

Lake Osborne

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 29, 2009
First Sunday of Advent

Welcome to Lake Osborne Presbyterian Church

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
To all who mourn and long for comfort;
To all who sin and need a Savior;
To all who are strangers and want fellowship;
To all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
And to whosoever would come –
This church opens wide her doors and offers welcome
in the name of Jesus Christ.

We are a church committed to welcoming all those who are interested in learning more about Jesus Christ. Our desire is to provide honest answers to honest questions, no matter where you are in the spiritual spectrum – those who are convinced, those who are confused, and those who are skeptical. We hope that our service will encourage and build up those who are believers as well as challenge and help those who are spiritually seeking.

As we move through the service please note that the texts in bold are meant to be said by the congregation. The * symbol next to a heading indicates that those who are able should stand.

Lake Osborne Presbyterian Church is a part of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA). For more information about the PCA please visit www.pcanet.org.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Quotes for Reflection

Jesus Christ, who had all the power in the world, saw us enslaved by the very things we thought would free us. So he emptied himself of his glory and became a servant. He laid aside the infinities and immensities of his being and, at the cost of his life, paid the debt for our sins, purchasing us the only place our hearts can rest, in his Father's house.

Timothy Keller, *The Prodigal God*

He was led by his love for others into the world, to forget Himself in the needs of others, to sacrifice self once for all upon the altar of sympathy. Self sacrifice brought Christ into the world. And self sacrifice will lead us, His followers, not away from but into the midst of men. Wherever men suffer, there will we be to comfort. ... Wherever men fail, there will we be to uplift. ... Self-sacrifice means not indifference to our times and fellows: it means absorption in them.

B. B. Warfield, *Imitating the Incarnation*

Prelude: I Surrender All arr. by Lura Foster

Welcome and Announcements

CELEBRATING GOD'S GREATNESS

****Call to Worship:*** *Angels From the Realms of Glory*, arr. Derric Johnson

****Invocation***

****Christmas Carol:*** No. 194 – *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

Advent Questions:

Leader: Why do we light the Advent candles?

People: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. He who follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the Light of Life."

Leader: What is the meaning of the first lighted candle?

People: The first lighted candle is a reminder of the Light of Hope of the Prophets.

Leader: What do the Prophets say concerning this light?

People: Isaiah prophesied: "The people who walk in darkness have seen a great light. Those who dwell in a land of deep darkness, on them the light has shined. For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given. and the government will be upon His shoulders, and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Lighting of the First Candle: The Candle of Prophecy

Affirmation of Faith: Philippians 2:5-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Advent Prayer

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation; Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Christmas Carol: No. 196 – *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

DEDICATING OUR LIVES

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*, arr. Randy Vader and Jay Rouse

Prayer for Children's Church

Pastoral Prayer

PREACHING HIS WORD

Scripture: Philippians 2:11-22

Prayer for Understanding

Sermon: He Was Made a Servant

CONFESSING OUR SINS

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 103:8-13, 17-18

The Lord is merciful and gracious; slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him. The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him, and His righteousness to our children's children, to those who keep his covenant.

ABOUT ADVENT

Advent is a season of preparation. For centuries Christians have used the month prior to the celebration of Christ's incarnation to ready their hearts and their homes for the great festival. While we moderns tend to do a good bit of bustling about in the crowded hours between Thanksgiving and Christmas that hardly constitutes the kind of preparation Advent calls for. Indeed, traditionally Advent has been a time of quiet introspection, personal examination, and repentance. It is a time to slow down, to take stock of the things that matter the most, and to do a thorough inner housecleaning. Advent is, as the ancient teaching of the church asserts, a time of fasting, prayer, confession, and reconciliation. All the great Advent stories, hymns, customs, and rituals—from the medieval liturgical antiphons and Scrooge's Christmas Carol to the lighting of Advent candles are attuned to this notion: that the best way to prepare for the coming of the Lord is to make straight His pathway in our hearts.

