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## MESSENGER

**SUNDAY SERVICE**  
**December 11, 2016**

**10:30 AM**

***Rev. Dr. Sam Rutland***

**Old Testament:**  
*Isaiah 42: 1-4*

**New Testament:**  
*Luke 2:15-20*

**Sermon:**  
*"And All Who Heard It Wondered"*

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*Greetings from Dr. Sam Rutland*  
*Temporary Stated Supply Pastor, HSCPC*

Friends in Christ,

Thank you for the warm welcome last Sunday as I began as your Temporary Stated Supply Pastor. I appreciate so many of you lingering after worship and at the fellowship gathering to extend your greetings. I truly felt the welcoming heart of your great church in Hobe Sound.

First, word about names. I hope that the adults will simply call me by my first name; "Sam". And, the children and youth may call me "Dr. Sam" or "Pastor Sam". Also, if you still have church name tags I hope you'll wear them on Sundays, both for my sake and for those newer members and visitors. This small act of love is appreciated by all.

Next, a word about how to contact me. My cell phone is: 305-336-3668.

Should you have an emergency or pending operation I invite you to call me for prayer and/or a visit. In case of a serious emergency or loss I am available at any

hour, day or night, any day. As your pastor I encourage you to call. Also, I will be keeping office hours at the church on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 9:30am – 1:30pm. Drop by and say “hello” when your schedule allows.

Finally, just what is a Temporary Stated Supply Pastor? (It’s funny how we Presbyterians seem to produce the most protracted, confusing titles!) Basically, I am your short-term pastor who for the next six months will serve and assist you in preparing for your next full-time pastor. My role is to provide inspiring worship, leadership as moderator of your session, pastoral care to members, and consultation as requested by your committees and deacons. I believe, with you, that God is already preparing your next pastor to respond to the exciting call to serve HSCPC. That said, for HSCPC these next six months are crucial. I simply wish to encourage the good work you are doing through worship, leadership and caring as you live into your good future.

Friends, I’m loving serving as your Temporary Stated Supply Pastor. Thank you again for your welcome. Let’s keep moving forward. And I’ll see you next Sunday at worship!

Peace,  
Sam

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**MUSIC NEWS:** We will be welcoming **Dick Grady** as soloist at our Worship Service this Sunday. Dick has been a good music friend of HSCPC for many years and we always look forward to his participation in our church services.

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## CHILDREN MAKE CARDS FOR OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN

Last Sunday the children in Sunday School made Christmas greeting cards to send to men and women serving in the military overseas. A couple of examples show the feeling that these children put into this special Christmas project.



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## DECORATING THE SANCTUARY WITH POINSETTIAS

This year we will once again be including Poinsettias among our Sanctuary

Christmas decorations. These poinsettias are available for purchase by members and friends of the church. The cost of each plant is \$8.00. The poinsettias are being donated, so when you buy a plant you will be making a donation to the funding of our Memorial Garden.

An insert will be included in the bulletin for use in ordering your poinsettia(s). It will indicate ways in which you can dedicate your poinsettia if you so choose. The plants will be placed in the Sanctuary prior to the December 11 worship service, and you will be able to take your plant home with you after the service on December 25.



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## ABOUT THE “CHRISMON TREE” IN OUR SANCTUARY



The beautiful tree that is the focal point of our Sanctuary Christmas decorations is officially known as a “**Chrismon Tree**”.

Chrismons are Christmas decorations with Christian symbols on them. These highly symbolic “decorations” convey the life of Christ and the meaning of Christmas. They are traditional and modified ancient Christian symbols, representing a variety of biblical and theological concepts that are well known among Christian believers.

Chrismons are traditionally colored white and gold. White is the liturgical (or Church) color for Christmas and symbolizes that Jesus was pure and perfect. Gold symbolizes His Majesty and Glory.

If the ornaments on a Christmas tree are comprised mostly of Christian symbols, the tree is known as a “**Chrismon Tree**.” According to various sources, the Chrismon tree was developed in 1957 by Frances Kipps Spencer, a member of the Ascension Lutheran Church in Danville, VA, in an effort to create decorations appropriate for a church’s Christmas celebrations. The tradition of the Chrismon tree has become a popular Christmastime fixture in many denominations, and the Chrismons are typically handmade by Church members.

