



HOBE SOUND COMMUNITY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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MESSENGER

SUNDAY SERVICE
December 31, 2017
10:30 AM

Rev. Dr. Roger Verse

Scripture readings:
Isaiah 61: 10 - 62:3
Luke 2: 22 - 40
Galatians 4: 4 - 7

Message: "*Blessings Follow
Obedience*"



This Sunday we will be singing the old hymn "Good King Wenceslas" during the worship service. This hymn celebrates an actual Christian leader.

"Good King Wenceslas" wasn't actually a king, but rather a Duke. Born to wealthy parents in Bohemia in the year 907, he was taught Christian principles early in his life and was a devout Catholic. When he was 15 years old his father died and he took his father's place as the Duke of Borivoy, one of the leaders of Bohemia.

As a leader of his country, he put into practice the Christian principles and charity he had learned as a young boy. He wanted to reflect God's love to all the people – even during those dark ages. He tried to build his nation on trust, faith and mercy. As an act of charity he would seek out the poor and weak and would share the

kingdom's riches with them.

He began a tradition that on each Christmas Eve, he and his pages would leave the castle and venture out in the cold snowy night to deliver food and clothing to the poor.

Tragically, he lived only to the age of 22. His jealous twin brother murdered him during a church service in 929 so he could inherit the throne.

Many songs and stories were written about this good Duke. One of these songs is "Good King Wenceslas" which was written by John Mason Neale in 1853. The creation of Santa Claus, at least in part, was inspired by the generous giving heart of Wenceslas.

CHRISTMAS EVE at Hobe Sound Community Presbyterian Church was celebrated with a wonderful and heart-warming program telling the story of the birth of Jesus Christ through narrative and song.

Beginning with the Advent hymn "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" depicting the longing of the Israelites for the coming of a savior, the program took us on the journey of Mary and Joseph to the "Little Town of Bethlehem", where Jesus was born "Away in a Manger" because there was no room anywhere else.

We followed the shepherds when, directed by angels singing the good news of the newborn king, they found the baby Jesus, and cried out "Joy to the world, the Lord Has Come."

We heard of the Three Kings from the Orient who had traveled from far away following a bright star. And we learned of the precious treasures that they offered as they worshipped the young child.

And we once again remembered how Jesus taught us to live our lives full of Faith, Hope and Love, and to pray for Peace on Earth, now and forever.

This program was lovingly developed by **Tom Fucigna**, who dedicated it to the memory of his father, **Tom Fucigna Sr.** who passed away this year. In Tom's words – "He lived his life based in Faith, spreading Hope, and sharing Love (and he would have sung the loudest.)"

On behalf of the church congregation, Kathy Oldham thanked Tom Fucigna for preparing and directing the lovely Christmas Eve Program.



Many HSCPC members and friends helped make this program possible.

The Christ Candle was lit at the beginning of the Service by **Paul and Ruth LaPrise**. **Pastor Roger Verse** led the service with prayer and a Christmas Eve message. The beautiful music that accompanied the narrations and hymns was provided by our Minister of Music, **Brandon Glick**.

The story narrators were (in order of appearance): **Tom Fucigna, Judy Doverspike, Karen Metzger, Catherine Hilton, Milla Finchum, Cindy Fucigna, Lou Ann Prestegard, Jan Norrish, Lilly Rodrigues, Jenny Kindberg, Kathy Oldham, Elora Fucigna, and Bella Fucigna**.

The acolytes were **Lilly Rodrigues and Jenny Kindberg**.
The ushers were **Roy and Leann Kindberg**.



Paul and Ruth LaPrise lighting the Christ
Candle

Acolytes Lilly Rodrigues and Jenny
Kindberg



Pastor Roger Verse giving the Benediction.



The beautiful Nativity figures on the front porch of the Sanctuary will remain in place through Epiphany, Saturday, January 6, in recognition of the visit of the Magi to the Holy Child.

Thank you, Hazel Stackhouse, for this lovely and meaningful gift.

BRINGING CHRISTMAS JOY TO OTHERS

Thank you to all who participated in the Christmas mission activities. With your generous donations, the Deacons were able to fulfill the Christmas wishes of 12 children whose names were provided by the Salvation Army. They also provided gifts to 23 mentally challenged adults living in a group home.

Likewise, through mission chairman Catherine Hilton, 15 children who participate in the Banner Lake BLAST program were provided with Christmas gifts made possible through your Angel Tree donations.