—from *Christmas Spirit: The Joyous Carols, Stories, Feasts and Traditions of the Season* by George Grant and Gregory Wilbur

SERMON NOTES

Participants in the Worship Service

Rev. Omar Ortiz – Senior Pastor
Dr. Carl Ashley – Music Director
Mr. Michael A. Harris – Accompanist
The Kibben Family – Advent Readers

Flowers - The flowers on the alter today are in honor and praise to our Lord for the ordination of Jeffrey Lee (a son of LOPC) which took place on 11/15/09 at Holy Trinity PCA, Tampa, FL. Jeff is the RUF pastor at the University of South Florida.”

Flower dates open: Dec 20, 27; Jan 3, 10, 24, 31

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Wide Events

Welcome! We are glad to have you as our guest today. Please fill out one of the blue cards in the pews and place it in the offering plate. This Sunday's sermon is available on our website: www.lopca.org.

Weekly Prayer Request- available at the outreach table in the Narthex.

Advent Guides for the 2009 Christmas season are available in the Narthex at the outreach table. **Please take only one per family.**

Officer Meetings - Tuesday, December 1 at 7:00 pm.

Nursery - The nursery (3 and under) is located on the first floor of the Sanctuary Building. Please pick up your children immediately after the service is over.

The Christmas Poinsettias in the Sanctuary are still available for your purchase and dedication. Please indicate how many you would like along with your dedication/memorial on the blue card found in the pews or contact the church office. The cut-off date for orders and dedications is this Tuesday, December 1. The memorials will be included in the bulletin on Dec.6- 20. Cost per plant is \$10.00.

Wednesday Night activities begin with the Youth Fundraiser Spaghetti Dinner this Wed., December 2 at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Dinner price: \$5 adult/teens; \$2.50 child 3-12 yrs; family \$15 maximum. Any donations above the dinner cost will be happily appreciated. Please reserve a dinner by signing up on the blue attendance card found in your pew or call the church office at 582-5686 by Tues., 12:00 pm. All other activities start at 7:00 pm.

Adult Ministries

Sunday School - Class 1 - John Brandt is teaching a class on the life of David using the book *The Shepherd King* by Roger Ellsworth. Class 2 - Stephen Van Roekel is teaching from the book of *Galatians*. These classes meet on the first floor of the Education Building.

Adult Thursday Night Home Bible Studies - If you are interested in having or joining a home bible study please contact the office at 582-5686 for information.

Home Bible Study in Romans led by John Brandt and hosted by Doug and Pat Hilleman at 18871 Quail Run Drive, Jupiter, FL- Ph. 747-8945. This study meets at 7 pm on Fri., Dec.4.

Women's Wednesday Night Bible Study – Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm. We are using the workbook *Job: Lessons in Comfort* by Frances Bennett. All women are welcome to join us for this study located in the Parlor. Suggestions/ideas are welcomed for the next study topic. Please use the blue card located in the pew to write down your suggestions or see Maria Osso.

Men's Wednesday Night Bible Study - We will meet as a group on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. Our study will be an open discussion about Sunday morning sermons. After our discussion we will separate into small groups of 4 or 5 for prayer and support. .

Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study meets this Tuesday, December 1 at 11:30 am for prayer time and a study on Philippians with Pastor Jay Forester. Bring your lunch as we will eat together after the study. All women are welcome.

Men's Fellowship Cook-out - come and join the men of LOPC for a cook-out/ fellowship on Tuesday, December 8 at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring \$5 to help with the cost of the food.

Women's Ruth Circle and Tuesday Morning Bible Studies will meet together for a Christmas covered dish luncheon Tues., Dec., 15 at 11:30 am hosted by Aletha Shepley at 212 Dyer Rd., WPB – Ph. 833-2640. If you would like to carpool please meet at the church at 11 am.

WIC Christmas Glow - a “*Church Family Christmas*” this Friday, December 4th at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Our pastors' wives, Kate Ortiz and Anna Forester will be our guest speakers. Please bring a friend and join us for Christmas carols and special music by the choral group from St. Andrews' School led by Carl Ashley. We will enjoy a delicious Chicken Marsala dinner with side dishes and dessert. Tickets are available for purchase in the Narthex at the cost of \$10.00 per person.

