



**HOBE SOUND COMMUNITY  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
*The Heart of Hobe Sound*

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**SESSION**  
Clerk of Session – Karen Metzger

<b>2024</b>	<b>ELDERS</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>
Raelyn Holmes	Cynthia Cooper	Carla Tinsley	
Arthur Ondich	Kathryn Oldham	Deborah Carrington	

<b>2024</b>	<b>DEACONS</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>
Larabee Johnson	Debra Monet	Billie Yuszczuk	
Lou Ann Prestegard	Carole Reddish	Lisa Joiner	

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# Joy

LET ALL WHO TAKE REFUGE  
IN YOU BE GLAD;

LET THEM EVER SING FOR JOY.

PSALM 5:11 (NIV)



# THE ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD

December 15, 2024

The Third Sunday of Advent

## PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Behold, God is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

PEOPLE: O God, we will give you thanks, call on your name, make known your deeds and sing your praises.

LEADER: Let us Worship God.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE by: The Kindberg Family

"AFFIRMATION OF FAITH"

(A Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the Gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

\*HYMN (insert)

"God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Source of salvation, what shall we do? Our lives are unworthy of the goodness you offer. We complain of our condition when our wants go unnoticed. Contentment eludes us, since when we have plenty we still yearn for more. Millions face hunger while we fret over abundance. Through Christ forgive us, yet grant us no peace until we share our bread with the hungry and our homes with those who lack shelter. In Jesus' name we pray. 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

Isaiah 12:2-6

(Page 641)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

\*HYMN 31

"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"

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 3:7-18

(Page 60)

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Response: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Rev. Paul Bayerl

"What Should We Do?"

\*HYMN 53

"What Child Is This"

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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"

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 15, 2024**

**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. Today is our **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**. Hostesses next week are **Billie Yuszczuk and Helpers**.

**"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 **Kathy Oldham**. The ushers today are **Darl Bowman and Roy Kindberg**. The ushers next week are **Art Ondich and Carla Tinsley**.

**FLOWERS**

This week flowers are given by: **Diane Atkisson: To The Glory of God and** In celebration of **Bob Atkisson's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday**.

Flowers are also given by: **Ingrid Krumdick: To The Glory of God and In** Loving Memory of my brother **Klaus Mann**.

**BIRTHDAYS**

Dec. 16 **Raelyn Holmes**  
Dec. 20 **Tom Fuelgna**

**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**

**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 17** and **Thurs. December 19** is **chapter 8 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. 772-240-2063**

**A SEWING CIRCLE** meets every **Thursday afternoon @ 1 pm** in the office parlor, with **Sheila Fortura** serving as hostess For information you can contact **Sheila** at [psfortura@att.net](mailto:psfortura@att.net), or 772-708-8983.

**THE CHURCH THRIFT STORE** is open on Sunday mornings during Fellowship Hour. It contains a large variety of items, both decorative and useful, that are just waiting to find their new homes. Members and friends of the church are invited to pay the store a visit on Sunday mornings after Church. All proceeds from sales are donated to help meet the financial obligations of the Church.

**Locally collected raw honey** is also available for "purchase." **T.J. Gilson** has made available jars of local raw honey collected by an apiary business in Palm City for which he works. The "sale price" is a voluntary donation which will be allocated for church structural and roof repairs.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS, December 15, 2024**

**CALENDAR**

**CHURCH FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY**

The Deacons are hosting a church family Christmas Party in the Fellowship Hall following the Worship Service this morning. It includes a Covered Dish Lunch & Ornament Exchange.

If you are visiting and don't have a reservation, you are still more than welcome to join in this party. There will be plenty of food, and extra ornaments to exchange.

**CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICE**

**Tuesday, 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.

**A THANK YOU FROM THE HAMLIN FAMILY**

Following the funeral service for Roy Hamlin on November 30, a luncheon was served in the Fellowship Hall for the family and friends.. The Hamlin family has sent the following message of thanks:

*To the members of Hobe Sound Community Presbyterian Church:  
Yesterday was extremely special and our family is grateful for all that you provided. The trays and salads that you sent home with us provided enough for our unexpected guests that came to pay their respects. We cannot thank you enough for your loving gestures  
Thank you for all of your time  
The Hamlin's*

<b>Sunday Service</b>		<b>10:30AM</b>
Tuesday	Chair Yoga	10:00AM
Tuesday	Bible Study	11:00AM
Girl Scouts		5:00PM

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>SESSION</b>	<b>6:00PM</b>
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
Saturday	AA Speaker Meeting (Hall)	7:00PM

\*\*\* Art Classes by appointment\*\*\*  
Call Debra Monet @ 772-240-2063



**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Paul Fortuna	Joan Benedict	Linda Chambers
Gary Shryver	Ellen Hamlin	Tim Wiggth
Alan Reddish	Bob Atkisson	Tina Krumdick
Jan Norrish	Frieda Merz	John Frazee
Joyce-Anne Hamlin	Hamlin Family	Arlene Holloway
Janet Jones	Mary Sexton	Elliot Phillips
Judy Doverspike	Sabrina Morse	Derrick Rouppe
Elizabeth Hubbard	Bobby Dwyer	Nancy Taylor
Mary Wilburn	John Klenzle	Linman Family
Connie Frazee	Stan Ball	Art Ondlich
Bill Hehl	Samantha Seegott	Michael Kaires
Carole Reddish		

*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.*

# DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT

## Announcing \$1 for \$1 Match

An anonymous donor has offered a pledge to match up to \$5000 in donations made between October 27, 2024 and December 31, 2024 by HSCPC Members and Friends of HSCPC, for roof related expenses.

This is a wonderful opportunity to double our money toward replacing a roof that must be replaced. This is a time sensitive opportunity, so please give this a prayerful consideration, Besides the cause, there may be tax advantages for those that make a donation. Donation payments should be made to **HSCPC - Memorial & Centennial Fund**, with notation **For Roof Related Expenses**.

## The Third Sunday in Advent Lighting of the Advent Candle The Candle of Joy

### Preparation for Worship:

**Reader:** Today the candle of Joy is lit. Consider Joy. The joy of the Lord truly is our strength for the journey. How do others witness the joy of the Lord in you?

### 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 wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,  
The dessert shall rejoice and blossom;*

**All:** Like the crocus, it shall blossom abundantly,  
And rejoice with joy and singing. (Isiah 35:1)

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 dawns in your coming to us.  
We lift ourselves to your glory. Set us aflame with joy.  
We wait in hope, peace and joy with all your people,  
through the ages and into tomorrow. Amen

**Reader:** On this third Sunday of Advent we light the candles of Hope, Peace, and Joy.

Lighting the Candles of Hope, Peace,  
and Joy

## HOLIDAY SHARING OPPORTUNITIES

### SPECIAL THANKSGIVING OFFERING

**This year's Thanksgiving Offering** was designated to help a young couple provide a special Christmas for their family. The young mother of two young children, a 3 year old girl and 5 year old boy, 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.

The funds provided through this offering have been used to purchase gift cards which the parents can use to select the gifts for their children.

**Thank you** to all for your generous donations. Mission Chairman **Carla Tinsley** will be delivering the gift cards for the parents to use in providing a special Christmas for their children.

### 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**.

Monetary donations will be used by the Mission committee to purchase a major gift for each recipient. 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 candies, lotion, shampoo, body wash, nail care items, hand sanitizer, etc. are suggested. **This offering will be received through Sunday, December 15.**

### 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 22** 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.

About the Affirmation:

### A Brief Statement of Faith (1983)

In 1983 the two largest Presbyterian churches in the United States Reunited. The Plan for Reunion called for the preparation of a brief statement of the Reformed faith for possible inclusion in the Book of Confessions. This statement is therefore not intended to stand alone, apart from the other confessions of our church. It does not pretend to be a complete list of all our beliefs, nor does it explain any of them in detail. It is designed to be confessed by the whole congregation in the setting of public worship and it may also serve pastors and teachers as an aid to Christian instruction. It celebrates our rediscovery that for all our undoubted diversity, we are bound together by a common faith and a common task.