

# THE LORD'S DAY December 18, 2022

#### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Piano/Chancel Organ

STRIKING THE HOUR "Amazing Grace" The Carillon Bells

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CALL TO WORSHIP** 

† INTROIT "The King is Coming" Page 763

† Please stand as you are able. (Verse 1)

† HYMN "O Come, All Ye Faithful" Page 249

(All Verses)

† Prayer of the Day and The Lord's Prayer

† ANTHEM "Gloria Patri" Page 813

HYMN "Silent Night" Page 253

(All Verses)

WE PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER AND RECITE GOD'S COVENANT PROMISES

PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONSORIAL "Psalm 30" Psalter 30<sup>A</sup>

Sung to the tune of: "O Jesus I Have Promised"

(Verses 2,5)

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH CANDLE OF THE ADVENT WREATH

WE RETURN OUR TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE UNTO THE LORD

RECEIVING THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS † DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER



## WE LIFT OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

HYMN "It Came Upon The Midnight Clear" Page 251 (Verses 1,2,4)

SPECIAL MUSIC

## EXPOSITION OF THE WORD AND CONFESSION OF FAITH

THE SERMON
"House of Bread, be Fruitful"
Matthew 1:1-18; Psalm 132:1-11

† THE APOSTLES' CREED

† CLOSING HYMN "O Little Town of Bethlehem" Page 250

(Verses 1,2,4)

† BENEDICTION

† ANTHEM "The Family of God" Page 419

## DEPART IN PEACE TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

MEET AND GREET COFFEE FELLOWSHIP.

If you are visiting with us today, we're glad you're here. We are ordinary people on an extraordinary journey, learning to love and serve like Jesus. Come with Us!



In this constantly changing world our goal is to reflect and recapture the historic and classical worship of Almighty God. Central to our service is the proclamation of the Word and a biblical understanding of the Sacraments in the tradition of the Evangelical and Reformed faith

### OUR MISSION

TO PRESENT CHRIST TO EVERYONE, EVERYWHERE, AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY.



## THE LESSONS FOR USE ON THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 7:10-16 • Romans 1:1-7 Matthew 1:1-18 • Psalm 132:1-11

#### WE AFFIRM THE FOLLOWING:

- The Holy Trinity of God Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- God has revealed Himself fully and decisively in Holy Scripture. We believe the Bible, consisting of the Old and New Testaments, to be the inspired, infallible, and authoritative Word of God and our guide for faith and life.
- There is only one way to Salvation through Jesus Christ.
- The sanctity of human life based on our creation in the image of God and our election by God for service in His Kingdom. This leads us to respectfully affirm the sanctity of life at every stage, from conception to ordinary death.
- The Biblical guidelines for unchangeable gender and sexuality: The exclusive union of one man and one woman in marriage; and fidelity to its vows. And, chastity outside of marriage for the sake of the Kingdom.
- God made all people from one man and although people can be distinguished by different ethnicities and nationalities, we are all one human race and absolute equals before God in creation, the need for repentance, and the offer of redemption.
- That the mission of the Church is to spread the Good News of the Gospel in every word and deed. Proclaiming to the world the atoning death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and seeking to bring every person into a life of faith, discipleship, and submission to Him.

Campus Attendance
LAST SUNDAY: 142

Are you interested in Church Membership? We receive new members the last Sunday of each month. Please see Pastor Kler today.

Our Church believes in financial transparency and so our Quarterly Reports are displayed on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.



GIVING REPORT Week Ending December 11, 2022 \$3,909 Sunday General Giving 2,674 Online General Giving 200 2,874 **Total General Gifts** Less 3% to Building -86 Less 10% to Missions -287 **Net General** 2,500 Designated Giving **Building Maintenance** 121 1,287 Missions Flowers 50 Total Designated Giving 1,409 2,500 Net General Designated Giving 1,409 \$3,909 **Total Receipts** 



With a grateful heart for God's boundless generosity and as an expression of my Chritian stewardship, I/We make this Commitment to the work of Christ and the mission of this Congregation.

