



**HOBE SOUND COMMUNITY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

The Heart of Hobe Sound

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SESSION

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ELDERS

2024	Raelyn Holmes	2026	Carla Tinsley
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DEACONS

2024	Larabee Johnson	2026	Billie Yusczyk
	Lou Ann Prestegard		Lisa Jolner

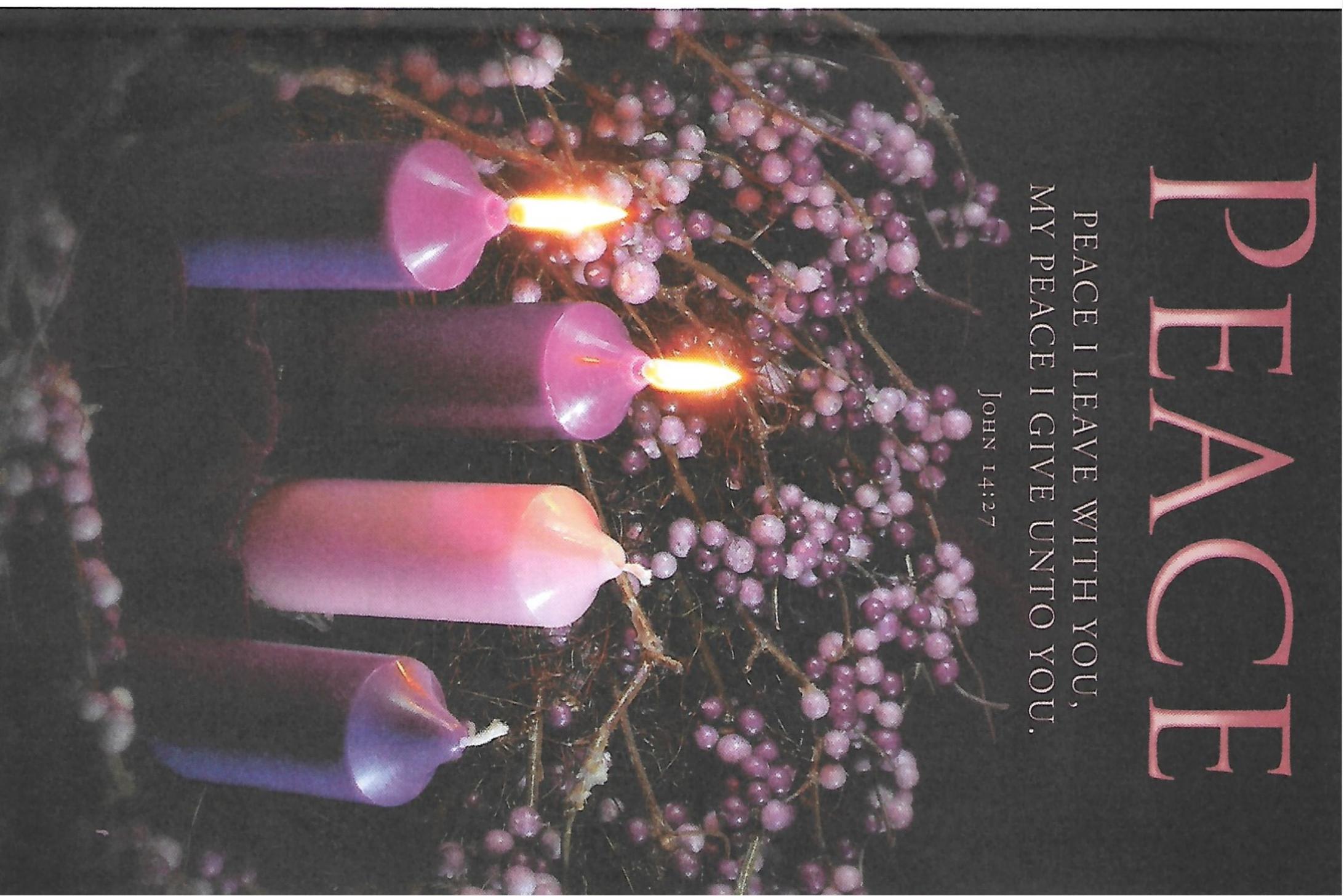
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PEACE

PEACE I LEAVE WITH YOU,
MY PEACE I GIVE UNTO YOU.