Children's Ministry

Children's Church (4yrs. – 3rd grade) - We are studying the life of Joshua. We encourage parents to take the time to talk to their kids about what they are learning. Today: November 29- *Joshua 6:1-27*- God always wins. For more information please contact Lisa Lennon, l.lennon@live.com. Please pick up your children after the service in the Education Building.

Awana (3yrs. – 6th grade) - Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:15 pm. We have memory verse time, games, and snacks. Catechism question for December 2 #56- *How does God justify you?* - #57- *How does God sanctify you?* If you would like more information please contact Lisa Lennon. Awana meets on the first floor of the Education Building.

Nursery Volunteers

During Sunday School	Nov. 29 - Annette M.; Vicki B. Dec. 06 - Annette M.; Vicki B.
During Worship (0-2 yrs)	Nov. 29- Carol B.; Takako H. Dec. 06 - Gemma K.; Babe R.
During Worship (2-3 yr)	Nov. 29 - Jeanne M.; Emily W. Dec. 06 - Kathy L. Annette M.
Children's Church: (4 yrs-3rd grade)	Nov. 29 - Teacher – Lisa L.; Helper - Melissa M. Dec. 06 - Teacher - Tatiana C.; Helper – Caroline T.

Youth Ministry

Sunday School - We are using the book *The Enemy Within* by Kris Lundgaard. Youth Sunday School meets on the second floor in the Education Building. See Charlie or Jay if you need a book.

Sunday Nights - Join us in the youth room at 6 pm on the second floor in the Education Building as we explore our identity as "reformed Christians."

Wednesday Nights - After dinner the youth meet in the youth room for a game and to learn about being "in the world, but not of the world."

Outreach/Service Opportunities

Habitat for Humanity - is a non-profit organization dedicated to the elimination of sub-standard housing by building simple, safe, and affordable homes for working families. The volunteer sign-up sheet for the Dec.19 (W.P.B.) work day is available at the outreach table in the Narthex. Volunteers are needed to provide lunch for workers and will need to be brought to the church before 5 pm on Fri., Dec. 18. Volunteers meet at the church Sat., Dec. 19 at 7 am to carpool to the work site.

THIS WEEK AT LOPC: November 29 December 5

Today	9:00 am - 10:00 am 10:00 am -10:25 am 10:30 am -11:30 am 6:00 pm- 7:15 pm	Sunday School; Nursery Fellowship; Library Open Worship; Children's Church Youth "Plugged In"
Mon.	11:30 am - 1:00 pm	Ladies Encouragement Group Study/Visits (Parlor)
Tues.	11:30 am -12:30 pm 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study (Parlor/lunch in) Officer Meetings
Wed.	3:00 pm - 5:00 pm 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Ladies "Knit-Wits" (Parlor) Youth Fundraiser Spaghetti Dinner and Wednesday Night Activities (Fellowship Hall)
Thurs.	6:00 am - 7:30 am 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Men's Sunrise Study and Breakfast (Fellowship Hall) Thursday Night Home Bible Studies: Hair/Livanec (Hair home); Tate (Kullmar home)
Fri	6:30 pm 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	WIC Christmas Glow (Fellowship Hall) Roman's Bible Study (Hilleman home/Jupiter)
Sat.	7:00 am - 8:00 am	Sat. Prayer Group (Education Building)

Congregation Report

January-September

	Operating	Capital Improvement	Missions
Income	300,667.37	14,520.00	59,926.25
Expense	315,113.22	38,751.07	60,949.13
	-14,445.85	-24,231.07	-1,022.88

October

	Operating	Capital Improvement	Missions
Income	31,584.96	1,210.00	5,292.00
Expense	39,045.39	0.00	5,985.45
	-7,460.43	1,210.00	-693.45

Year to Date

	Operating	Capital Improvement	Missions
Income	332,252.33	15,730.00	65,218.25
Expense	354,158.61	38,751.07	66,934.58
	-21,906.28	-23,021.07	-1,716.33

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