



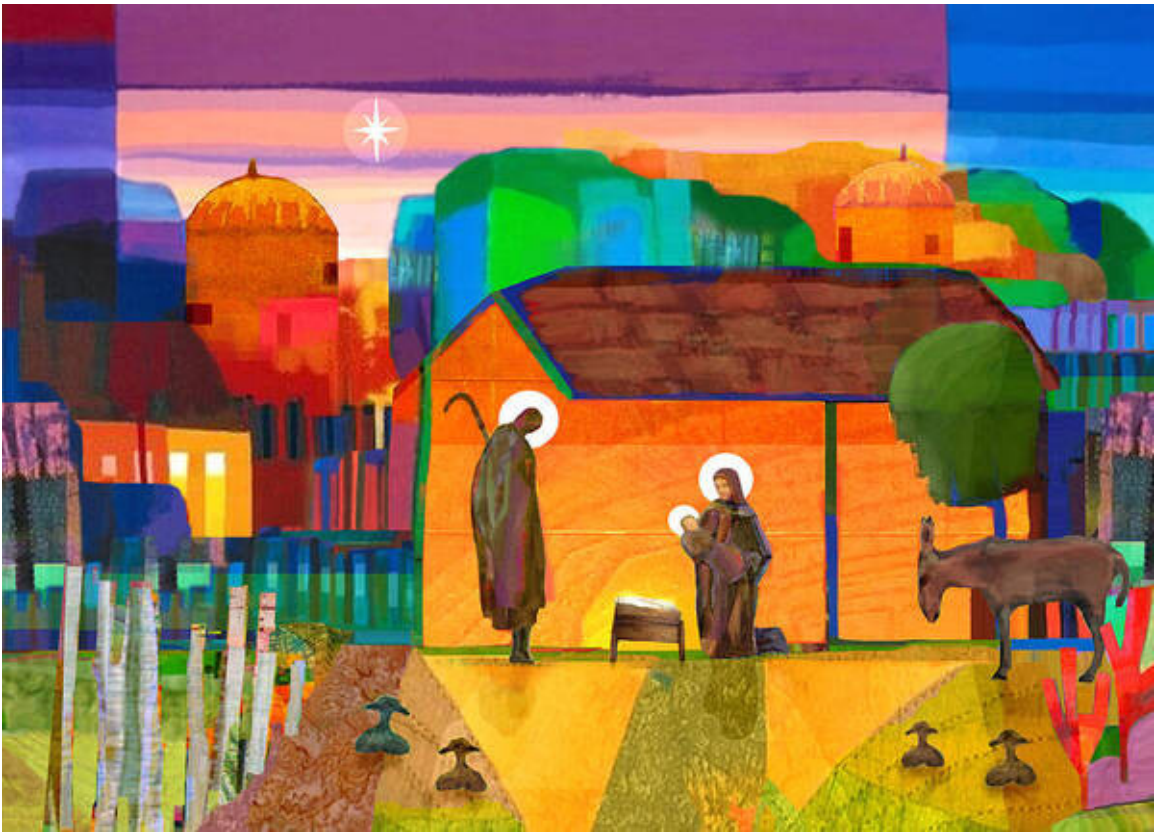
WEKIVA
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rooted in Faith, Grounded in Love, Moved to Serve

December 15, 2024



THIRD SUNDAY OF
ADVENT



"O Holy Night"

Michael Torevell, Preston, Lancashire, England
mixed media, 2019

SUNDAY WORSHIP
December 15, 2024 ▪ 10:00 a.m.

Prelude — “*O Holy Night*” arranged by Mark Hayes

Anton Faynberg, piano

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Oscar Clavel

Moment for Mission —

Live Nativity: Lisa Prewitt **Bible Recap:** Tara Dalles

Special Recognition — Alice Mathias, for service to HR Committee: Scott Wesley

Advent Candle Lighting

Kirstin & Hunter Douglas

Choral Response 91 “Come, Come Emmanuel”

Choir: Come, Come Emmanuel, Come, Emmanuel.

ALL: Come, Come Emmanuel, Come, Emmanuel.

Passing of the Peace

**Call to Worship* — based on Luke 2:10

Leader: The angel appeared to the shepherds and said, “*Be not afraid, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will come to all the people.*”

People: **And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, “*Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!*”**

Leader: This good news of great joy announces the birth of Jesus, the One we call Savior and Lord.

People: **Glory be to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

ALL: **We come to worship the God of our salvation.**

**Opening Hymn 106 “Prepare the Way, O Zion”*

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

Prayer of Confession —

Kim Brunk

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ, You came among us as light shining in the darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light or trusted the Good News to be good. We have closed our eyes to the glory in our midst, expecting little and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt and renew our hope so that we may receive the fullness of Your grace and live in the truth of Christ our Lord, the Child of Bethlehem, our Savior and Lord, in Whose name we now humbly pray together and in the silence of our hearts.