JOHN 14:27



THE ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD

December 8, 2024

The Second Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Our mouths are full of laughter; with our tongues we shout for joy.

PEOPLE: You have done great things for us, O God, we come before you with gladness and rejoicing.

LEADER: Let us worship God.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE by: The Gilson Family

"AFFIRMATION OF FAITH"

(The Confession of 1967 - 8.27)

We confess that the one sufficient revelation of God is Jesus Christ, the Word of God incarnate, to whom the Holy Spirit bears unique and authoritative witness through the Holy Scriptures, which are received and obeyed as the Word of God written. The Scriptures are not a witness among others, but the witness without parallel. The church has received the books of the Old and New Testaments as prophetic and apostolic testimony in which it hears the Word of God and by which its faith and obedience are nourished and regulated.

*HYMN 41

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of abounding grace, have mercy upon us. Our valleys are deep when we are encompassed with care. Our mountains are high when our burdens are heavy. We grope in the maze of our tangled allegiances, and reap the pain of our bad choices and ignorant gambles. You promised that all flesh shall see your salvation. Show us the straight path and smooth way through, Jesus Christ, who is the way, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI - NO 579

Glory Be to the Father"

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY No 591

"Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow"

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. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Malachi 3:1-4

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Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN 66

"The First Noel"

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

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

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 1:68-79

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Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Response: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Rev. Paul Bayerl

"Just Wait"

*HYMN 28

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"Let There Be Peace On Earth"

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me. Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God as our Father, brothers all are we. Let me walk with my brother, in perfect harmony. Let peace begin with me. Let this be the moment now. With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow: to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

*Those who are able may stand"

ANNOUNCEMENTS, December 8, 2024

JOINT CONCERT Again this year our choir will join with the Palm City Presbyterian Church choir to present a Christmas concert. Saturday, December 7 and Sunday, December 8

4:00 PM 2700 SW Martin Hwy

CAROLS

A Cantata for Congregation and Choir
accompanied by a String ensemble.

DECEMBER FRIDAY MISSION DINNER

Friday, December 13, 2024 5:30 ~ 7:00 pm

Eat in or Take-out \$15.00

LASAGNA DINNER

(both meat and vegetable lasagna will be available)

Served with Salad, Bread & Assorted Desserts

A reservation form can be found in this bulletin

CHURCH FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Deacons will be hosting a church family Christmas Party in the Fellowship Hall following morning worship on December 15. It will include a Covered Dish Lunch & Ornament Exchange

You are invited to bring a favorite Christmas food to share, and a Christmas ornament to exchange. Bring your covered dish to the kitchen prior to morning worship. RSVP by December 10, via the reservation form in the bulletin, or calling the church office.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICE

Thursday, December 24 6:00 PM

This will be a candlelight service.

The Lord's Supper will be celebrated.

The service will be held in the church Sanctuary. If all seats are filled, additional seating will be provided in the Manse where a small chapel has been set up and the service will be shown on a large screen via face book live.

'DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT' OPPORTUNITY In October an anonymous donor offered a pledge to match up to \$5000 in donations for roof related expenses.

With a huge **THANK YOU** to the many church members and friends who made generous donations to meet this pledge, your donations have now exceeded \$8,000.

There is a possibility of other matching opportunities, and with still a long way to go to cover the extensive roof related expenses, there will be ample opportunity for further donations. What a wonderful, generous church family we have.