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\$\_\_\_\_\_ weekly for 52 weeks, or

semi-monthly for 24 periods, or

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If you are a Seasonal Resident who doesn't already support FCCZ all year long, please consider helping the Church by pledging for the number of months you are in Florida. Estimate the number of Sunday's you will be with us. Decide on your weekly pledge and then multiply the two figures and write them on the line below.

# of Sundays

Weekly Pledge

Total

I/We understand that this is a Faith Commitment and the amount pledged may be lowered or raised at anytime that my/our circumstances reguire a change.

Watch God work through the mission of this Church by placing your completed form in the offering plate Today.



### WE ARE A TITHING CHURCH.



As an organization, we practice tithing (10% of every dollar you give is devoted exclusively to works of benevolence), and we ask our members to consider adopting the same practice in their giving.

The tithe is 10% of your income and should be given to God faithfully.

Throughout Scripture, we are encouraged to give the first part of our resources to God as an expression of honor and gratitude. (See Proverbs 3:9–10).

Tithing is mentioned throughout the Old Testament, but most prominently in the book of Malachi. Malachi 3:9-10 says: "Bring the full tithe into the storehouse...and thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of Hosts, and see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need." IN OTHER WORDS, GOD DARES US TO TRUST HIM REGARDING OUR GIVING.

In the New Testament, Jesus affirmed the practice of tithing (see Matthew 23:23), and the Apostle Paul encouraged Christians to give to those in need and to those who were ministering in the Gospel (see 2nd Corinthians 9:6–15). As you give that first 10% of your income, you set your course to honor God in handling the rest of your finances.

The practice of tithing provides a regular reminder of your dependence on God. In good times, tithing helps you remember that God is the source of all blessings and allows you to demonstrate your gratitude for His care. In hard times, tithing motivates you to remember God's faithfulness and enables you to show trust in God to provide for all of your needs.



### The Chancel Flowers Placed by:

Peter & Carol Simon
In loving memory of their son Jason

The Lectern bouquet Placed by:

Bob Mitchell & Linda Walchak

in honor of Doris Drenth's 96th Birthday

## MARK YOUR **CALENDAR**



(said no one ever) but please come help us anyway

Did you know our Church offers online giving And text-to-give?
They are *Easy* and Secure!
You can give online at: https://fcczh.breezechms.com/give/online

~OR^

Give via text message by texting the amount, you would like to give to (813) 553-5717



### THE ELDERS

TEACHING / WORSHIP

Rev. John O. Strauss Minister of Music / Choir Director

OUR MUSICIANS Pianists: Dee Schultz, Ann Dantuma, Flutist: Donna Zenisek-Huber

SOUND BOOTH TECHNICIANS
Joe Negron, Jonathan Kler

### THE BOARD OUR REPRESENTATIVES

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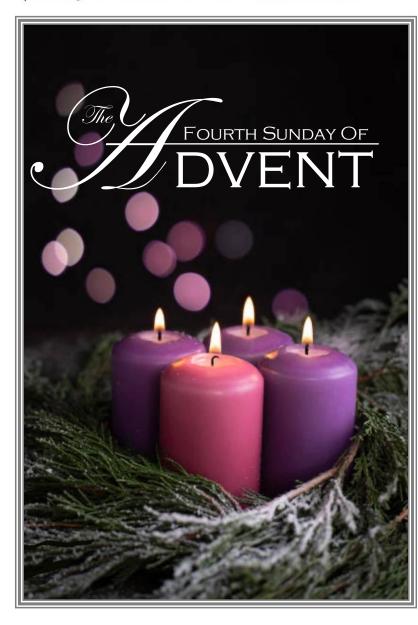
OUR VOLUNTEER STAFFED CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday - Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

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Let us not give up the habit of meeting together, as some are doing, but Encourage one another as the  $\textit{Day}^{\textit{of}}$  the Lord draws near. -Hebrews 10:25



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