

# FOREST PARK CHURCH

*Hope • Purpose • Belonging*



*We've a spot....just for you.*

## From the Pastor's Desk

David Willis

Thanksgiving has come and gone. Advent, the season that calls the Christian community to prepare for the coming of Christ, is upon us. As we prepare for Christmas, let me invite you to slow down, take a deep breath, and begin to intentionally prepare your heart for the coming of Christ.

I've heard many folks say that the meaning of Christmas really sinks in at Christmas Eve candle-light service. It is a special time for me, as well. This year our Christmas Eve Candle-Light Service will begin at 6:00 PM. We would be honored to have you, your family and your friends join us! It is my prayer that the service will be the culmination of your season of preparation, and not it's beginning.

*"But if from there you seek the LORD your God, you will find him if you look for him with all your heart and with all your soul."*

*(Deut 4:29. NIV)*

# DECEMBER

## *Communion Offering*

The December/White Christmas Communion Offering will go to the **Embrace Florida Kids program**. This program remains rooted in Wesleyan values of grace and compassion. It serves as a lifeline for children from birth through college and works to reunite families, whenever possible. The program serves vulnerable children and families suffering from neglect, abuse, and abandonment in northwest Florida. Your generosity helps ensure that the support of children and families, which has been provided for 133 years, continues.

# A WORD

## OF ENCOURAGEMENT



## *Conversations over Coffee*

*A path to Hope  
counseling  
services by  
appointment.*

*"Sometimes you  
just need  
someone to talk  
to and pray with."*

Reach out to:  
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*For unto us a child is born; to us a son is given and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6*



*"Do you love singing all of your favorite Christmas carols, but feel there's never enough time to get them all in?. Well now is your chance! Every Sunday during the month of December, the Hymn team will be leading a Christmas carol sing before the 8:00 service. So, if you would like to join us in singing all of your favorites as we celebrate Christ's birth, come into the sanctuary at 7:45 every Sunday in December."*



**Forest Park Church**

**Sunday, Dec 15th**

**6:00 PM**



You  
**Did It!**  
**+ 140 Boxes**

**Bring Small  
Bears  
beginning  
December 1st**

**Prayerfully  
place them  
in the church  
pews.**

**Encouragement  
Team will collect  
them after the  
holidays for *first  
responders &  
nursing homes.***

# **HUG-A-BEAR MINISTRY**

