



WEKIVA
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rooted in Faith, Grounded in Love, Moved to Serve

December 8, 2024



SECOND SUNDAY OF
ADVENT



"Let's Go to Bethlehem and See"

Michael Torevell, Preston, Lancashire, England
mixed media, 2021

SUNDAY WORSHIP
December 8, 2024 ▪ 10:00 a.m.

Prelude — “O Little Town on Bethlehem” arr. by Mark Hayes

Anton Faynberg, piano

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Oscar Clavel

Advent Candle Lighting

Wendell & Carol Meyerer

Choral Response 91 “O Come Come Emmanuel”

Choir: Come, Come Emmanuel, Come, Emmanuel.

ALL: Come, Come Emmanuel, Come, Emmanuel.

Passing of the Peace

**Call to Worship*

Leader: The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it;

People: **The world and all who live in it.**

Leader: For God has established it on the waters and established it on the seas.

People: **So fling wide the gates and open the ancient doors that the King of Glory may come in.**

Leader: The King of Glory is the Child of Bethlehem.

People: **The King of Glory is Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

ALL: **Come, let us worship God.**

**Opening Hymn 82 “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”*

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Prayer of Confession —

Scott Wesley

O God, our Heavenly Father, You have gifted us with a grand and wondrous universe, a creation of Your own. In Your gracious love, You sent us Jesus to save us from the dominion of sin and the fear of death. You continue to pour out Your Holy Spirit, regenerating and empowering Your people. However, we confess that we often feel lost in an unfriendly environment, devoid of power and direction. Forgive us for our gross sins and lack of faith. As we enter this season, help us to be vigilant, with our eyes wide open, to Your presence, grace, and power. These and all our prayers are offered together and in the silence of our hearts, in Jesus’ name.

Silent Confession

Welcome!

May you truly sense God's Spirit at work in this place and in your life.

Guests, we invite you to take a white folder from the Visitor Information Center table at the front entrance of the church as you leave today.

If you need assistance at any time, please feel free to ask someone seated next to you or one of our ushers.

Children are welcome to sit with their families during worship or attend Children's Worship in Room 107 following the Time for Children message. Coloring sheets and activities are available for the children to pick up in the back of the Sanctuary. The Nursery is available in room 122.

Stocking Stuffers and Carols

Christmas Concert



Sun, Dec 15th
4pm, Sanctuary



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Sunday School

Christian Education Programs Sunday mornings from 9:00 – 9:45am

Need more info? Contact: lisap@wekivapresbyterian.org

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Nursery is available from **9:00 – 11:00am** every Sunday morning for children **birth to 4 years old**.

Children's Sunday School PreK - 2nd Graders are in Room 110. Grades 3rd - 8th are upstairs in Crow's Nest room. Both are following the curriculum *Follow Me* from PC (USA).

ADULTS

FOUNDATIONS Class: this group is studying *The Bible Project - Book of Philemon* from **Dec. 8th - Dec. 22nd**. This letter to Philemon was written during one of Paul's many imprisonments. It's the shortest letter he ever wrote, but don't let its size trick you. This is actually one of the most explosive things Paul ever composed. The events described in Philemon take place in Asia-Minor, close to Ephesus or Caesarea Philippi.

Key Themes

- Equality between followers of Jesus
- The gift of God's love and grace
- Slavery and Jesus' new humanity



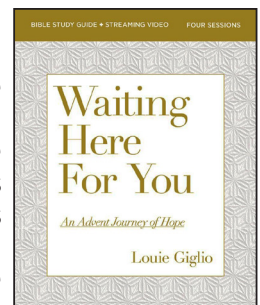
Join us upstairs in the **Wekiva Heritage Room** on Sunday mornings. Contact information for the leader and registration information if necessary: **John & Tara Dalles** at: tdalles@gmail.com

JOY Class: exploring a unique and different approach in the study of Bible Scripture called *The Serendipity Bible*.

This group meets in the **Reformation Room** led by **Don Beavers**.

SEEKERS Class: is studying *Waiting Here For You* by Louie Giglio.

Waiting Here For You helps us anticipate rather than dread the busy season of Advent and Christmas. A season overflowing with anticipation, Christmas comes the same time each year with great hope and promise of a baby born long ago. But, this season meant for joy is often consumed by busyness, pressure, mixed emotions, and is gone as quickly as it came. What is it all for? In the journey of Advent - a season of expectant waiting and preparation - we find our answer. It is in the waiting season of Advent that we prepare our hearts to meet December 25 with joy, peace, hope, and promise in our newborn King.



This group meets in **Pioneers of Faith Room** at 9:00 am. led by **Jack & Jenny Perry**.

= Other Study Opportunities =

WEEKLY

BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR OSCAR

Meets weekly on **Wednesdays** from **9:30 - 10:30 a.m.** in Reception Hall.
This study allows a deeper dive into the upcoming Sunday's scripture verses.

The class is conversational in nature and you can pop in at any time.

D Group is studying the gospels, specifically, the **Book of John**. D Group meets on **Tuesdays at 6:30 pm** in the **Wekiva Heritage Room**.

