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November 2026 Newsletter

Daytona Beach Drive-In Christian Church



GOD BREAKS THROUGH

HOPE • PEACE • JOY • LOVE

A Letter From Our Senior Pastor

Dear Church Family,

November invites us to pause and give thanks, and when I count my blessings, this church family is always among them. I'm grateful for the ways you care for one another, welcome new faces, and give of yourselves in service. So much of what makes our congregation special happens through simple acts of faithfulness meant to share God's love and let people know they are important.

As this year ends, we turn our hearts toward the **Season of Advent** which begins **November 29th**. Our Advent theme will help us imagine how *"God Breaks Through."* We begin with the longing expressed by the prophet Isaiah: *"O that you would tear open the heavens and come down."* It is a prayer we can understand. Looking at our world, or facing burdens in our own lives, we long for God to draw near. And my prayer is that we will come to worship ready to notice and respond to the ways God is at work among us.

Our ***Christmas Eve Offering*** gives us a meaningful opportunity to share that promise with others. This year, our offering will be shared among four ministries: Halifax Urban Ministries, supporting their spiritual care initiatives among residents and the community; our own Women's Recovery Scholarship Fund; the Florida Disciples Regional Church ministries; and a new connection this year with Charlene's Dream.

Charlene's Dream is a warm and welcoming haven in our community for people with cancer who are seeking information and support, along with a resource center for women wrapped up to look like a boutique! We're thankful for this new opportunity to come alongside a community initiative offering welcome and care during a difficult season of life.

Together, these ministries offer opportunities for our generosity to become encouragement, companionship, and practical support. As we celebrate God's gift to us in Jesus Christ, we can help someone else experience the reassurance that they are remembered and loved. These represent the amazing ways God really does *Break Through with* ***Hope***, ***Peace***, ***Joy***, *and* ***Love***. If you can't be with us for worship on Christmas Eve, you'll have other opportunities to share your gifts in December.

Thank you for being a congregation with a generous heart. As we move from Thanksgiving into Advent, may gratitude deepen our faith and open our hands. And may we be ready for God to break through.

With a grateful heart, Rev. Bob

IMPORTANT DATES

12/6 D.T.B. Character Orientation 2pm

12/10-13 Drive Through Bethlehem 6-8pm

12/13 Sunday School Caroling Party

12/16 Board Meeting 6:30pm

12/17 Blue Christmas Worship Service 1:00pm in Chapel

12/24 Christmas Eve Worship Service 6:30pm Music 7pm Worship

12/24-25 Office Closed



News you can use from your Associate Pastor

BY REV. MELISSA FRANTZ

Good Sunday, Church!

As we move from **Thanksgiving** into **Advent**, we also move from looking back with gratitude to looking ahead with anticipation. During the season of Advent we have many opportunities to worship, serve, and share the hope of Christ with others.

Our Sunday school youth will spend time singing Christmas carols with some of our members on December 13th. **Drive Through Bethlehem** will take place **December 10-13th from 6:00-8:00pm** each evening. Volunteers are needed, so please sign up through our app, website, or the bulletin insert. **Volunteer Character Orientation** will be held **Sunday, December 6th at 2:00 pm** in Friendship Hall. We will also need help setting up the scenes **December 7-9th at 8:00am** and again on **December 14th at 8:00am** as we pack everything away.

Our **Blue Christmas Worship Service** will take place in the Chapel on **Thursday, December 17th at 1:00pm**. For many people, the holidays bring grief, loss, loneliness, or other challenges that can make this season difficult. This service creates space to acknowledge those realities while also holding on to the hope Christ offers. We have moved the service to the afternoon this year so that those who prefer not to drive after dark can more easily participate. The service is open to everyone, so please invite a friend or neighbor who may appreciate this opportunity for worship, reflection, and encouragement.

Our **Christmas Eve Worship Service** is always a highlight with live Christmas music beginning at **6:30 pm** and Service at **7 pm**, followed by light refreshments in Friendship Hall. We look forward to gathering as we celebrate the birth of Christ and the light that continues to shine through every season of life.

My prayer is that throughout this Advent season you will experience the **Hope, Peace, Joy**, and **Love** of Jesus Christ in fresh ways. May you discover God's presence in both the big moments and the quiet ones, and may you share that hope with those around you.

Recipients of our 2026 Christmas Eve Offering!

Florida Disciples Regional Church — Connecting churches to do more together than alone.

Charlene's Dream — Helping women face cancer with hope and support.

Women's Recovery Scholarship Fund — Opening doors to recovery and hope.

HUM Halifax Urban Ministries — Helping people take their next step forward.

What Is the Lectionary?

The lectionary is a collection of Bible readings that churches can use for worship, study, and teaching. We typically follow the Revised Common Lectionary, a three-year cycle of scripture readings that follows the seasons of the church year. Each week, it offers suggested passages that connect with the themes and focus of the current season, helping congregations around the world journey through the story of faith together.

Liturgical Seasons and Colors

The colors used in worship reflect the different seasons of the church year and help tell the story of our faith. Each color carries a special meaning and marks a different season, including Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost. The church year begins with Advent, the season when we prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus.



Why does the color of the banner in front of the communion table change?

Advent & Lent	Christmas & Easter	Ordinary Time	Pentecost

An Advent Prayer

God Who Breaks Through,

You broke through human history and called people into a larger story than they could imagine.

You break through human longing, meeting us in our hopes, our questions, and our waiting.

You break through human wounds, bringing comfort, healing, and new life where pain has left its mark.

You break through human possibility, showing us that what seems impossible to us is never impossible for You.

As we journey through Advent, keep us attentive to Your presence and open to Your leading. When we are tempted to settle for what is familiar, give us the courage to trust what You are creating. When the world feels divided or uncertain, remind us that Your light continues to shine.

Prepare our hearts for the birth of Jesus- the ultimate breakthrough of Divine Love. May His coming fill us with hope, peace, joy, and love, and may our lives bear witness to Your ongoing work in the world. Amen.