In Our Prayers

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Welcome!

No matter who you are or where on life’s journey, you are welcome here and we are glad you have chosen to worship with us this morning!

If this is your first time visiting with us, we would love to share a little bit more about who we are with you. Please fill out as much information as you are comfortable providing on the enclosed Welcome Card and place it in the offering box located on the table in the Narthex.

Online Giving

This is just a reminder that we offer electronic giving using your checking account, debit, or credit card on our website. You can even use your smartphone by scanning the "QR Code" right here!

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Following Jesus, we answer God's call to practice faith, mercy, and justice in community.
The pandemic has laid bare, and widened, economic disparity locally and globally. As we enter the Advent season, how can our churches become houses where the Holy will be born anew—offering respite, sustenance and care, opening the doors ever wider to those seeking shelter from the onslaught of life? No one church can do it all, but each can do something. As we study the biblical prophets that call us to care for our neighbors and “make room in the inn,” the lonely and frightened spaces within us are filled with the light of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. Join us for this special Advent worship series. We will also be providing a daily devotional throughout the season and we will once again have advent candles for you to take home, along with beautiful Advent candle holders created by Nelson Stone.

**Ruth Merchant Update**

Our precious member and friend, Ruth Merchant is currently living at Argo Assisted Living. She would appreciate your cards and visits. You can write her at: **Ruth Merchant; #306; 2939 S. Haverhill Rd; West Palm Beach, FL 33415.** Argo is also accepting visitors. However, they do request that you call and make an appointment. They can be reached 561-963-8963.
“My Soul Gives Glory to My God”

1 My soul gives glory to my God. My heart pours out its praise.
2 My God has done great things for me: yes, holy is God’s name.
3 From age to age, to all who fear, such mercy love imparts.
4 Love casts the mighty from their thrones, pro-motes the in-se-cure,
5 Praise God, whose lov-ing cov-en-ant sup-ports those in dis-tress,

All peo-ple will de-clare me blessed, and bless-ings they shall claim.
Dis-pens-ing jus-tice far and near, dis-miss-ing self-ish hearts.
Leaves hun-ry spir-its sat-is-fied, the rich seem sud-den-ly poor.
Re-mem-ber-ing past prom-is-es with pres-ent faith-ful-ness.

This New Testament canticle, with its mosaic of liberation motifs that proclaim the justice of God, is known as the “Magnificat,” the antiphon word of its Latin translation.

Tune: MORNING SONG C.M.
Melody from Kentucky Harmony, 1816
Hymn C. Winfred Douglas, 1940

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

1 Ad-verse, fi-de-les, lae-ti tri-um-phan-tes, ve.
2 O come, all you faith-ful, joy-ful and tri-um-phant; O
3 God of true Light . . .
4 Sing, choirs of an-gels, sing in ex-ul-ta-tion,
5 A-men, Lord, we greet you, born this hap-py morn-ing;

Christmas Eve Service

Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service
December 24, 2021 - 7:00 pm

We will be back together again in person for Christmas carols and candlelight as we celebrate the birth of Jesus. Join us at 7:00 pm on Christmas Eve in person in the sanctuary or remotely online at fcclw.online.church.

Epiphany Pageant & 3 Wizard Potluck

On Friday, January 7, at 6:30 pm, we will hold our first annual Epiphany Pageant along with a 3 Wizard (Magi) party. Together, we will celebrate the season by participating in a throw-together pageant (no rehearsal necessary - just show up!) and will enjoy a potluck dinner together. This will be a multi-generational gathering so invite your kids and grandkids - and feel free to come in costume as your favorite wizard!
December 19, 2021
A ROOM WITH A VIEW (LOVE)
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Prelude
Greetings and Announcements
We Open the Door
The Peace
Opening Hymn “My Soul Gives Glory to My God”
Hebrew Scripture Reading Micah 5:2-5a
Anthem “Let It Be”
“A Room With a View” Pastor Jason
Prayers of the People
A Story of Innkeeping: Path to College
Closing Carol “O Come, All Ye Faithful”
Benediction
Postlude

Congregational Tree
This year, instead of our usual Chrismon tree, we will be decorating a Congregational Tree together! We are asking you to bring a family decoration to hang on the tree in the Narthex. Let’s celebrate this Advent season and our church family in this very special way!

Christmas Offering
Our church’s tradition has become for our Christmas offering to be collected for organizations outside of our church that are involved in ministries of mercy and justice. This year, we are keeping it close to home by contributing to three organizations right here in Lake Worth. The Guatemalan Maya Center works with the large Guatemalan immigrant community here in Palm Beach County, Path to College provides mentorship and college application process coaching to high school students who might otherwise not receive it, and Compass LGBTQ Community Center youth program provides support to LGBTQ youth and their families here in Palm Beach County. We are excited by the opportunity to provide resources to these organizations and support those they work with. You can bring a check with “Christmas Offering” in the memo or donate online.