the night, Mary's Child, A long way from Your home;  
Coming in need, Mary's Child, Born in a borrowed room.**

**Clear shining light, Mary's Child, Your face lights up our way;  
Light of the world, Mary's Child, Dawn on our darkened day.**

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 - "What would you want on the 12 days of Christmas?"

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

**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.**

**Truth of our life, Mary's Child, You tell us God is good;  
Yes, it is true, Mary's Child, Shown on your cross of wood.**

**Hope of the world, Mary's Child, You're coming soon to reign;  
King of the earth, Mary's Child, Walk in our streets again.**

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**The Grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ, be with you all, be with you all.  
The Grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ, be with you all. Amen.**

POSTLUDE

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

Temple Keeper: Jay Heidt (on or before 1/2)  
Ushers: Jeff Mason, Nancy Mason, Bobby Braxton  
Greeters: Deb Thatcher, Chris Spangler

**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 by 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.

**OFFICE CLOSED** - December 28th-January 1st church office is closed.

**COMMITTEES MEET** - **Monday, January 4th, 7pm**. Please meet with your committee by Monday, January 11th, either by phone, email or Zoom. If you meet in-person, in the fellowship hall, please maintain safety guidelines set forth by the Session. Reports should be emailed to [kara@seffnerpres.org](mailto:kara@seffnerpres.org) by the morning of Tuesday, January 12th.

**CHOIRS RESUME** - **Wednesday, January 13th, 2021, at regular times.**



**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** - We invite members of the congregation for the Annual Congregational Meeting on **Sunday, January 10, 2021 at 12:00pm**, for the purpose of voting on the terms of call for Pastor Lolimarta Reiter and to present the 2021 budget. The meeting will follow the worship service.

**ELDER INSTALLATION** - **January 17th, 11 am worship service**. We hope you will join us for online or in-person worship.

**DONATIONS FOR 2020** - The last day we can accept donations for 2020 is **December 30th**. Please mail your **donations to be received by December 30th to P.O. Box 545, Seffner, FL 33583**.

### **OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK**

#### **Sunday, December 27, 2020 First Sunday of Christmas**

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

#### **Wednesday, December 30, 2020**

8:30 am      Meals on Wheels  
6:00 pm      No Youth Meeting  
6:15 pm      No Bells  
7:30 pm      No Choir

#### **Thursday, December 31, 2020 New Year's Eve**

#### **Friday, January 1, 2021 Happy New Year**

#### **Sunday, January 3, 2021 Epiphany of the Lord**

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

### **A HOPEFUL LOOK AHEAD**

<b>Dec.</b>	27	1st Sunday of Christmas
	28-Jan. 1	Office Closed, Happy New Year!
<b>January</b>	3	Epiphany of the Lord
	4	Committees Meet
	8	Staff Epiphany Gathering
	10	Congregational Meeting and Communion
	13	Choirs Resume
	17	Elder Ordination and Installation
	24	Folk Sunday
	31	Blood Drive

### **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.

Don Thatcher  
Robert Lavazza  
Bob Stetler  
Joy Lavazza  
Bill Worth

Betty Lou Harp  
George Kosan  
Jim Barfield  
Beverley Field

John Harp  
Tammy Wooster  
Bonnie & John Taylor  
Anne Wheeler

Karen Martin  
Terry Cooney  
Rob Bargo  
Charles Brandt

### **Healthcare Workers**

Mazen Al-Alawi  
Kristen Doyle  
Cheryl High Sawyer

Waleska Alvarado  
Allie Abrams Downey  
Joelle Vlahakis

Jenny Carswell  
Maggie Hehn

Lexi Crawford  
Patricia Hudson

### **College**

Kai Abe  
Michael Hawkins  
Elias Mayfield

Elizabeth Banks  
Christian Jaimungal  
Alex Messina

Michaela Brushwood  
Rachel Kosan  
Amber Todd

Danh Cooney  
Peter Lapham  
Jenny Todd

### **Military**

Justin Ernul  
Michael Paynter

Wyatt Harris  
Sherryn Ramkarran

Jeff Mason Jr.  
Aaron Sampson

Diego Rincon