BIBLE STUDY: Bible Study meets on Tuesday mornings at 11am and Thursday afternoons at 4:30pm, with study of the Book of Revelation at both sessions. The assignment for Tues. December and Thurs. December 5 is chapter 6 of Revelation

CHAIR YOGA with Sandra Price: Tuesday and Thursday Morning at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall
SENIOR FITNESS with Mary Dietz: Wednesday morning at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall
Cost for both is by donation

ART CLASSES: Church member Debra Monet is offering art classes on our campus. The cost for each 3 hour class is \$20, a portion of which will be donated to the Church Building Improvement Project. For more class details, or to schedule a class, contact Debra at 772-240-2003

A SEWING CIRCLE meets every Thursday afternoon @ 1 pm in the office parlor, with Sheila Fortuna serving as hostess. For information you can contact Sheila at psfortuna@att.net, or 772-708-8983.

THE CHURCH THRIFT STORE is open on Sunday mornings during Fellowship Hour. All proceeds from sales are donated to help meet the financial obligations of the Church.

HOLIDAY SHARING OPPORTUNITIES

SPECIAL THANKSGIVING OFFERING

Each year the Session determines for what this offering will be used. The session has voted to donate this year's Thanksgiving Offering to help a young couple provide a special Christmas for their family. The young mother of 2 small children is undergoing treatment for stage 4 colon cancer. Her husband is working hard to keep supporting the family at this time of extensive medical expenses, when he must be the sole provider.

The goal of this offering is to provide a nice Christmas for the young children, a 3 year old girl and 5 year old boy. The funds provided through this offering will be used to purchase gift cards which the parents can use to select the gifts for their children.

This Offering will be received through Sunday, December 8,

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS OFFERING

This year the Session has designated the church **CHRISTMAS OFFERING** toward gifts, treats, and self-care items for 40 homebound senior citizens who are registered with the **HOUSE OF HOPE** and who are routinely supplied with meals delivered by HOH volunteers.

Monetary donations will be used by the Mission committee to purchase a major gift for each recipient. (Last year this gift was a Christmas themed blanket. The committee is still deciding what to select this year). In addition, donations of smaller, gift and self-care items can be made. Items such as large print books, adult activity books, treats such as cookies and candles, lotion, shampoo, body wash, nail care items, hand sanitizer, etc. are suggested.

This offering will be received through Sunday, December 15.

Please note: Envelopes for the **THANKSGIVING OFFERING** and the **CHRISTMAS OFFERING** are found in the envelope boxes that many of you use for your weekly offerings, but any envelope may be used to make a donation..

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

The Christmas Joy Offering is one of four annual special offerings received by the Presbyterian Church (USA). It provides assistance to current and retired church workers and their families in their time of need (50%), and prepares students to learn and grow in faith at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color (50%).

This offering will be received at church on Sunday, December 23. In addition to the usual weekly offering, and will be sent directly to Presbyterian Church (USA). Special envelopes can be found in the pew boxes.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 8, 2024

CALENDAR

PASTOR PAUL'S HOURS

Pastor Paul is usually in the office from 9:30am – 12:00pm. It is suggested that you call the office (772) 546-5043 to set up an appointment.

SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR

Coffee Hour is hosted by the Deacons. You are invited to join them in **FELLOWSHIP HALL** and/or **THE COURTYARD** for refreshments and fellowship following the Worship Service.

Hostesses for today are: Debra Monet and Helpers.

Next Week is our **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**

“THE MESSENGER” (weekly newsletter)

If you would like to receive our weekly email newsletter, you can subscribe on our Website by clicking on “messenger” in the menu list. Or, ask Pastor Paul or Karen Metzger to add your name and email address to the subscription list.

WORSHIP SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

The lay leader today is Lou Ann Prestegard.

The ushers today are Ingrid Krumdick and Kathy Oldham.

The ushers next week are Dari Bowman and Roy Kindberg.

FLOWERS

This week flowers are given by: **Larabee Johnson**: To The Glory of God and in celebration of my granddaughter Olivia's 10th birthday and in celebration of the 15th wedding anniversary of my daughter Andrea and son-in-law Brad.

