FIRST NEWS

Building Faith, Changing Lives, Sharing Christ

The Joy of Christmas: Celebrating the Gift of God's Love

Christmas is a season filled with joy! It is a time when familiar carols fill the air, homes are decorated with lights, families and friends gather, and we are reminded of the wonderful blessings that surround us. Yet, amid all the excitement and celebration, the true joy of Christmas is found in something far greater than the season itself. It is found in the birth of Jesus Christ, God's greatest gift to the world.

The Gospel of Luke tells us that on the night Jesus was born, an angel appeared to the shepherds with these words: *"Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord."* (Luke 2:10–11).

What wonderful words: **good news of great joy for all people!**

From our Presbyterian perspective, Christmas reminds us that God's love is not something we earn or achieve. ***It is a gift of grace***. God comes to us, not because we are perfect, but because we need a Savior. In the birth of Jesus, we see God's willingness to enter our world, share our joys and sorrows, and bring hope, forgiveness, and new life.

That is the source of our Christmas joy. It is a joy that goes deeper than presents, decorations, and holiday gatherings. It is a joy that remains even when life is difficult, when loved ones are missed, or when the future seems uncertain. Because Christ has come, we are never alone. God's promises remain steadfast, and God's love never fails.

As we celebrate Christmas this year, may we remember that we are not simply celebrating something that happened long ago. We are celebrating a living Savior who continues to transform lives today. We are called to share the joy of Christ through our kindness, generosity, forgiveness, hospitality, and care for our neighbors.

And what better place to share that joy than through the life and ministry of our church?

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Every act of service, every welcoming smile, every prayer, every opportunity to serve another person becomes a reflection of the love we celebrate at Christmas.

My prayer is that each of us will experience anew the wonder of that first Christmas. May we approach the manger with grateful hearts, receive God's gift with humility, and leave with a renewed commitment to share Christ's love with the world.

The shepherds left the manger glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen (Luke 2:20). May we do the same!

May the joy of Christ fill your hearts, the peace of Christ guide your homes, and the love of Christ shine through your lives.

Merry Christmas, and may God bless you and your families in the coming year!

- Pastor Tim

The Incredible Miracle of Christmas

I'm a bit reluctant to write an article on Christmas so early in the year! You may remember my November article in which I invited you into a number of Advent disciplines. In Advent, we prepare, we wait, we expect what God will do. For the Hebrews 2,000 years ago, they awaited God's promised Messiah. We remember and live into their waiting, but at the same time, we know the Messiah has already arrived. He has also promised to return, so we prepare and await for his second coming. I invite you to read this entire newsletter when you receive it, but the year has just begun. The church year begins at the beginning of Advent, and I don't want you to jump into Christmas without experiencing Advent. Christmas is yet to arrive; perhaps, you might stop reading this article here and put it away where you'll find it around Christmas — maybe under your tree (your Tannenbaum) or near your Advent wreath. Christmas begins on the eve of December 24, and we have too many stores and tasks that showcase Christmas beginning just after Thanksgiving or even Halloween! In all of that noise, don't forget Advent!

Continue here when Christmas has arrived or is near... Christmas is old news for us. Most of us have celebrated it for decades. The church has commonly celebrated it since the 300s AD. Though, the beginning of the Messiah's physical existence on this earth, it's not the first holiday celebrated by the church. The first known observance on December 25 comes from 336 AD and may have been set at this date to compete with a pagan holiday1. (It has not been uncommon for the church to reappropriate customs used by pagan religions for faithful Christian observance. For another example, you might look into the German

Tannenbaum tradition.) Scholars have long debated what time of year Jesus was actually born.

Because most of us have practiced the traditions and heard the stories of Christmas as far back as our memories afford us, I'm not sure we often realize the significance of what happened that day. Perhaps a fictitious story might help us to begin to understand.

