



THE LORD'S DAY
December 11, 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
 (Verse 1)

† Please stand as you are able.

† HYMN *"Angels We Have Heard On High"* Page 278
 (Verses 1,3,4)

† PRAYER OF THE DAY AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
 † ANTHEM *"Gloria Patri"* Page 813

HYMN *"What Child Is This"* Page 281
 (All Verses)

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONSORIAL *"Psalm 30"* *Psalter 30^A*
Sung to the tune of: "O Jesus I Have Promised"
 (Verses 2,5)

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD 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 *"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"* Page 272
 (Verses 1,3,5)

SPECIAL MUSIC

**EXPOSITION OF THE WORD
 AND CONFESSION OF FAITH**

THE SERMON
"The Song of Mary and the Silence of Joseph"
 Matthew 1:18-25

† THE APOSTLES' CREED

† CLOSING HYMN *"How Great Our Joy!"* Page 269
 (Verses 1,4)

† 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
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 35:1-10 • James 5:7-10
 Matthew 1:18-25 • Psalm 146:4-9

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: 138

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 4, 2022

\$7,474

Sunday General Giving	6,032
Online General Giving	200
Total General Gifts	6,232
Less 3% to Building	-187
Less 10% to Missions	-623
Net General	5,422
Designated Giving	
Building Maintenance	247
Gals	50
Joash	22
Missions	733
Mission to church in Merida	1,000
Poinsettias	10
Total Designated Giving	2,052
Net General	5,422
Designated Giving	2,052
Total Receipts	\$7,474



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

Name (Optional)

Yes! I/We pledge to give:

\$ _____ weekly for 52 weeks, or

\$ _____ semi-monthly for 24 periods, or

\$ _____ monthly for 12 months, or

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.

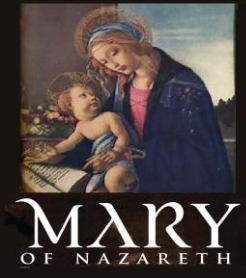
of Sundays X Weekly Pledge = Total

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

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



WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT



The New Testament affirms that the choice of Mary to become the earthly mother of the Son of God was an act of God's Sovereignty. The angel's annunciation was a word of God's gracious predestination. His divine choice is the source of both her blessedness and her fertility. So, in admiring Mary, it is really God whom we praise for His gracious favor shown to her and not her own inherent virtue.

Rev. J. D. Tangelder wrote: I believe that as Reformed Christians, we need to recover a more truly Biblical appreciation of Mary without compromising the heritage of the Reformation. We can understand and honor the Mary of Nazareth in ways that are Scripturally based. Even Martin Luther continued to refer to her as "our Blessed Lady." But, one thing we may never do, we may not think of the mother of the Son of God in isolation from her Son; she cannot become an object of devotion by herself. We must refuse to consider Mary as an example of the cooperation of humanity with grace. She is neither our co-redemptrix nor our intercessor. She cannot receive prayers nor pass them on. When the apostles preached, they proclaimed that there is only One Name under Heaven given to men by which we must be saved: CHRIST ALONE.



The Chancel Flowers Placed by:



The Kler Family
In honor of Jane's 93rd Birthday

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

-----DECEMBER-----

Board Meeting.....Tuesday, December 13th at 6:00 p.m.
No Bible Study..... Wednesday, December, 21st
Christmas Eve Service.....Saturday, December 24th at 6:30 p.m.
Christmas Day Service & Sunday School.....Regular Service Times



Join Us On
January 6th
@ 6:00 PM

Removing of the Greens

Taking down the Tree is just as fun as putting it up (said no one ever) but please come help us anyway.



THE ELDERS

TEACHING / WORSHIP

Rev. H. Joseph Kler
Senior Pastor / I.F.O.C. Chaplain

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

YOUR REPRESENTATIVES

Board President	John Vosteen
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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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FAIRVIEW

COMMUNITY CHURCH of ZEPHYRHILLS
...a Christ-centered, Reformed faith fellowship.

Let us not give up the habit of meeting together, as some are doing, but encourage one another as the Day of the Lord draws near. -Hebrews 10:25



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