

WORSHIP OF GOD

*Giving God the Glory – First Sunday in Advent
November 28, 2021 – 10:30 am*

Music in Praise of God

Hymn: 347 – Spirit Song

Prayer and Announcements

Hymn: 196 – Come, Thou long-expected Jesus

First Advent Candle Scripture: Romans 13:10-12

Prayer Over the Candle of Hope: (in unison)

Eternal God, on that first Christmas, you gave us the gift of hope wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger. Thank you, God, for your gift. In Jesus' precious name, we pray. Amen

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Hope

Hymn: 211 – O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Morning Prayer

God's Word of Today – Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 21:28

The Word of God for the People of God

Thanks be to God

Hymn: 393 – Something Beautiful

Message: “A Promise Fulfilled”

Hymn: 174 – His Name is Wonderful

Blessing

WELCOME to the Manatee Church as we begin our journey towards the joy-filled celebration of Christmas. It is our prayer that Jesus Christ will become very real and personal for you. You are invited to consider uniting with us as Jesus' Disciple.

COMING EVENTS:

- *December 4th – Blood Drive – 9:30 to 12:30*
- *December 5th – Christmas Poinsettias Order Deadline*
- *December 24th – Christmas Eve Service – 5 PM*

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Opportunities to serve: (November 28 – December)

Everyday (Monday-Friday) -

6:30 to 5:30 – Our Pre-school Outreach Ministry

9:00 to Noon – Church Office Open

Monday: 9:00 to Noon – Pastor Jim in the office

Tuesday: 8:30 to 10:00 – Pastor Jim at Clergy Breakfast

10:00 to Noon – Pastor Jim in the office

Wednesday: 9:00 to 11:00 – Pastor Jim in the office

Bible Study will resume January 5th -Room 12

Saturday: 9:30 to 12:30 – Blood Drive-South Parking Lot

OFFERING boxes are positioned at each entrance. We greatly appreciate your financial support as we honor God with His tithe and our offerings.

HYMNALS & BIBLES - if you use a hymnal or Bible please just leave it on your seat so that it can be cleaned for next week.

eLIFE and Pastor's Daily Devotions: Just contact the church office to receive either or both of these emails. You are also invited to participate in our Prayer Warrior emails.

BABY SHOWER for our Preschool Director Megan – just bring your wrapped or unwrapped gifts by the church office. There is no gathering together with this shower.

NEXT WEEKS SERMON- “A Preparation Realized” – Luke 3:1-6. Pray yourself into the story and see how God touches your spirit. We will also be celebrating Holy Communion and will be returning to using the oldest form of receiving the communion elements – ***Intinction*** – the act of dipping a portion of Bread into the cup. For those who desire to participate by using the single individual cups and wafer, those elements will be available as well on the Altar Rail. In either case you are invited to kneel at the rail for prayer and meditation.

YOU HAVE A STORY TO SHARE ... SO SHARE IT!

VISION AND MINISTRY STATEMENTS: God is giving you a vision for what we should be accomplishing for the Kingdom of God. We are asking that you write those down and place the suggestions in the Offering Boxes. Thank you.