



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

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SESSION
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ELDERS

2024	Raelyn Holmes	2025	Cynthia Cooper	2026	Carla Tinsley
	Arthur Ondich		Kathryn Oldham		Deborah Carrington

DEACONS

2024	Larabee Johnson	2025	Debra Monet	2026	Billie Yuszczuk
	Lou Ann Prestegard		Carole Reddish		Lisa Joiner

STAFF

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LOVE

GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD, THAT HE GAVE
HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON.

JOHN 3:16



THE ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD
December 22, 2024
The Fourth Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

LEADER: Hear, O Shepherd of Israel...stir up your strength and come to help us.

PEOPLE: Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

LEADER: Let us Worship God.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE by: Kathy Oldham and Lilly Rodrigues

"AFFIRMATION OF FAITH" The Westminster Confession of Faith – 6.011)

There is but one only living and true God, who is infinite in being and perfection, a most pure spirit, invisible, without body, parts or passions, immutable, immense, eternal, incomprehensible, almighty; most wise, most holy, most free, most absolute, working all things according to the counsel of his own immutable and most righteous will, for his own glory; most loving, gracious, merciful, long-suffering, abundant in goodness and truth, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin; the rewarder of them that diligently seek him; and with all most just and terrible in his judgments; hating all sin, and who will by no means clear the guilty.

***HYMN 44**

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Most Holy God, in Christ you pour out your mercy to forgive our transgression. Hear us now as we confess our sin. We err in our judgment of what you want from us. We seek to appease you with offerings, earn your favor by doing good deeds, or garner a blessing through making some sacrifice. Forgive us our nature that is prone to buy favor, and in Christ restore us to a right relationship with you. 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 52:7-10

(Page 683)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

***HYMN (insert)**

"There's a Song in the Air"

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

John 1:1-14

(Page 91)

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Response: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Rev. Paul Bayerl

"Untangling the Lights"

***HYMN 40**

"Joy to the World"

***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 22, 2024

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS OFFERING

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 this week are **Billie Yuszczk and Helpers**.
Hostesses next week are **Lou Ann Prestegard 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 **Karen Metzger**.
The ushers today are **Art Ondich and Carla Tinsley**.
The ushers next week are **Dari Bowman and Kathy Oldham**.

FLOWERS

This week flowers are given by: To The Glory of God and in memory of **Rachel Briggs Meyeringh and Petrus Meyeringh**.

Flowers are also given by: **Judy Doverspike**: To The Glory of God and in celebration of December birthdays of grandson **Nic**; great grandson **Parker**; granddaughter **Stella**, grandson **Greg** and daughter **Lisa**.

ANNIVERSARIES

Dec. 28 Sylvia and Randy Ryan
Dec. 31 Debra and Andy Monet

This year the Session 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**.

On Tuesday, Mission chairman **Carla Tinsley** delivered 40 Christmas bags full of gifts, both donated and purchased with your very generous monetary donations.

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.

Please note: Bible study will not meet for the next 2 weeks.

The assignment for **Tues. January 7** and **Thurs. January 9** is chapter 9 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, 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.

All proceeds from sales are donated to help meet the financial obligations of the Church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, December 22, 2024

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.

"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 \$5,000.**

Announcing another \$1 for \$1 Match

Another anonymous donor has offered a matching pledge, this time to match up to \$10,000 in donations by Members and Friends of HSCPC, for roof related expenses.

This is another wonderful opportunity to double the money donated toward badly needed roof replacement. All donations that have been made since the previous pledge was met will be included in this matching drive. Donation payments should be made to **HSCPC - Memorial & Centennial Fund**, with notation **For Roof Related Expenses.**

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

The Christmas Joy Offering will be received at church today in addition to the usual weekly offering, Special envelopes can be found in the pew boxes

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%).

CALENDAR

Sunday Service		10:30AM
Tuesday	Chair Yoga	10:00AM
Tuesday	Bible Study	11:00AM
*** Girl Scouts		5:00PM
	2 nd and 4 th 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
Saturday	AA Speaker Meeting (Hall)	7:00PM
*** *** Art Classes by appointment***		
Call Debra Monet @ 772-240-2063		

******No Bible Study Christmas Week and New Years Week.**

PRAYER REQUESTS



Paul Fortura	Joan Benedict	Linda Chambers
Gary Shriver	Ellen Hamlin	Jim Wiggins
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	Nancy Taylor
Mary Wilburn	John Kienzle	Limman Family
Connie Frazee	Stan Ball	Art Ondich
Bill Hehli	Samantha Seegott	Michael Kaires
Carole Reddish	Jesse Quinn Family	

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 Fourth Sunday in Advent

Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Candle of Love

Preparation for Worship:

Reader: Today the Candle of Love is lit. Consider love. God's love becomes incarnate in the one born and is lived today in us. How does love take shape in your relationships with those you know...those you don't know...and what evidence is there that you are living out God's love.

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 Lord will give you a sign.
Look, the young woman is with child.

All: *She will bear a son*

And name him Emmanuel: "God is with us."
(Isaiah 7:14)

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.
Let your light shine in us. Set us aflame with love.
We wait in hope, peace, joy, and love with all your people,
Through the ages and into tomorrow. Amen

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

Lighting the Candles of Hope, Peace,
Joy, and Love

Westminster Confession of Faith (1649)

In 1643, the English House of Commons adopted an ordinance calling for the "settling of the government and liturgy of the Church of England (in a manner) most agreeable to God's Holy Word and most apt to procure the peace of the church at home and nearer abroad." After the ordinance passed the House of Lords, an assembly to accomplish this work convened in Westminster Abbey. The Westminster Standards represent the fruits of a Protestant scholasticism that refined and systematized the teachings of the Reformation. The standards lift up the truth and authority of the Scriptures, as immediately inspired in Hebrew and Greek, kept pure in all ages, and known through the internal witness of the Holy Spirit. Divine sovereignty and double predestination are also emphasized. In appealing to Scripture to formulate a covenant theology, the standards had important implications for political thought and practice, reminding both ruler and people of their duties to God and to each other.

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1. There's a song in the air! There's a star in the sky!
2. There's a tumult of joy o'er the won-der-ful birth,
3. In the light of that star lie the a-ges im-peared;
4. We re-joice in the light, and we ech-o-o the song

There's a moth-er's deep prayer and a ba-by's low cry!
 for the vir-gin's sweet boy is the Lord of the earth,
 and that song from a far has swept o-ver the world,
 that comes down through the night from the heav-en-ly throng.

And the star rains its fire while the beau-ti-ful sing,
 Ay! the star rains its fire while the beau-ti-ful sing,
 Ay! we shout to the love-ly e-van-gel they bring.

for the man-ger of Beth-le-hem cra-dles a King!
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 in the homes of the na-tions that Je-sus is King!
 and we greet in his cra-dle our Sav-ior and King!

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