I want you to imagine a world much like our own but initially with only one nation. This nation was once led by a perfect and loving king who provided all that his people needed to thrive. His subjects, though, were jealous of the king and desired to take control of their own destiny. They wanted power to become like their king, so they broke away and formed MyLand. They installed their own leaders who oppressed them for many, many years — year after year. The perfect king (of PerfectWorld) wept over the harshness of life in MyLand and the cries of the descendants of his former subjects. Occasionally, a person would read or hear of how incredible life was in PerfectWorld, and they would try to call their people back into that land. They were known as prophets, but the people continued to live by their own ways heaping problem upon problem and challenge upon challenge. Finally, the king of PerfectWorld decided to enact a loving plan to call them back. He had always known that sending prophets would not be entirely effective and always knew he would enact this secret plan. He had a special elixir that would allow him to be born again as a vulnerable baby, so he took this elixir, and members of his court secretly took him across the border and left him near a family who would care for him in MyLand. He loved his people so much that he gave up all his status and power and protection and subjected himself to a family — even to the people of — MyLand.

Though, he lived perfectly in MyLand and continued to love his people there, he knew that he would be judged by the people of MyLand and would take on shame for becoming one of them. As they judged one another, they would judge him also.

I wonder if we might judge such a perfect king to be carelessly faithful to his people. What king would do this? We might think he went too far; would any of us be willing to give up all we have for the benefit of others — even for our own family members to whom we are estranged?



This story can't truly and fully describe God and what God did on Christmas. If I claimed otherwise, my seminary professors would likely accuse me of modalism and collapsing the Trinity among a number of other heresies. Our human and earthly metaphors can never fully explain God.

What I am trying to approximate here is the depth of love God expressed through the incarnation that we celebrate at Christmas. God had created humanity and all that is and placed them in a perfect world. His people, though, wanted to be like gods and chose to live by their own ways. They suffered and continue to suffer greatly. God heard his people's cries and saw their sin and the damage it causes. He spoke to them through prophets, angels, and others through millennia, but they wouldn't heed his warnings and invitations. He created a special people and nation (Ancient Israel) that would try to model his ways and invite others into his kingdom, but they would fall very short (as we in the church regularly do today). So he enacted his secret plan intended from the beginning. We speak of God sending his Son, but this is metaphor. It helps us to understand a bit of what is beyond our understanding. The One God (of three personas — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) came to us personally to invite us back into his kingdom. He didn't come with his status and power and protection; God came as a helpless babe to a rather poor family in a harsh part of this world. He came to his people who rejected him. God took on human form in Jesus the Messiah with all the vulnerabilities of the human body and existence — vulnerabilities we know very well. Jesus was both fully God and fully human. He was one persona in deep, inseparable union with the other two personas of the one God taking on human flesh and blood.

This is the miracle of Christmas — the incarnation. God literally came into our world in love to meet us where we were, to invite us back to his perfect ways despite who we had chosen to become. It is the most significant event in the history of our world and is the beginning of God restoring this world into his perfect world.

This story is so incredible — so unimaginable — that many new to the story find it impossible to accept. What love is this that the Creator — the Ruler — of the entire universe would surrender so much to become one of us? I saw this when I lived in a Muslim-majority nation in the Middle East and when I studied Islam in seminary and elsewhere. It's unimaginable — even objectionable — that a perfect God would dirty himself and his name by becoming one of us where we are so sinful and so vulnerable. Such an act would cause God to take on unimaginable shame — entangling himself in our affairs. But this is the very miracle of Christmas; God loved his creation so much that he came as a vulnerable little baby human born into a poor family in a harsh part of our world. This is what we celebrate on this day, and this is what compels us to live more and more for him rather than for ourselves looking forward to entry into his perfect kingdom.

May you and your family have a wonderful Christmas, and may you truly reflect and know the miraculous and true gift we celebrate on this day.