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

TODAY
4pm, Sanctuary



211 Wekiva Springs Lane
Longwood, Florida 32779
www.wekivapresbyterian.org



A Congregational Meeting will be held briefly after worship TODAY in the Sanctuary to act on the recommendations of the Officer Nominating Committee. It will take no more than 15 - 20 minutes. *Thank you!*

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



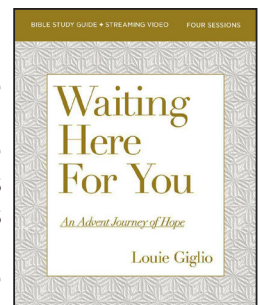
Join us upstairs in the **Wekiva Heritage Room** on Sunday mornings. Contact information for the leader and registration information if necessary: **John & Tara Dalles** at: tdalles@gmail.com

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

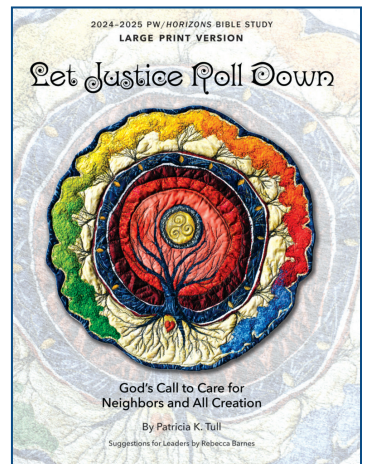


MONTHLY

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.

CUBA NEWS

In a recent message from Remedios, Milagros, the Clerk of Session, told us that they are serving lunches 3 days a week and breakfasts 2 days a week to about **40** people. The food that you have helped to donate is making a big difference. They are very grateful to Wekiva and thank the Lord that there are people who care.

We sent two shipments of food in November and one this month. We plan to send another to arrive before Christmas.

Milagros and others in the chat box have told us that they are looking forward to our visit in February.

Thank you for your support of this mission.



LOFT BIBLE STUDY for 2025

In this twelve-session video Bible study, some of today's best-loved Christian authors and speakers look at the spiritual lessons learned from twelve daring women in the Bible and what they mean for you today.

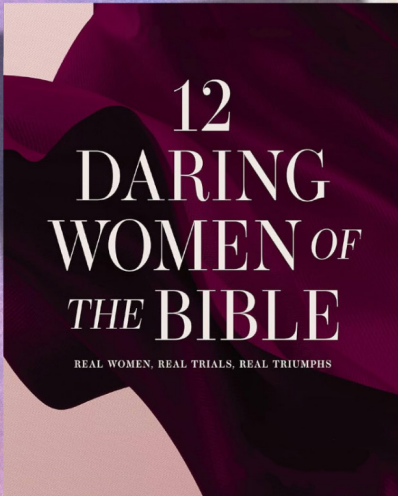
As you look at each of these women's lives, you will discover how to:

- Apply biblical lessons to your own modern-day struggles.
- Live through your failures as well as your successes.
- Draw near to God in a world filled with trials.
- Find lasting contentment in every situation.
- Overcome rejection and insecurity . . . and much more.

We meet every other Thursday in Reception Hall
Mornings 9:30-11:30am and

Evenings 6:30-8:30pm on these dates:
Jan 9 & 23, Feb 6 & 20, Mar 6 & 20, Apr 3 & 17, May 1 & 15

Need more Info? Email **Lisa Prewitt** at:
lisap@wekivapresbyterian.org



The Flowers on the Chancel are given by Valerie and Bill Husson
in praise of our Lord and Savior.



Assurance of Pardon — based on Luke 2:11-12 Kimm Brunk

Leader: “*Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: You will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.*”

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* — 1 Timothy 3:16 Kimm Brunk

Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of our religion: Christ Jesus was manifested in the flesh, vindicated in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the nations, believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory. Amen.

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

Christmas Hymn 121 “O Little Town of Bethlehem” verse 1 & 3 ST. LOUIS

Special Music — “*Advent Celebration*” by Mark Patterson Kids Club Choir

A Time for Children Lisa Prewitt

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Lessons — Isaiah 9:1-7 and Luke 1:47-55

Message — “*Preparing the Way for the One Who Comes: Everlasting Father*” Rev. Oscar Clavel

**Closing Hymn 99 “My Soul Gives Glory to My God”* verses 1, 3, 5 MORNING STAR

**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



Worship Schedule for Christmas Eve 2024

Message: *Welcome the One Who Comes*

5:30pm Family Service

7:30pm Traditional Candlelight Communion



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