If you are interested in joining, email **Tara Dalles** at:
tndalles@gmail.com

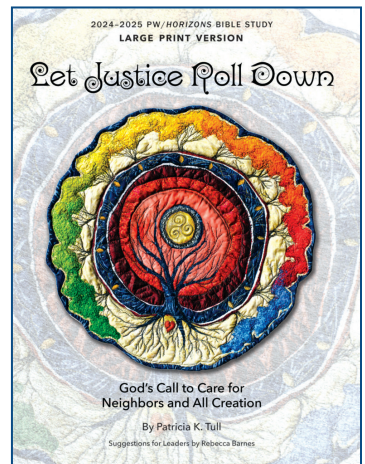


MONTHLY

2023-2024 PW Bible Study Circles → Sept. 2024 - May 2025

This year's Horizon's Bible study book ***Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation*** by Patricia K. Tull; with Suggestions for Leaders by Rebecca Barnes.

According to Scripture, the earth and its members belong to God. We are called to care for creation not only because God loves it, but also because a healthy creation supports human well-being. This PW Horizons Bible study is an invitation to explore and to act, with all our hearts, in responding to an issue that impacts all life on God's earth. Readers will learn about ecological systems, the challenges we face in this time of accelerated climate change, and the possibilities available to address or counter the impact of human-made stress on our environment.



Circles meet once a month every third Tuesday. There are three Circles; a Morning Circle, an Afternoon Circle, and an Evening Circle. Check the Church Calendar on our website for exact meeting times and places.

PW Christmas Plant Sale! ~ TODAY!!! 8:30am - 12:30pm, Rec. Hall

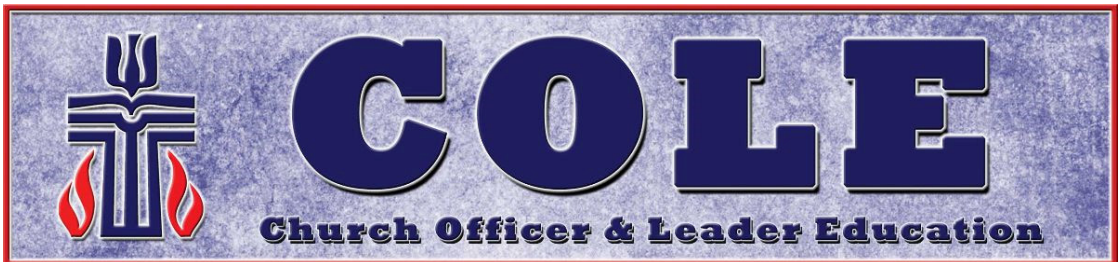
Come to the Plant Sale and pick up some beautiful plants and flowers to add a splash of color and brighten your home for the holidays! And while you're there, check out the lovely hand painted greeting cards for sale in Reception Hall. Proceeds from these sales go to support PW missions of our South Atlantic Synod.

Holiday Cookie Gifts for our Teachers ~ You can help Presbyterian Women spread holiday cheer to all the hardworking teachers of CCC and Endeavor School.



Do you like to bake? We need volunteers to bake homemade holiday cookies (3-4 dozen of all one type cookie that your family loves) for the teachers and bring them to the church office on **Dec. 8 & 9**. Don't like to bake? Consider donating some holiday candy or seasonal treats instead. Then join us on **Dec. 10 at 10:30am** to assemble the boxes of cookies and share in the fun and fellowship of this very special project and labor of love!

★ SAVE THE DATE FOR ★
CHURCH OFFICER & LEADER TRAINING EVENT



Saturday, February 22, 2025
9:00 a.m. - 1:45 p.m.
Markham Woods Presbyterian, Lake Mary

The Flowers on the Chancel are given by Connie Wang
in loving memory of her husband, JinShan Wang,
on what would have been their 29th wedding anniversary.



Assurance of Pardon — based on Matthew 1:21 Scott Wesley

Leader: Our assurance of God's pardon is given to us in the birth of our Lord.
"His name shall be called Jesus, for He will save His people from their sin."
Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**Gloria Patri* 582 "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me" GLORY TO GOD(VASILE)

**Affirmation of Faith* — Colossians 1:15-20 Scott Wesley

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the first-born from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

Special Music — "Advent Carol" by Beth Kenreich Cherub Choir

Christmas Hymn 143 "Angels from the Realms of Glory" verse 1 & 4 REGENT SQUARE

A Time for Children Lisa Prewitt

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Lessons — Isaiah 9:1-7 and Psalm 96

Message — "Preparing the Way for the One Who Comes: Mighty God" Rev. Oscar Clavel

**Closing Hymn* 163 "Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice" ABERSTWYTH

**Benediction*

**Postlude* Anton Faynberg, organ



A Stephen Minister will be available in the North Transept Room following worship to pray with anyone who would appreciate personal prayer.

Live Nativity

Join us on the front lawn of the church as we tell the story of Christmas with our Live Nativity!

Live Nativity Performed
by Wekiva's Youth

Live Nativity Animals!

Cookies and Hot
Chocolate Station

SHOW TIMES

Thursday

Dec. 19th at 6pm & 7pm

Sunday

Dec. 22nd at 6pm & 7pm

Wekiva Presbyterian Church 211 Wekiva Springs Lane, Longwood, FL 32779, 407-869-1608, info@wekivapresbyterian.org



The Session has called a meeting of the congregation to be held before the worship service on Sunday, December 15, 2025, for the purpose of electing the church officers in the Class of 2027.



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