In celebration of God with Us (Emmanuel),



New Sanctuary Fund

Construction Update – "A Flood of Biblical Proportions"

This is how the Proctor Superintendent started a meeting with the offsite architect in West Palm Beach and engineers in Melbourne (who had it worse). For our friends who have yet to travel south for the winter, rainfall records were broken in the days before and following Halloween. Streets were closed, homes were flooded and school cancelled for several days. The unrelenting rain coupled with the autumn King Tides kept Royal Palm Place and Boulevard underwater for a week – resulting in several lost days of construction for our church. The critical path work on the roof steel was kept offsite where welding on the central truss was done in a dry fabrication shop.

The clouds gave way to sunshine and construction workers abandoned the ark and resumed building our church. The 'Red Iron' structure for the Sanctuary main roof support of the church began onsite and completion of the roofing structure is expected to take four weeks. This work will be followed by the roofing deck and then installation of our beautiful curtain wall windows.

Photos– Sanctuary Steel main roof truss installation









Fellowship

Wednesday Night Dinner

December 9, 2026

Salad
Corn bread
Chili (and fixings)
Dessert

December 16, 2026

Salad
Greek Chicken Bake
Greek Green Beans
Rolls and Butter
Dessert

A Wonderful Evening of Thanksgiving Fellowship

Despite the rainy weather, our Wednesday evening Thanksgiving dinner was a wonderful success! We had a fantastic turnout, plenty of fellowship, and rave reviews of the delicious food. A big thank-you to everyone who helped prepare, set up, and make the evening special. We are grateful for our church family and the opportunity to gather together!











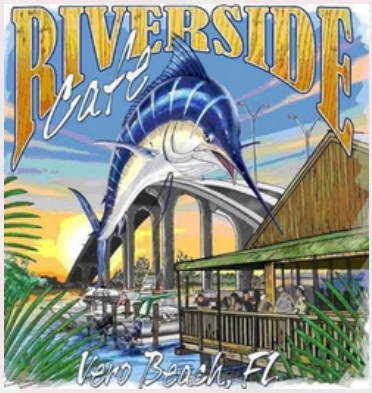
Hospitality

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF PAUL, THE APOSTLE



Join us as we travel to Greece and Turkey on a faith journey that will change your life! October 12 – 22, 2027 we will trace Paul's journey through the ancient cities and countryside of Greece and Turkey. Beginning in Athens you will visit Corinth, Ephesus, Thessaloniki and enjoy a three night cruise to Mykonos, Patmos and Santorini.

If you are interested and want additional information, please contact Anne Adams by email: anneadams@firstpresvero.org or at the Church, ext. 115.



SINGLE SENIORS

Come join the fun as single seniors meet on the last Sunday of each month for great food and fellowship, in Vero's top restaurants. This month, December 27th, we will be meeting at The Riverside Café located on the intercostal - 3341 Bridge Plaza Drive, VB at 11:30am. To hold your spot, RSVP on REALM

FIRST FRIENDS

First Friends is a friendly group of seasoned members who will stand alongside our new members as they acclimate themselves to all the ministry and fellowship opportunities that FPCVB has to offer. If you would like to become a "first friend" please contact Anne Adams, ext. 115.

WE'RE BETTER TOGETHER!



If you have been thinking about joining our Church Family, then consider attending Pastries With The Pastors", on Sunday, December 13th after the 9:00am & 11:00am Worship Services, in the Earnshaw Room, on the second floor of the WCCL building. It's a great opportunity to meet with the pastors and ask questions about the many faith based and fellowship opportunities that FPCVB has to offer.

Discipleship

Trunk or Treat was a great success. We had around 20 decorated trunks, 4 stations going for face painting, a photo booth, 2 bounce houses, and a craft area to decorate pumpkins. Our youth helped set up and tear down all the stations, helped manage the stations during the event and they were also able to raise over $500 in selling Chick fil A sandwiches with chips and a drink as a meal. We all had a great time and the rain held off till the end.








