



THE LORD'S DAY
January 16, 2022
WE APPROACH HIS THRONE
10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *Piano/Chancel Organ*

CALL TO WORSHIP & STRIKING THE HOUR *"Amazing Grace"* *The Carillon Bells*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

† *Please stand as you are able.*

† INTROIT *"Every Day With Jesus"*
 (Verse 1)

† HYMN *"We Have Come into His House"* Page 224
 (All Verses)

† PRAYER OF THE DAY AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

† ANTHEM *"Gloria Patri"* Page 813

† HYMN *"'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"* Page 581
 (Verses 1,2,4)

WE PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE *"Praise the Name of Jesus"* Page 22
 (Verse 1)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

WE RETURN THANKS AND PRAISE UNTO THE LORD

RECEIVING THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS

† DOXOLOGY AND OFFERTORY PRAYER

WE LIFT OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

HYMN *"The Longer I Serve Him"* Page 520
 (All Verses)

SPECIAL MUSIC

EXPOSITION OF THE WORD AND CONFESSION OF FAITH

"What if We're Wrong?"
 Luke 7: 18-28

† THE APOSTLES' CREED

† CLOSING HYMN *"What a Day That Will Be"* Page 762
 (All Verses)

† BENEDICTION

† ANTHEM *"The Family of God"* Page 419

DEPART IN PEACE TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

MEET AND GREET COFFEE FELLOWSHIP.



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.

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!

OUR MISSION

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

OUR VISION

TO BE A LOVING, CARING CHURCH WHOSE ARMS EMBRACE ALL THAT COME.



SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
 Isaiah 62:1-5 • 1 Corinthians 12:1-11
 Luke 7:16-28 • Psalm 36:5-10

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 human sexuality: That marriage is the exclusive union of one man and one woman; and fidelity and holiness in marriage 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: 132

Are you interested in Church Membership?

We receive new members the last Sunday of each month.

If you are interested in joining our Congregation, please see Pastor Kler today.



GIVING REPORT

Week Ending January 9, 2022
\$4,778

Sunday General Giving	3,733
Online General Giving	660
Total General Gifts	4,393
Less 10% to Missions	-439
Less 3% to Building	-132
Net General	3,822
Designated (Fund) Giving	
Missions	539
Building	282
Pot of Gold	30
Gals	105
Total Fund Giving	956
Net General	3,822
Designated Giving	956
Total Receipts	\$4,778

QUESTION 35
What is sanctification?

ANSWER:

Sanctification is the work of God's free grace by which we are renewed in our whole person in the image of God and by which we are enabled more and more to die to sin and live to righteousness.

QUESTION 36

What are the benefits that accompany justification, adoption and sanctification in this life?

ANSWER:

The benefits that accompany justification, adoption and sanctification in this life are the assurance of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Ghost, increase of grace, and perseverance in it to the end.

Disease, Depression, Plague and Panic



In the summer of 1527, plague struck Wittenberg, Germany. Martin Luther's family was among its first victims. Sickness and death spread the city with such speed that Prince John of Saxony closed the university in Wittenberg and ordered the Reformer and his family to leave the city. Luther refused, insisting on the church's responsibility to proclaim the Gospel and to care for the sick and dying. Even more threatening though, was the melancholy that assaulted Luther. Spiritual depression and anxiety were familiar nemeses: Luther's earliest battles with doubt and temptation in the monastery had nearly driven him mad. His discovery of justification by faith alone saved his life. Luther's depression was always marked by the same features: a feeling of profound loneliness, a sense that God was singling him out for suffering, a loss of faith that God was good and good to him, and a resulting inward self-reliance. Luther's depression only intensified under the unforeseen burden of the religious, political and cultural difficulties of his day. Eventually sickness, external stress, and internal anxiety conspired and drove him to the brink of despair. In a letter to his friend Philip Melancthon on August 2, 1527, Luther wrote: *I spent more than a week in death and hell. My entire body was in pain, and I still tremble. Feeling completely abandoned by Christ, I labored under the vacillations and storms of desperation and blasphemy against God. But through the prayers of dear friends, God began to have mercy on me and pulled my soul from the inferno below.*

While an understanding of mental health at the time didn't allow for a professional psychiatrist or psychologist to diagnose Luther with depression or any other disorder, the signals are all there. Knowing is a great comfort to us and a real encouragement during those "dark nights of the soul" Luthers story is an inspiration to everyone who has ever battled with depression and doubt, because it means that these temporary detours are not insurmountable obstacles or spiritual death sentences. They don't have to hold us back. Our plateaus and setbacks are a natural and normal part of our path to sanctification and do not erase the progress we've already made.

