



Celebrate the Christmas Season with Us!

Sunday, December 17: Choral Advent Service

8am and 11am: The Scriptures and Songs of Christ's Nativity

9-11am: Ministry Fair:

See all the ways our Church seeks to serve God, the community, and the world!

Sunday, December 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Services:

6pm: Children's Christmas Program

8pm: A Traditional Christmas Service

11pm: Carols, Candles, and Communion

Monday, December 25: Community Christmas Dinner

Dinner is FREE! All are invited!

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

UMM BREAKFAST - ALL MEN INVITED!

Monday, December 4 at 8:00am, Perkins Restaurant

Our guest speaker will be Don Schaile, Commander of DAV Unit 82.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

Wednesdays at 1:00pm

If you or someone you know is a caregiver (of any kind), this group is for you!

All are invited to attend, learn, connect and support one another.

Join us in the conference room on Wednesdays at 1pm.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY TO BEGIN

"12 More Women of the Bible"

Join us beginning Tuesday, January 9th for this 12 week study.

The cost will be \$10 (due on the first session). There will be sessions at 1:30pm and 6:30pm. Please contact "D" Fletcher by phone at 623-0642 or by email: djfnrs@centurylink.net to sign up by December 20.

Looking forward to seeing all of you there as we discover how these women's lives impact ours today.

CHRISTMAS DINNER PLANNING MEETING

Monday, December 11th 6:15 PM, New Room

Please plan to attend the Christmas dinner planning/organizational meeting.

This is a great opportunity especially if you are new this year to learn more about our Christmas tradition. For those who have participated in the past, please come help us plan.

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGERS

The Salty Service committee needs your help. We have agreed to provide bell ringers at the Publix Store on Peachland and Kings Highway during December on Wednesdays and Thursdays for two hour segments each of the days.

There is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Desk. Thanks a million.

The communion envelope placed in the bulletin is for your donation to assist the needy in our church and community. We provide assistance with gas, utilities, and housing when we have available funds. Thank you.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

TODAY, SUNDAY 12/3

9:30 AM Children's Sunday School/Children's Wing

9:30 AM Youth Sunday School/Youth Room

9:30 AM Adult Study Options (current study topic):

Andy Stanley Sermons, Conference Room (Becomers)

"The Sovereignty of God" New Room (Wesley Bible)

"The First Letter of Peter" Lounge (Bible Discovery Class)

"The Ten Commandments" Fellowship Hall 3 (3 M's)

"Romans" FH1 (Meth-O-Mates)

10:45 AM "Unshared Love: The Journey to Biblical Intimacy" (Mission Impossible) New Room

11:00 AM Secret Sisters Reveal Tea

11:15 AM Kids' Worship/Port

2:00 PM Worship at Brookdale Port Charlotte

2:00 PM Worship at Royal Palm

3:00 PM Worship at Vick Street Manor

4:00 PM Town Hall Meeting/Fellowship Hall

MONDAY 12/4

8:00 AM UMM Breakfast, Perkins

9:00 - 10:00 AM Exercise/Sanctuary

9:30 AM Clap, Tap & Jingle/Port

1:00 PM Emmaus Women/at the home of "D" Fletcher

6:30 PM Praise Band/Youth Room

TUESDAY 12/5

9:30 AM Clap, Tap & Jingle/Port

9:30 AM Worship at Sandhill Gardens

6:00 PM Membership Class/Conference Room

WEDNESDAY 12/6

8:00 AM Emmaus Men/Chick-fil-A

9:00 - 10:00 AM Exercise/Sanctuary

9:00 AM Vision Team/Conference Room

10:00 AM Handbell Choir/Choir Room

1:00 PM Caregiver Support Group/Conference Room

5:00 PM Wednesday Night Together Dinner/Fellowship Hall

On the Menu: BBQ Ribs

5:45 PM Bible Study/New Room

6:00 PM Children/Port

6:00 PM Youth/Youth Room

6:25 PM Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary

THURSDAY 12/7

1:00 PM Mah Jongg/Fellowship Hall

2:30 PM Disciple: Jesus in the Gospels/New Room

6:30 PM Praise Band/Youth Room

FRIDAY 12/8

8:30 AM Bulletin Team/New Room

9:00 - 10:00 AM Exercise/Sanctuary

6:00 PM Doves Girls' Group/Port

SATURDAY 12/9

7:00 PM ChoRUSS Concert/Sanctuary

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 8:30am - 4:30pm;

Friday 8:30am - Noon



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WELCOME to worship



FIRST SUNDAY

OF

Advent

December 3, 2017

Port Charlotte

United Methodist Church

KNOW Christ. GROW to love Christ. GO to serve Christ.