Angels Aware

Christmas excitement is in the air! Our children are hard at work preparing for this year's Christmas pageant, taking place on **Sunday, December 13, at 6:00 PM.** Each Sunday afternoon, they gather for rehearsals, learning their parts and bringing the story of Christmas to life. We look forward to sharing their hard work and the joy of the season with you. Be sure to mark your calendars and join us for this special evening!

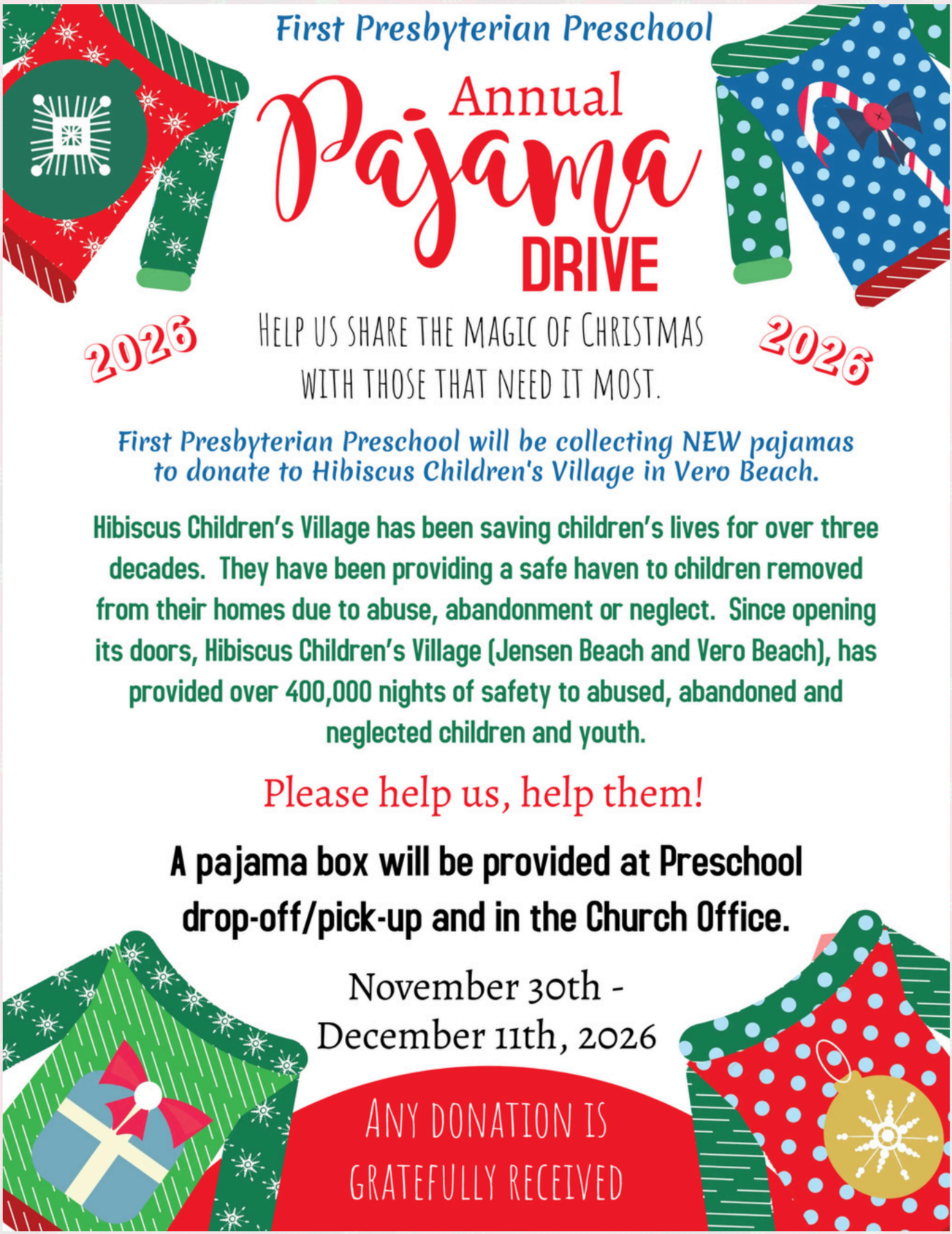


Breakfast with the Angels

Sunday, December 13
10:00 AM



Preschool


First Presbyterian Preschool
Annual
Pajama
DRIVE
2026
2026
Help us share the magic of Christmas
with those that need it most.
First Presbyterian Preschool will be collecting NEW pajamas
to donate to Hibiscus Children's Village in Vero Beach.
Hibiscus Children's Village has been saving children's lives for over three decades. They have been providing a safe haven to children removed from their homes due to abuse, abandonment or neglect. Since opening its doors, Hibiscus Children's Village (Jensen Beach and Vero Beach), has provided over 400,000 nights of safety to abused, abandoned and neglected children and youth.
Please help us, help them!
A pajama box will be provided at Preschool
drop-off/pick-up and in the Church Office.
November 30th -
December 11th, 2026
Any donation is
gratefully received

Youth Music

Christmas is right around the corner, and FPC Youth Music is excited to be working on new music for their upcoming performances at Windsor and the Christmas Eve service. Due to the upcoming performances, the youth also have Sunday afternoon rehearsals. In these rehearsals, they are working diligently to prepare new music for the Christmas season. In addition to the Sunday rehearsals, we have an Alumni Christmas party on December 20th from 4:00 to 7:00. We invite any alumni and family members of the youth choir to join us for a cozy celebration. In addition to the Christmas season, the youth choir is also preparing for their annual tour. This year, they will be going to Chicago, and so they are preparing to host the benefit dinner to help support them in getting to their destination. This year's dinner will be held on February 13th and will be collaborating with the First Presbyterian Church Men Sweetheart Dinner. Please Save the Date! Ticket sales will go public on January 1.