Through the daily study of scripture and times of prayer, Luther eventually understood the source of his despair. He recognized in it not only the elements of spiritual warfare, but his overreliance on his own personal feelings and emotions. And, his response is instructive, because he not only deciphered the causes of his depression in the supernatural realm, but the emotional defects within himself. While he recognized emotions were useful agents for reflection, repentance, and resolve, he also acknowledged they were sometimes prompted overly inflated responses to life's circumstances. When it comes to considering the difficulties of our world "The Devil," he remarked, was "in the habit of turning an insect into a camel." These ideas mirror the teaching of the Apostle Peter in his First Epistle where he wrote:

My dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful test you are suffering, as though something unusual were happening to you, but be happy as you share Christ's sufferings. Then you will also be full of joy when He appears again in His glory. ~ 1 Peter 4:12-13

Both Paul and Luther's advice were that we should willingly endure the hand of God in all of our difficulties. Their exhortations, however, weren't to simply endure, but to *thank* God in all of our difficulties. "Do not be worried," Luther insisted. "Indeed, such trials are the very best sign of God's grace and love for man." "So do not despair, but at such a time as this it is well for us to pray, to read, and to sing to the Lord." That is why public worship is essential now more than ever.

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Sanctity of Life Sunday.....Sunday, January 23rd at 10:00 a.m.
Loving Hands Testimonies.....Sunday, January 30th at 10:00 a.m.

FEBRUARY

G.A.L.S. Meeting.....Monday, February 7th at 12:30 p.m.
Next Diaconate Meeting.....Tuesday, February 8th at 6:00 p.m.
Next Council Meeting.....Tuesday, February 8th at 6:30 p.m.



IMPORTANT CHURCH ATTENDANCE INFORMATION AND LIABILITY WAIVER.
By your attendance you are acknowledging that an inherent risk of exposure to bacteria, viruses, and other microscopic particles that cause illness in humans, including COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. You and any guests voluntarily waive all rights and assume all risks related to said exposure and agree not to hold First Congregational Church of Zephyrhills, its officers, employees, agents, contractors, or volunteers liable for any illness or injury that may result either now or in the future.

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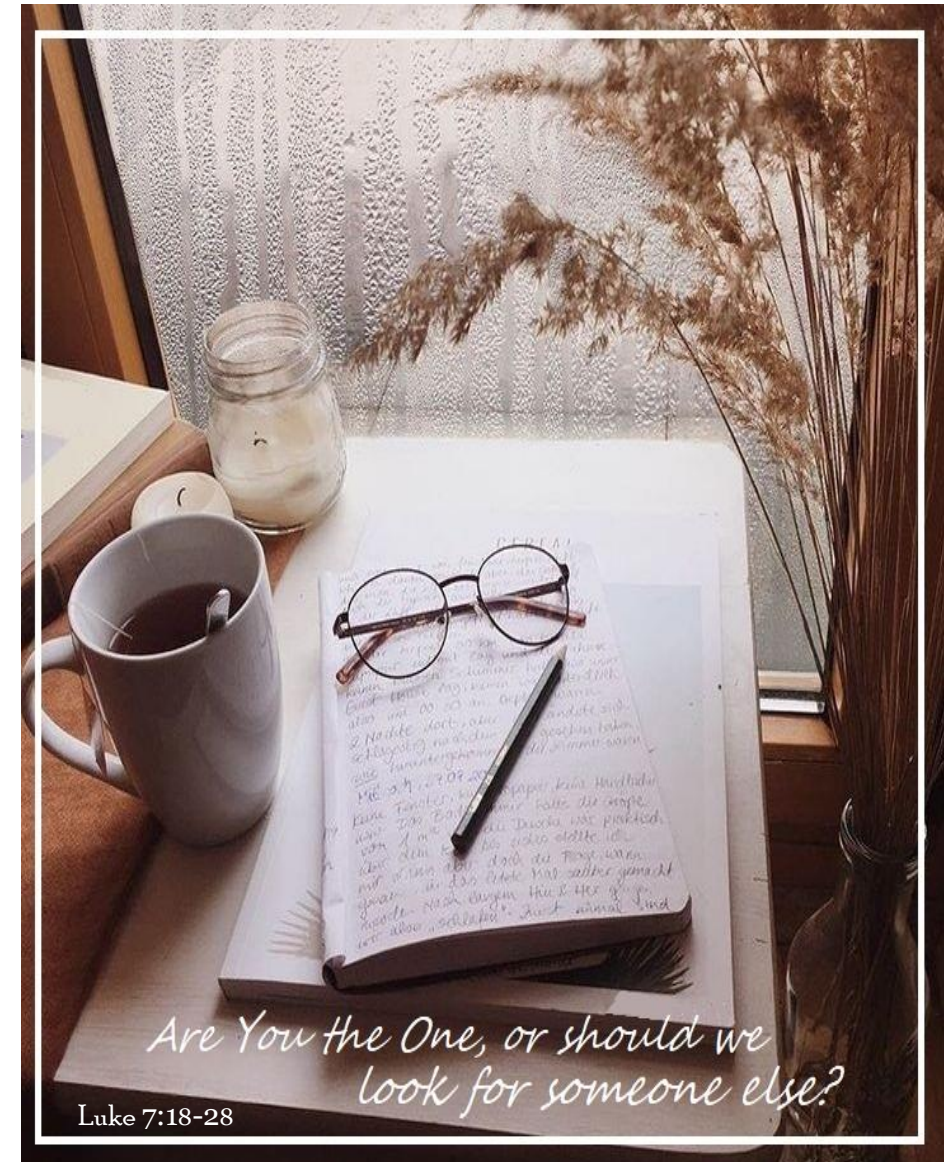
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Let us not give up the habit of meeting together, as some are doing, but encourage one another as the Day of the Lord draws near. -Hebrews 10:25



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