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8:00 & 11:00 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Savior of the Nations, Come" (Bach)
*Thou, the Father's only Son, Hast o'er sin the victory won.
Boundless shall Thy kingdom be; When shall we its glories see?*

**LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

Leader(s): Holy God, we light the first candle of Advent. We kindle it with hope. We long for you to come to our world, to break through and reign with compassion, justice, and peace. The prophet Isaiah also cried to God to tear open heaven and come down. He called God's people to do right. Isaiah called them to be refashioned like clay by God, the potter. And so, this Advent, we also call out to God:

CONGREGATION: Mighty God, creator of the world, break through all that keeps us from you. We ask for your mercy and reform us in your image. This Advent, visit us with your justice, love, and peace. Amen.

****OPENING HYMN** "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" *UMH #203*

PASTORAL PRAYER

COLLECT FOR ADVENT (All pray in unison)

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CWM (CHILDREN'S WEEKDAY MINISTRY) SINGERS (11 AM)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (11 AM)

All children are invited to come up to the altar for a special message. Afterwards, children in grades K-5 are invited to attend **Kids' Worship** at the Port or to return to their seats with their families.

OFFERINGS TO GOD

Offertory "Awaken and Prepare Us" (Hayes)
**Doxology "Of the Father's Love Begotten," verse 3 *UMH #184*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 64:1-9
Reader: The Word of the Lord. **Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 13:24-37
Reader: The Word of the Lord. **Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Advent: Our Wake-up Call" Pastor David

HOLY COMMUNION AND LORD'S PRAYER *UMH #13-14*
Hymns during Communion: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" (*UMH #196*), "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" (*UMH #626*)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in the power of your Spirit, to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart as obedient servants of your kingdom and ambassadors of your rule; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Please stand if you are comfortably able.

****CLOSING HYMN** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," vv. 1, 2, 5-7 *UMH #211*

POSTLUDE "Dorian Toccata" (Bach)

9:30 AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

"Soon"

MORNING PRAYER

OFFERING

"Love Came Down"

SCRIPTURE READING
Isaiah 64:1-9, Mark 13:24-37

MESSAGE
"Advent: Our Wake-up Call"
Pastor David

HOLY COMMUNION

CLOSING PRAISE
"O Come Emmanuel"

SENDING FORTH

Meditation (An Advent Sonnet)

"Watch," said Christ to all, "and do not fall asleep,"
Lulled into the dreams the world would spin
For us – the dreams that ever seek to keep
Us focused on our wants and chasing sin
As if it were salvation. Advent roars
Its bold alarm near each year's end: "Prepare
For Him who now is standing at the door!
Throw off your sleep and turn with care
To feed the hungry, clothe the poor, and share
What God has lent you, and to intervene
For those whose witness costs them dear." Renown
In heav'n shall greet the souls who lived aware
Of what God loves: their wisdom will be seen
When He shall rend the heavens and come down.

D. A. deSilva

FIRST TIME VISITORS - WELCOME!

Accessible Seating: The front row of the front & rear sections are available for worshipers with disabilities or those requiring such accommodation and their families.

Hearing Loop Installed: PCUMC has installed a Hearing Loop in our sanctuary to assist those with hearing loss to hear more clearly during services. To receive the Loop signal, manually activate your T-coil or telephone setting on your hearing aid or cochlear implant. If you don't wear hearing aids, ask to use a Loop receiver to receive the sound. This can be obtained at the sound booth in the back of the sanctuary or from an usher.

Communion: Communion is available each Sunday in the New Room at 9:10am and at the front of the sanctuary immediately following the 11am service. All are welcome.

Large Print: Large print hymnals are available from an usher.

Nursery: A professionally staffed Nursery (with pagers) for newborns to 4-year-olds is open from 8AM-12:15PM in the children's area. Changing tables are available in both the men's and women's restrooms.

Transportation to Sunday Service: Call the church office at 625-4356 (*by noon on Friday*) for information and reservations.

Our Sunshine Ministry visits those living in nursing homes, rehab or who are homebound. If you are aware of someone in need, please call the church office.



Prayer Chain: To request prayer, you may use the prayer card in the seat back, call the church office 625-4356 or text 286-4559.

Stephen Ministry: Are you going through a difficult time? We have free confidential care available. Contact us, 625-4356.

Membership: If you are interested in membership, please call the church office 625-4356.

Scent Free Zone: Please refrain from wearing to church any perfume, cologne, or other products which are fragranced.

Today's altar flowers are presented by Carol McCullough, "Happy Birthday" to daughter Debra Phillips.

Pray for Our Missionaries
Connie DiLeo, Delbert & Sandy Groves

Today's 8:00 AM worship service, broadcast live on WVIJ-FM (91.7), sponsored by Roberson Funeral Home & Crematory, 2151 Tamiami Trail, PC, Phone: 629-3141.

We count people because people count!

Passionate Worship attendance 11/26/17: 339
8:00 AM: 89 9:30 AM: 65 11:00 AM: 181
Outside Worship (11/19-11/25): 4

Extravagant Generosity

Week Ending 11/11/17:

Needed Weekly: \$13,157 Needed YTD: \$516,603
Actual Giving: \$12,345 Actual YTD: \$457,597

Week Ending 11/18/17:

Needed Weekly: \$13,157 Needed YTD: \$529,760
Actual Giving: \$8,566 Actual YTD: \$466,162