Currently, Thursday rehearsals have continued to have 60 students in attendance, and we still welcome anyone and everyone to come and join the group. Any youth between middle school and college are welcome to join the choir; however, we would also love to see new adult volunteers to help with food, trips, events, and rehearsals. Every Thursday, the students are fed dinner, and we would love additional help with preparing and serving the food. Additionally, students who want to commit to the group are also welcome to join us on Sunday for our Sunday rehearsals.

Upcoming Performances and Events:
12/20 - Sunday Rehearsal and Alumni Christmas Party from 1-7PM
12/21 - Concert at Windsor at 5pm
12/24 - Christmas Eve Service at 3pm
1/22 - Rock the Universe with FPC Youth Group

Student Spotlight

Student: Jocelyn Robles a Senior at Indian River Charter High School

How did you hear about FPC Youth Music?
I heard about FPC through Peter and my friends.

Why did you decide to commit to this group?
I decided to really commit to this group because the community was amazing and I loved building connections with so many new people through music.

What are you enjoying the most about FPC Youth Music?
What I enjoy most about FPC music is that not only does it focus on making you a better musician but it also focuses on building you to have good character.



Presbyterian Men



Presbyterian Women

72nd Annual Christmas Tree Lane December 5, 2026, 9:00am-2:00pm

The annual Presbyterian Women's fundraiser is a highly anticipated tradition of FPC and has gained popularity within the Vero Beach community as well. Again, this year, our largest venue – the Unique Boutique, chock full of 100's of items at bargain prices will be located in McAfee Hall. As you pass through the building, you will see our Quilting, Sewing, & Crafts Circle's enchanting handcrafts. Our famous and much anticipated Cookies-By-the-Pound and Mrs. Claus' Pantry will be inside and outside of the Gietz Music Center. Cash or checks are preferred. Purchase your raffle tickets for a chance to win one of our gift card trees! Last year there were two trees valued at $900.00 each! Set aside December 5th and invite your friends and neighbors. If you would like to volunteer on the day of the event or during setup the week prior, contact one of our Co-Chairs, Carol Freeman, Laurie Peterson or Maggie Fleming.

Get Ready to Bake and Freeze!

