

THE
BEACH CHURCH
Pensacola Beach · Florida

Serving as a Beacon for Christ
Following Jesus' Call to Love
God, Neighbor and Self

LOVE

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Worship 9:00 am

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The Beach Church Podcast

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 18, 2022

PRELUDE

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE - Isaiah 7:10-16, Matthew 1:18-25

Fourth Sunday of Advent: December 18, 2022

GIVE YOU A SIGN *Isaiah 7:10-16, Matthew 1:18-25*

Reader One: Isaiah said that the Lord spoke to the king and said, "Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven" (Isaiah 7:11 NRSV). But when the king refused, God would not be stopped. "Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son and shall name him Immanuel" (Isaiah 7:14 NRSV).

Reader Two: God wants us to know, even when we aren't sure ourselves. God wants us to experience God's presence, even when we think we can handle life on our own. God sends us signs of God's presence with us; all we need to do is keep our eyes open and look.

Reader One: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, 'God is with us.'" When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus (Matthew 1:23-25 NRSV).

Reader Two: We light these candles, the candle of joyous hope, of proclaimed peace, of deep everlasting joy, and today of presence that speaks of love, as a sign that no matter our circumstance, we know we are not alone. *Light all four candles of the Advent wreath.*

SONG *Awake Awake and Greet the New Morn.*

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 1:18-25

1:18 Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. 1:19 Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. 1:20 But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 1:21 She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." 1:22 All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 1:23 "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." 1:24 When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, 1:25 but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

SONG - *What Child is This?*

SERMON "How Babies are Made"

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORDS PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, forever. Amen.

SONG *Joy to the World*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

(Our Traditional Closing Song Will Return After Christmas)

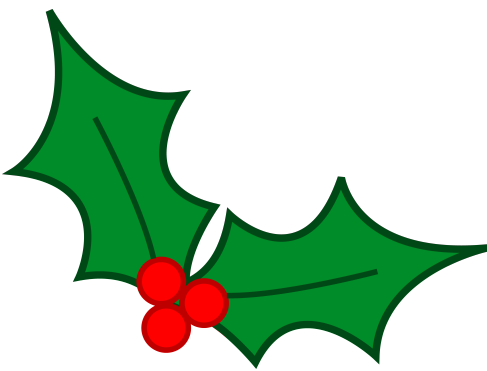
Beach Church Christmas Party - TODAY!

We will be sharing our favorite holiday dishes at the Beach Church Christmas party on **Sunday, December 18, 4-6 pm. in Randle Hall** The party will proceed a community **Celtic Christmas Concert beginning @ 7pm.** Tickets are available at <https://dannyoflaherty.com/> or at the door.

The Nativity of Our Lord!

Join us for a worship service of Carols, Communion and Candlelight; as we celebrate the birth of Jesus. Our service features the traditional music of Christmas blended with the telling of Nativity story from the Gospel of Luke. We will share in the sacrament of Holy Communion and close the service with the singing of "Silent Night" as the sanctuary is bathed in candlelight.

Service Time: 4:30 pm Saturday, December 24. Pensacola Beach Community Church, 920 Panferio Dr. 32561



DAILY LECTIONARY READING

Monday, December 19, 2022: 1 Samuel 2:1-10; Genesis 17:15-22; Galatians 4:8-20

Tuesday, December 20, 2022: 1 Samuel 2:1-10; Genesis 21:1-21; Galatians 4:21-5:1

Wednesday, December 21, 2022: 1 Samuel 2:1-10; Genesis 37:2-11; Matthew 1:1-17

Thursday, December 22, 2022: Luke 1:46b-55; Isaiah 33:17-22; Revelation 22:6-7, 18-20

Friday, December 23, 2022: Luke 1:46b-55; 2 Samuel 7:18, 23-29; Galatians 3:6-14

Saturday, December 24 & 25, 2022: Nativity of the Lord Luke 2:1-14, (15-20)

Poem: Paul Claudel "Saint Joseph"

When the tools are put in their places and the day's work is done, When between Carmel and the Jordan, Israel falls asleep in the wheat fields and the night, As when he was once a young boy and it began to get too dark for reading, Joseph enters with a deep sight into conversation with God. He preferred Wisdom and she had been brought to him for marriage. He is as silent as the earth when the dew rises, He feels

the fullness of night, and he is at ease with joy and with truth. Mary is in his possession and he surrounds her on all sides. It is not in a single day he learned how not to be alone anymore. A woman won over each part of his heart which is now prudent and fatherly. Again he is in Paradise with Eve! The face which all men need turns with love and submission toward Joseph. It is no longer the same prayer and no longer the ancient waiting since he has felt. Like an arm suddenly without hate the pressure of his profound and innocent being. It is no longer bare Faith in the night, it is love explaining and working. Joseph is with Mary and Mary is with the Father. And for us, too, so that God at last may be allowed, whose works surpass our reason, So that this light may not be extinguished by our lamp and His word by the noise we make, So that man cease, and Your kingdom come and Your Will be done, So that we may find again the beginning with boundless delight, So that the sea may quiet down and Mary begin, She who has the better part and who consummates the struggle of ancient Israel, Inner Patriarch, Joseph, obtain silence for us!

PRAYER FOCUS FOR THE WEEK:

Shepherd of Israel, may Jesus, Emmanuel and son of Mary, be more than just a dream in our hearts.

With the apostles, prophets, and saints, save us, restore us, and lead us in the way of grace and peace, that we may bear your promise into the world. **Amen.**