

December 2016



# Tidings

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"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth."

John 1:14

## Our Christ

I know not how that  
Bethlehem's Babe  
Could in the Godhead be;  
I only know the Manger-  
Child  
Has brought God's life to  
me.

I know not how that  
Calvary's Cross  
A world from sin could  
free;  
I only know its Matchless  
Love  
Has brought God's love to  
me.

I know not how that  
Joseph's Tomb  
Could solve Death's  
mystery;  
I only know the Living  
Christ -  
Our Immortality.

Rev. Major Henry Webb  
Farrington



# From the Pastor



*A Very Merry Christmas from  
your pastor!*



## MY LOVE AND BEST WISHES TO EACH OF YOU FOR A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS!

My prayer for each of you is that you have a blessed and happy Christmas and a healthy and fulfilling New Year! I offer this prayer for all of us here at Bayshore Presbyterian and our families and our loved ones:

O God, whose love blesses and unites us in this place and time, we come before you with hearts gladdened by this holy season, its lights, its colors, and, most especially, its message of peace and good will to all.

In the birth of Jesus, you have given our weary and struggling world reason to rejoice. In the cry of an infant, you have given hope to all who cry. By the light of a star, you have helped us to find our way again.

We thank you, good and generous God, that in Jesus the Christ you have made yourself known and have beckoned us to join you in the continual creation of a world where wolf and lamb shall dwell together and justice will roll down like waters.

Create in us, O God, hearts devoted to shaping that world and bless especially those for whom such a world seems only a distant dream—the poor, the imprisoned, the ill, the lonely, the despised. Open our hearts, Spirit of Life, to the news of angels and the wonder of shepherds that these days may renew us for the days to come.

Grant us, for the sake of Christ's ministry, hearts that may discern how to make meaningful the gospel which we cherish. Grant, to your glory, that those whose lives we touch may hear in our words and see in our lives that truly you are merciful and gracious and abounding in steadfast love!

These things I ask, trusting in your care for all of us today and always. In His Holy Name, Amen!

**MAY GOD BLESS EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU AND KEEP YOU SAFE  
IN HIS CARE!**

# Upcoming Events

## December

- 11 Christmas Choir Music Service followed by a carry in luncheon at Pastor Celie's and Ted's
- 12 Session Meeting
- 18 Christmas Joy Offering
- 20 Choir at Canterbury Towers
- 24 Christmas Eve Service, Saturday at 7:30 PM
- 25 Christmas Day Service, Sunday at 10:30 AM



## January

- 1 Sunday Worship and Holy Communion  
Have a happy and blessed new year!

## Birthdays

Ann H. 12/1

Jesus 1/25

Doris 1/21

Lona 1/24

Happy  
Birthday



## Our Stewardship

**We need your pledge cards.**

Anyone who hasn't completed a pledge card for 2017, please do so by Sunday December 11. Your pledge card is a vital part of the budgeting process. Or you may call or email Josette at 813.765.8928 (cell) or [josette.bulnes@gmail.com](mailto:josette.bulnes@gmail.com)

**Thank you!**

# In Memorandum



In loving memory of Hendrik "Henk" Alberts and Johanna "Ans" Alberts.

Nearly 70 years of marriage they loved and cared for each other and their family of three children, three grandchildren and a great-grandchild. They doted on their grandchildren when they visited, making sure to have their favorite foods on hand. Henk and Ans were from Amsterdam, The Netherlands. They married in 1946 and immigrated to Florida with three children in 1958. They passed into glory within two months of each other.

Henk, a charter member of Bayshore, gave of his generous spirit and time in so many ways to serve the church and the community. He was the treasurer at Bayshore (His daughter Josette continues that legacy) and on Session and Property and Investment Committees. Henk was a board member of Presbyterian Homes & Housing Foundation. He is remembered for his patience and strength. He loved to garden and was a rower for most of his life.

Ans, a charter member of Bayshore as well, loved cooking and inviting people into her home where she treated them to exquisite pies and cakes. She greeted all with her warm laugh and infectious smile and was loved for her kindness and generous spirit.

# Our Mission

## Thanksgiving Food Drive

Thank you to all who donated to Metropolitan Ministries!



Christmas Gifts for Beth El Farmworkers - Donated by our church



# Our Building & Grounds

**Christmas at Bayshore Presbyterian  
...inside and outside we celebrate the  
birth of Jesus Christ!**



**Our new pastor  
Rev. Cecelia M. Wilhite is here  
working and serving as is says on  
our sign!**