If you are baking cookies, breads, muffins, pies, brownies, homemade pickles, relishes, jams (whatever your homemade specialty) in the coming weeks, please consider making an extra batch for Christmas Tree Lane donations!

You can deliver your goodies to the Gietz Music Suite, Building C (next to the Church office) from 9:00-11:00 Thursday 12/3 & Friday 12/4.

On December 5th, the 72nd annual Christmas Tree Lane will showcase the ever-popular Cookies-by-the-Pound and Mrs. Claus' Pantry. Your delicious goodies make them the success they are.

As always, your support for this Presbyterian Women's fundraiser is greatly appreciated.

Presbyterian Women Enjoy Bok Tower Gardens Field Trip

Eighteen ladies enjoyed a wonderful day together on the Presbyterian Women's field trip to Bok Tower Gardens! The group took in the beauty of the gardens, shared a delicious lunch, and enjoyed a live carillon concert. It was a lovely day of fellowship, friendship, and enjoying God's beautiful creation!













Presbyterian Women

PW Christmas Luncheon
December 19, 2026

Menu by Carol Campbell

Kale Salad with Apples and Pomegranite
Marry Me Chicken
White Chocolate Peppermint Cheesecake

Tickets are $25 per person
and will be on sale November 29th,
Deember 6th & 13th in the lobby before and after services

Doors open at 11:30,
Lunch served at Noon
McAfee Hall

Mission

Our congregation continues to generously donate uniforms and school supplies to Dodgertown Elementary School this fall
You have given:



70 shirts for girls and boys
36 pants /shorts or skirts
14 packages of girls and boys underwear (7-10 in each pack)
4 pairs of shoes
3 dresses
3 back packs



School supplies were donated in abundance, more than can be listed here. Dodgertown is a title one school as we have mentioned before. They have a 90% poverty rate. And this year their school numbers have increased because of the closing of several schools in the county. There are 38 student families in Dodgertown who are homeless. These children's dreams for Christmas have been placed on the Angel tree for you provide some cheer to them for this special time of year.

Grateful to your love and generosity. The Mission Team

First Presbyterian Church
Vero Beach, FL

Thank you to all who filled Thanksgiving Bags!

TOGETHER
We filled 192 Bags!

124 GYAC
28 Dodgertown
20 The Source
15 Samaritan Center
5 Safe Space

Come Help Us!

GYAC FOOD PANTRY!
LAST DELIVERY
BEFORE CHRISTMAS!
Wednesday December 9, 2026
8:30 to 10:30 AM

Wear Your Name Tag!

Ask Jayne - w0bud@aol.com for more info

Justice and Honor

Due to unforeseen circumstances and many groups unable to participate for the upcoming event, we have decided to cancel the Art and Music Festival at the Gifford Community Center in January 2027.

The Justice and Honor Team will continue to pursue opportunities that bring our diverse community together in 2027 in service to others.

Worship

Join us Sunday, December 13th

9:00 and 11:00 AM

Brimming with ancient Celtic flavor, Stars of Glory radiates the promise of the light of God's salvation, fulfilled in the birth of Jesus Christ. Tom Fettke and Thomas Grassi have arranged a brilliant mix of eleven traditional carols. Variously tender, introspective, joyous, and infectious, the selections in this work are connected by the common thread of their Celtic highlights, while the readings beautifully illuminate the central theme—Jesus Christ, the Bright and Morning Star.

Christ Is Come

Stars of Glory

What Child Is This?

