

CHRIST · CANDLES · CAROLS
CHRISTMAS EVE 2017 · 4:00 p.m.

Solo *Vocalist: Kaitlyn Doukas*
Greeting Rev. Bruce Mulder
Solo "Christmas Lullaby" *Vocalist: Hannah Braun*

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Jesus wasn't born in a hospital with modern equipment.

People: He was born in a stable.

Leader: He wasn't born in the comfortable hotel with hundreds of people attending his every need.

People: He was born in a stable.

Leader: Jesus wasn't born into kingly privilege, although God could have made that happen.

People: He was born in a stable.

Leader: Come let us worship.

Procession by Children's Ministry "O Come, All Ye Faithful" Hymn 41
(Please be seated and everyone sings.)

Christmas Story: Luke 2:1-7 **Liturgist: Heather Murphy**

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to his own town to register. Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the Inn.

*The Christ Candle is lit by the **Hardaker Family**
(Patience, Julie, Kameron, Kiki, Jace)*

Christmas Story: Luke 2:8-14 **Liturgist: Madison Smith**

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."

Christmas Story: Luke 2:15-20 **Liturgist: Brittani McChesney**

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

*Song (wall) "Joy To The World" Hymn 40
(Verses 1, 2, 4)

Christmas Eve Prayer Malissa Garcia

Offering *Vocalists: Bianca McChesney and Kaitlyn Doukas*

Growing Tree Nativity Liturgist: John Haslam

*Song (wall) "Hark, The Herald Angels Sing!" Hymn 31

Message "Fear Not! - The Comfort in Christmas" Malissa Garcia
Director of Youth Ministries

Candles and Carol (Wall) "Silent Night"

Please remain seated. The congregation hums the carol as candles are being lit. During the candle lighting, please tip your unlit candle to light.

*Please extinguish your candles and take them home.
Prior to opening gifts, light your candles to remind
your family of God's great gift to you.*

"One Solitary Life" Malissa Garcia, Director of Youth Ministries

*The members, staff, and friends of the Presbyterian Church of Palm Harbor
wish you all a Merry Christmas. God bless and good night.*

Announcements

PCPH staff members hope your Christmas Day is filled with hugs, happiness, and holy moments. Merry Christmas from Bruce, Yohance, Debi, Malissa, Huiran, Linda, Cathy, Judy, and the office angels (Helen, Lillian, Linda, Jean, Barbara, Charlotte).

Thank you for being part of tonight's Christmas celebration. With a new year, there comes fresh resolve, new commitments, and new beginnings. Worship next year at the Presbyterian Church of Palm Harbor (PCPH) on Sunday mornings at 10:15am. Sunday School and nursery care (ages 3 and under) are offered at the same time.

The church office will reopen on Wednesday, December 27th, from 8:30 – 2:30. All financial gifts for 2017 to PCPH must be in the church office by 2:30pm on Thursday, December 28th. The office is only open next Wednesday and Thursday.

We thank the following children and youth for their help:

Growing Tree Pageant

Mary	Natalia Cans	Joseph	Ryan Xaxni
Head Angel	Addison Pohl	Wise Man	Alex Sjostedt
Wise Man	Adam Lopez	Wise Man	Maxx Kratchanov

Angels

Charlotte Cloutier
Raelee Hertrich
Lauren Howard
Piper Lindemann
Liliana Loftis
Madysen Nemiroff

Karina Sach
Amalia Velasquez

Shepherds and Sheep

Jaxon Campbell
Cody Gregory
Maddox Jones
Mark Milani
Joshua Orr
Zachary Poling
Mateo Velasquez

Bradley Edens
Mason James
Murray Jones
Riley O'Brien
Capri Pinnella
Penelope Vargas
Dani Weber

PCPH Children's Ministry

Collin Bagwell, Connor Bagwell, Rebecca Cans, Lillybelle Chae, Amelia Garcia, Ava Gittens Cora Haeussner, Gretchen Haeussner, Kiki Hardaker, Jackson Lopez, Lukas Lopez, Elizabeth McCall, Sophia McCall, Aubrey Wileman, Giovanni Xaxni

PCPH Youth

Aidan Ashe, Jamison Ashe, Cheyla Buck, Kiera Cans, Collin Cundiff, Colton Cundiff, Lexi Cundiff, Sage Cundiff, Kaitlyn Doukas, Ethan Gottlieb, Kate Hamric, Julie Hardaker, Kameron Hardaker, Bianca McChesney, Brittani McChesney, Evan Miller, Heather Murphy, Heather Rodatz, Grace Raska, Sophie Raska, Madison Smith, Emily Wingard, Kayleigh Wingard, Megan Wingard, and Lauren Wudi