



Suntree, Florida

The Advocate

January 2025

Our Mission Statement:

"We are followers of Jesus Christ for the sake of the world."



From the Pastor's Pen...



“I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.” - Psalm 34:1

Dear Siblings in Christ,

Happy New Year! It seems nearly impossible that we have arrived already into the beginning of another new year, yet here we are. It is once again time to catch all those times we write “2024” and have to cross it out or erase it to make it say “2025” instead.

It seems that every year we also make resolutions. We decide what we will change in the year ahead, but we also all know that keeping those resolutions through the end of the month, let alone through the whole year, is nearly impossible. It can be frustrating when we feel this sense of excitement at a chance for new beginnings, only to be met with the realization that we continue to fall short.

But here is the Good News in Christ: though we all fall short, God's grace and love abound. This is the one thing that never changes: God loves you. No matter how many of our new year's resolutions we keep or break, God still loves us. This is the wonderful and powerful message we can carry in our hearts and minds in the year to come: not how we fall short, but how God goes above and beyond.

Last year we had many unexpected

changes, but as we reflect back on this, we can see how much God has done for us, and continues to do for us. And so, we continue to bless the Lord as the Psalm instructs.

And, we trust that God's plans for this new year are so much bigger than any of us could ever dream up for ourselves. No matter what this year brings, we know that it will be a wonderful opportunity to dwell in all of God's creation together.

January is also the time that we gather for our annual budget meeting. In the midst of “money talk” it is easy to get hung up on how we never have enough. But, as people of faith, we choose to trust that God always provides in abundance for us. As we meet together, we dream of all the many ways we can be followers of Jesus Christ for the sake of the world in the year to come, trusting that no matter what this new year brings, God goes with us through it all.

Happy new year!



Pastor Alisha Ungs

PLANNING FOR YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES

Part 3: Navigating Senior Living Options

Sunday, February 23, 2025

Knoedler Center

12:15 p.m. -- Lunch courtesy of the Legacy Fund committee

12:30 - 2:00 pm -- Presentation by One Senior Place and A Place for Mom

**Choosing an appropriate care facility,
potential costs, pros/cons
(Independent, Assisted, Respite, Progressive, Nursing)**

Things to be aware of and events to prevent.

Complete and turn in pre-need planning forms for church files.

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ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL BUDGET MEETING

January 12, 2025

12:30-1:30PM

In the Sanctuary



7550 N. Wickham Rd. Melbourne FL. 32940

Epiphany

- January 6th coming twelve days after Christmas.
- Epiphany is derived from the Greek word meaning to show or reveal, when Christ was revealed to non-Jews.
- This time also celebrates the arrival of the Magi who visited Jesus. As the Magi were non-Jews, Christians see their visit as a sign that Christ's message is for all nations.

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Worship Services

Saturday Service: 5:00 pm - Informal Traditional

Sunday Services: 9:00 am - Contemporary
11:00 am - Traditional

Holy Communion is offered at every service

JANUARY GOSPEL READINGS

January 5, 2025

Second Sunday of Christmas — John 1:1-18

January 12, 2025

Baptism of Our Lord — Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 19, 2025

Second Sunday after Epiphany — John 2:1-11

January 26, 2025

Third Sunday after Epiphany — Luke 4:14-21