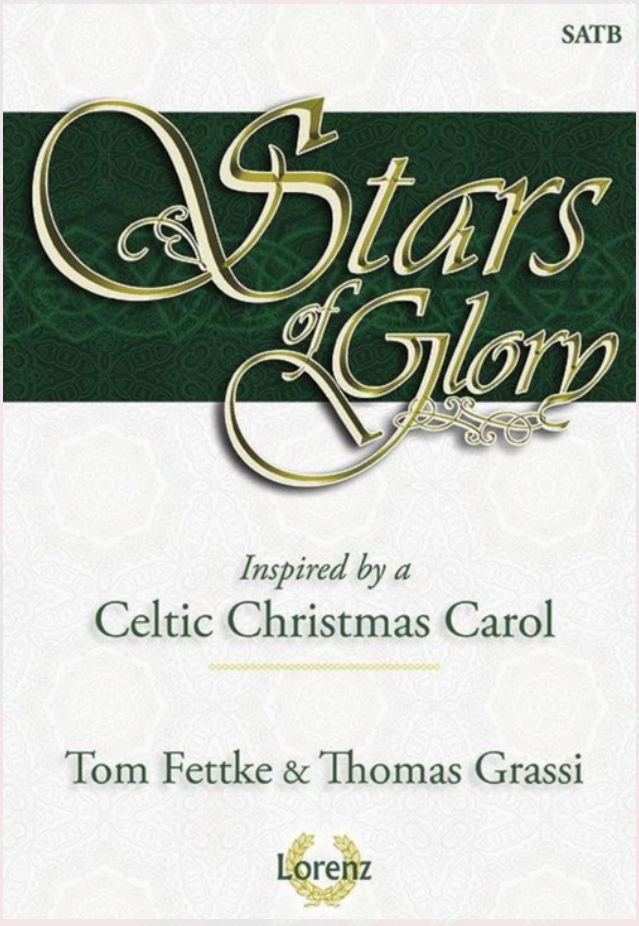
Great God of Heaven

Gloria Fanfare

The Shepherd's Carol

Love Came Down

Good Christians All Rejoice




VERO BEACH COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND
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MUSIC. COMMUNITY. TOGETHER.
A Holiday Spectacular!
Celebrate the magic of the holiday season with the Vero Beach Community Concert Band as the ensemble presents "A Holiday Spectacular!" on Sunday, December 20, 2026, at 4:00 PM, at the First Presbyterian Church of Vero Beach. Under the musical direction of Dr. John K. Southall, this festive afternoon of music will feature beloved holiday classics, traditional Christmas favorites, and spirited seasonal selections that capture the joy, warmth, and excitement of this special time of year. Showcasing the talents of dedicated musicians from Vero Beach and surrounding communities, this uplifting concert promises a memorable musical experience for audiences of all ages. Bring your family and friends and join us as we celebrate the spirit of the season through the joy of live concert band music!
SUNDAY
DECEMBER 20, 2026
4:00 PM
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ADMISSION IS FREE!
ALL ARE WELCOME!
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Happenings for Advent, Christmas, and New Year's Eve

Worship Service - First Sunday of Advent
November 29: 8:15, 9:00 & 11:00 AM

Worship Service - Second Sunday of Advent
December 6: 8:15, 9:00 & 11:00 AM

Worship Service - Third Sunday of Advent
December 13: 8:15, 9:00 & 11:00 AM
Cantata at 9:00 & 11:00 AM
10:30 AM: Breakfast with the Angels
6:00 PM: Children's Christmas Pageant

Worship Service - Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 20: 8:15, 9:00 & 11:00 AM

Christmas Eve Services
3:00 PM: Traditional Christmas Eve Service
5:00 PM: Family Candlelight Service
7:00 PM: Traditional Candlelight Service
9:00 PM: Candlelight Communion Service

Christmas Day Service
10:00 AM: Informal - Communion by Intinction

Worship Service - First Sunday of Christmas
December 27: 10:00 AM

New Year's Eve Service
5:00 PM: Communion by Intinction



Songs of Advent



Mid-Week Advent Devotion
December 2nd , 9th , 16th
12:00 PM
The Gietz Music Suite

The Song of Mary: Magnificat
December 2nd - Hospitality
Theme: Mary rejoices that God lifts up the lowly and keeps His covenant mercy.
Opening: LSB 352, "Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord"