IT IS INDEED A JOY TO BRING CHRISTMAS JOY TO OTHERS!





Our good friend and HSCPC member **Peg Layton** passed on to eternal life on Christmas Day, December 25, 2017, following a brief illness. Peg became a member of HSCPC on August 6, 2000 and was ordained and installed as an Elder in 2001, serving on Session through 2006. Arrangements for a memorial service are pending.

THE 2018 FLOWER SIGN-UP CHART IS AVAILABLE

The flowers on our communion table each week are donated by our members and friends who wish to recognize special people who have been important in their lives. The cost of each flower arrangement is \$35.00. You can sign up for your preferred Sunday on the chart at the back of the Sanctuary. Before your selected Sunday, you will be asked how you wish the flowers to be dedicated, and also if you have any particular flower and/or color preference. You can make your payment at that time in the "flower" envelope found on the back of each pew.



If you are unable to attend church services, but would like to provide flowers on a specific date, you can contact the church office to make the arrangements.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

The boxes of offering envelopes for 2018 are available on the Church Sanctuary porch. If you do not find one with your name on it, call or email Diane in the office and she will provide one for you.

772 546-5043 church@hscpc.org

The first envelope you will find in the box is the **PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT**. Each year the Church must contribute to the Presbytery a given amount for each active member on its rolls. This amount varies with the needs of the Presbytery, synod, and General Assembly. Our church, with an official active membership as of January 1, 2017 of 87, must pay **\$2,909.55**

The **PER CAPITA** amount for HSCPC members this year (that amount to be paid by each active member) is **\$34.23**. This payment is each active member's portion of the Church's \$2,909.55 financial commitment to the Presbytery. Any **PER CAPITA** payment not made by the active member must be taken out of the Church treasury.

If you are an active member of HSCPC but are not currently attending worship services, you still are responsible for making this payment. Make your check payable to HSCPC, identify it as for "Per Capita", and bring it or mail it to the Church.

If you are uncertain of your membership status, please contact Karen Metzger, (kmmetz@bellsouth.net)

CLASS FOR NEW MEMBERS

Dr. Verse is preparing a series of classes for people interested in joining our Church. If you are considering becoming a member of HSCPC please contact Dr. Verse for further details. A time will be determined that is convenient for all.

DR. VERSE'S OFFICE HOURS: Dr. Verse's office hours are **Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 9AM until Noon**. He would love to have you drop in for a visit if you are in the area. However, if you have a special need to speak with him it would be best to call ahead to see if he is available; often meetings or pastoral visits will necessitate his being out of the office at times during his scheduled hours.

OCCASIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED

If you would like to volunteer to teach Sunday School, please contact Karen Kienzle, (561) 379-7900, or karenkienzle@hotmail.com, or personally at church on Sunday.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DIRECTOR PART-TIME JOB OPENING

HSCPC is looking for a Part-time Children's Ministry Director. Are you looking for a fulfilling opportunity to work with the children of our church? or, do you know someone who might be interested and qualified to fill this part-time position? This position would be perfect for a person with a CE or educational background who wants to stay active in CE work but is unable to commit to a full-time position.

Please see the ink below (posted on the Presbytery website) for Job Posting, <http://www.tfpby.org/administration/employment/> and/or send your resume to church@hscpc.org

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

December 31 - Victoria Hobson

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

January 6 - Michael Byrd
January 7 - Janet Jones
January 11 - Elora Fucigna
January 13 - Catherine Hilton
January 15 - Ingrid Krumdick
January 24 - Dawn Brown

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

January 7 - Cam and Becky Boynton

January 16 - Jim and Mary Wiggin

(If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please let us know so you can be included here for the rest of the month.)

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Jim White
- Alex Lopez - Estrada
- Josephine Scricca
- George Mulleneix
- Cimy Bitzer
- Jay Morrison
- George Roberts
- Shanon Killey
- Judy McCloy
- John Middleton
- Pat Livingston
- Marilyn Garrabrant
- Doug Hollender
- Beverly Little
- Terry McCloy
- Deborah Hobson and family
- Bill Carlson
- Annette O'Shea
- Owen Lovejoy
- Heather Forster
- Joyce Spengler
- Renee Sinksen
- Earlene Thompson
- Hisa Clark
- Julia O'Connor
- Myrna Jubb
- The family of Peg Layton
- John Kienzle

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, 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.

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