If anyone in the HSCPC congregation knows the source of the Chrismons that decorate our Sanctuary tree, please let Karen Metzger know. She would love to share this information and include it in a revision of this article.

If you want to delve further into the Chrismon tradition and symbols, the following two websites are excellent sources:

[www.umcs.org/chrismons/patterns/index.htm](http://www.umcs.org/chrismons/patterns/index.htm)

[www.whychristmas.com/customs/chrismons.shtml](http://www.whychristmas.com/customs/chrismons.shtml)

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## JOB OPENING IN THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PROGRAM

Karen Kienzle and Cindy Fucigna, co-chairs of the Christian Education Program, are very excited to announce that the Session has approved a Part-Time position for our Christian Education Program. They anticipate the position to be 5 hours a week at \$15.00/hour.

Our Church is seeking an individual to plan, coordinate and implement a program for our children and youth. This individual will oversee and support the spiritual growth, education, and outreach of this age group.

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

Plan, organize, implement, and oversee the Sunday school program from September through May.

Conduct children's ministry activities on Sunday mornings and at special events as needed.

Recruit, train, and schedule all volunteers to assist with teaching Sunday school or other special events.

Ensure volunteers that work with children complete the Safe Gatherings process.

Ensure attendance is taken at Sunday school classes.

Organize and maintain Sunday school rooms to ensure that adequate supplies are available.

Advertise and market our children's programming to the local community.

Our church has a great group of volunteers working with the children. If you are interested in becoming involved in our Christian Education Program, please reach out to Karen Kienzle ([karenkienzle@hotmail.com](mailto:karenkienzle@hotmail.com)) or Cindy Fucigna ([rioluna3@yahoo.com](mailto:rioluna3@yahoo.com))

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**Election of Elders and Deacons:** The nominating committee is now in the process of selecting nominees for the very important roles of *Elders and Deacons*. If you know of someone that you believe possesses the gifts of faith and leadership (including yourself) and might be called to be an Elder or Deacon in the coming year, please make it a point to convey this to **Jan Norrish**, chairman of the Nominating committee.

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**Worship Service Lay Leaders:** We are returning to the custom of including Lay Leaders in our Worship Services. Jan Norrish compiles the schedule and asks that anyone wishing to serve the Church in this capacity contact her to volunteer.

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## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- December 5** - Isabella Fucigna  
**December 13** - Bob Atkisson  
**December 14** - Mary Wilburn  
**December 20** - Tom Fucigna  
**December 21** - Katherine Hobson  
**December 25** - Audrey Ruggier  
**December 27** - Hazel Stackhouse  
**December 31** - Victoria Hobson

## DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- December 7** - Jonathan and Holly Pratt  
**December 16** - Jim and Jan Norrish  
- Steve and Kimberly Anderson  
**December 21** - Bob and Diane Atkisson  
**December 31** - Terry and Judy McCloy

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

- Ric Nichols and family
- Brian Tobin
- Jim White
- The Heimann Family
- Terry McCloy
- Barbara Gaus
- Katie Ide and infant son Jacob
- Deborah Hobson and Family
- Jim and Lori Cox
- Doug Bent
- Joyce Spengler
- Jennifer Bellintoni
- Dave Reeves
- Ed Benedict
- John Strudwick and the Altman family
- Alex Lopez-Estrada
- Rita Skojec
- Patrick Corr
- Angel Nichols
- Arline Holloway
- Earlene Thompson
- Meghan Daley
- Roy Kindberg
- Sandy Delagio
- Terry Wagner's family

Names will be removed from this list after three weeks unless a request is made to keep them on. This request can be made to Karen Metzger.

**WHEN YOU WANT TO MAKE A PRAYER REQUEST:** To request prayers through the Prayer Circle, for yourself or someone else, contact Jan Norrish, 772-486-5514, [jannorrish@hotmail.com](mailto:jannorrish@hotmail.com), To have a prayer request included in the

Church Sunday bulletin, fill out the prayer request card found in the Church pews or contact Karen Metzger, 772 220-4678, or [kmmetz@bellsouth.net](mailto:kmmetz@bellsouth.net).

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