BIRTHDAYS

- Dec. 09 **Xiome Bayerl**
- Dec. 13 **Bob Atkisson**
- Dec. 14 **Mary Wilburn**
- Dec. 16 **Raelyn Holmes**
- Dec. 20 **Tom Fucigna**

ANNIVERSARIES

- Dec. 16 **Jan and Jim Norrish**
- Dec. 21 **Diane and Bob Atkisson**
- Dec. 28 **Sylvia and Randy Ryan**
- Dec. 31 **Debra and Andy Monet**

Sunday Service

- Tuesday **Chair Yoga** **10:00AM**
- Tuesday **Bible Study** **11:00AM**
- Girl Scouts **5:00PM**

2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month

- Wednesday **Chair Yoga** **10:00AM**
- Wednesday **Boy Scouts** **5:00PM**
- Wednesday **AA Big Book Meeting (Hall)** **7:00PM**
- Thursday **Chair Yoga** **10:00AM**
- Thursday **Sewing Circle** **1:00PM**
- Thursday **Bible Study** **4:30PM**
- Thursday **AA Joe & Charlie Study (Hall)** **7:00PM**
- Friday **AA Speaker Meeting (Hall)** **7:00PM**
- Saturday **AA Speaker Meeting (Hall)** **7:00PM**

***** FRIDAY NIGHT LASAGNA DINNER 5:30 – 7:00PM**

*** Art Classes by appointment***

Call Debra Monet @ 772-240-2063



PRAYER REQUESTS

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| Paul Fortura | Joan Benedict | Linda Chambers |
| Gary Shriver | Ellen Hamlin | Jim Wiggin |
| Alan Reddish | Bob Atkisson | Tina Krumdick |
| Jan Norrish | Frieda Merz | John Frazee |
| Joyce-Anne Hamlin | Hamlin Family | Arline Holloway |
| Janet Jones | Mary Sexton | Elliot Phillips |
| Judy Doverspike | Sabrina Morse | Derrick Roupp |
| Elizabeth Hubbard | Bobby Dwyer | Baby Lillian |
| Mary Wilburn | John Kienzle | Linman Family |
| Connie Frazee | Stan Ball | Joan Barwise |
| Art Ondich | Bill Hehli | Samantha Seegott |
| Nancy Taylor | | |

Names will be removed from the prayer list after three weeks unless a request is made to keep them there for a longer period of time.

The Second Sunday in Advent Lighting of the Advent Candle The Candle of Peace

Preparation for Worship:

Reader: Today the Candle of Peace is lit. Consider peace.
Because of God's peace within and among us we live out the great commission as our call. How does peace inform your daily walk with God and how you serve your neighbor?

Responsive Reading:

Reader: Jesus says: "I am coming soon."

All: Amen, Come, Lord Jesus!

Reader: We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ. As the Lord has promised, in days to come ...

The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,

The leopard shall lie down with the kid,

All: *The calf and the lion and the fattling will lie down together, And a little child shall lead them.* (Isaiah 11:6)

Prayer: in unison

Holy God, banish the darkness as we light these candles.
We welcome this light among us to be signs of the awe
and wonder that dawn in your coming to us.
God who gently leads us, set us aflame with peace.
We wait in hope and peace with all your people through
the ages and into tomorrow. Amen

Reader: On this second Sunday of Advent we light the candles of
Hope and Peace.

Lighting of the Candles of Hope and Peace

About the Affirmation:

The Confession of 1967

In approving the Confession of 1967, the United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America adopted its first new confession of faith in three centuries. The turbulent decade of the 1960s challenged churches everywhere to restate their faith. While the Second Vatican Council was reformulating Roman Catholic thought and practice, Presbyterians were developing the Confession of 1967. The Confession of 1967 addresses the church's role in the modern world. Responsive developments in biblical scholarship, it asks the church "approach the Scriptures with literary and historical understanding" (paragraph 9.29). It calls the church to obedient action, particularly in response to social problems such as racial discrimination, nationalistic arrogance, and family and class conflict. It sees the life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ as the pattern for the church's mission today and calls on all Christians to be reconciled to God and to one another.