

SONG - What Child is This? – Hymn #137, verse 1

Congregation

THE SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 40: 1-11; Mark 1: 1-8

Keith & Peggy Haines, Lay Leader

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

“The Voice and The Shepherd”

Rev. RJ Leek

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Leek

***RESPONSE TO BENEDICTION**

Emmanuel – Hymn #134

Sufficient Grace & Congregation

POSTLUDE

Carole Makus

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Disciples Making Disciples



First Presbyterian Church of Leesburg

Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2023

10:00 a.m.

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THE LITURGY FOR GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. RJ Leek

PRELUDE – Come, Emmanuel, Come

Chancel Choir

ADVENT CANDLE CEREMONY

ADVENT SONG - Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah

Chancel Choir

ADVENT CANDLE READING & LIGHTING

Trisha Leek & Susan Sapp

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Joy to the World – Hymn #125, verses 1 & 4

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*Go Tell it on the Mountain – Hymn #138, verses 1 & 3

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It Came Upon the Midnight Clear – Hymn #128, verses 1& 2

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O Little Town of Bethlehem – Hymn #141, verses 1 & 3

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Keith & Peggy Haines, Lay Leaders

**You call us home to live with you, Comfort of the lost,
but we are too busy right now to listen.**

**We flock to the stores run by temptation and seduction,
seeking the best prices.**

We rush to judge everyone around us,

but ask You to be more patient with our repeated errors.

**We feast at the table piled high with broken promises
and drink from the cup of fading dreams.**

Yet You continue to cry out to us, Broken Heart,

Speaking to us of Your love.

Forgiveness is the gift for every moment,

Not just one day;

Hope is our constant companion as we journey with

Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who is the Messenger of mercy.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Responsive)

Keith & Peggy Haines, Lay Leaders

At the beginning, at the end, and in every time between,
the good news speaks to us of God's
tender mercy and love for us.

God comes!

Not to punish, but to gift us with peace,

not to judge, but to save us.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

SONG - Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus – Hymn #124, verse 1

Congregation

PASSING THE PEACE

Rev. Leek

ADVENTURE TIME

Dick Krase

ANTHEM

Angels We Have Heard on High – Hymn #132, verses 1 & 3

Congregation

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing – Hymn #133, verses 1 & 2

Congregation

***APOSTLES CREED**

Keith & Peggy Haines, Lay Leaders

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, 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 sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Offering

The First Noel – Hymn #136 – verses 1, 2 & 6

Congregation

***Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, Ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Keith & Peggy Haines, Lay Leaders

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

Rev. Leek

Our 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever. Amen.

*Please stand, if able.

(Remainder of Worship Service order is on the back of the bulletin.)

First Presbyterian Happenings:

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

TOPS Weight Loss Support Group, Fellowship Hall, 9 a.m.
Sufficient Grace Practice, Sanctuary, 10 a.m.
Staff Meeting, Office, 11 a.m.
Joyful Ringers Practice, Choir Room, 5 p.m.



Holiday Celebrations

Joint Hand Bell Concert with First Presbyterian Church &
St. Timothy's Catholic Church
1351 Paige Place, Lady Lake, FL 32159, 352-753-0989
Sunday, December 10, 2023
2 p.m.

First Presbyterian Joyful Ringers Hand
Bell Christmas Concert
"Christmas Bells are Ringing"
First Pres Worship Center
Sunday, December 17, 2023
4 p.m.

First Presbyterian Candlelight
Christmas Eve Service
First Pres Worship Service
Sunday, December 24, 2023
6 p.m.



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Invite your friends and family.