The Song of Zechariah: Benedictus
December 9th - Presbyterian Men
Theme: Zechariah praises God for raising up a Savior who shines light in the darkness.
Opening: LSB 337, "The Night Will Soon Be Ending"

The Song of Simeon: Nunc Dimittis
December 16th - Presbyterian Women
Theme: Simeon departs in peace, having seen salvation in the Christ Child - just as we see Him in Word and Sacrament.
Opening: LSB 360, "All My Heart Again Rejoices"
Psalm: Psalm 31:1-6, 14-16, 23-24; antiphon v. 23 ("Love the LORD, all you His saints…into Your hand I commit my spirit")

Publix sanwiches, chips and drinks will be served.



Wednesday Adult Discipleship Classes!

Offered December 9th and 16th
Dr. Tim's Wednesday class 4:00PM.
Pastor Andy's Alpha Course at 6:00 PM.

Happy Birthday

2. Jonathan Miller, Jeffrey Kuhn
3. Marilyn Marion, Marilyn Case, Pam Schwartz
5. Nick Snyder
6. Carol Christiansen
7. Lisa Barnes, Jeff Austin, Jeff Davis, William Churney
8. Bertie Centerbar, Bob Hill, Nancy Jones, Steve Harrison, Suzanne Breese
9. Ginny Bauer, Janie Divers, Alenda Kinder, Betty Peachey
10. Jane Smith
11. Ricky Ray, Angel Schade
13. Richard Schroeder, Betty Ruth Williams, Cyndi Johann
14. Jack Gasche, Lisa Hanlin, Hannah Horowitz, Scott Westermann
15. Alan Hager, Paul Harmon
16. Barbara Andress, Nicole Barley
17. Bruce Hawley
18. Gracelyn Thompson, Phillip TenEyck
19. Helen Schroeder
22. Haileigh M. Diaz, Brian Robbins, Scott Davis
23. Esten Peirce, Merrick Figueroa, Lisa Downey Merriam
24. John Toohey
26. Laurie Iodice
27. Phyllis McKallip, Esther McAfee, Jack McAfee
29. Bruce Andress, Georgina DeLillo

What's Goin'On – December at FirstPresVero

Here are some recurring activities, meetings or classes that you might like to attend
Everyone is welcome!

Group/Class	Day	Weekly	Monthly	Time & Place	Chair/Contact details
Men's Discussion	Monday	Yes		3:00PM Youth Wing	**Frank Iodice** (772) 538-5697 email:lfrankbi@cs.com
Men's Fellowship Breakfast	Tuesday	Yes		8:00 AM McAfee Hall	**Glenn Conn** (740) 803-3519 email: gconn@msn.com **Phil LoGiudice** (203-507-0008) email: philguilford@gmail.com
Bible Study	Tuesday	Yes		10:30AM Schumann	**Dr Tim 772-562-9088**
Fellowship Dinner	Wednesday	Yes		5:00PM McAfee Hall	**Lisa Jeffra (for reservations) 772-562-9088**
FPV PW social/luncheon	Friday		3rd Friday	11:30AM Olive Garden	**BJ Fisher** 678-481-3835 email:harrysally11262@gmail.com
Book Club (10/5-11-23)	Monday	Yes		5:30PM Earnshaw Room	**Rebecca Palmer** (772) 538-0957 email:Beccapalm@gmail.com
Grace Circle	Monday		2nd Monday	11:30-12:30 Earnshaw Room	**Ann Faunce** (303) 947-7984 email: bafaunce@gmail.com



Sunday Worship

Childcare available at all services
8:15 AM - Mighell Chapel
9:00 AM - McAfee Hall
11:00 AM - McAfee Hall



December Sermons

December 6
Mark 1:1-8
"Wilderness!"

December 13
John 1:6-8, 19-28
"Witness!"

December 20
Luke 1:26-38
"Wonder!"
Rev Andrew Smothers, Associate Pastor

December 27
Luke 2:22-40
"Waiting!"

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Roger Wagner, Facility Coordinator
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